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OPERATION KIDS FUND ESTABLISHED FOR POLICEMAN’S SON IN GERMANY WITH RARE FORM OF CANCER

MORGANVILLE, NJ, JANUARY 17, 2017: Executive Director Joseph Occhipinti announced the establishment of a medical fund for 12-year-old Maurice Wegner from Mahlow, Germany.

Maurice has been diagnosed with anaplastic astrocytoma, 3rd degree and requires a CED (Convection-enhanced-delivery) technic. This specialized treatment is not available in Europe and currently can only be performed in the United States through Sloan Kettering Memorial Hospital’s CED trial. Without receiving specialized drugs through the CED trial, Maurice is expected to live only 7 more months.

Maurice's father who is a police lieutenant in Germany contacted Executive Director Joseph Occhipinti upon the recommendation of a RN in Switzerland who was familiar with the Operation Kids Program.



Maurice's father, Maik, in front of his police car.

Maurice's mother, Katrin was diagnosed with cancer on December 20th and is undergoing chemotherapy in Germany.

Maurice is currently on the list for the next CED clinical trial at Sloan Kettering Memorial Hospital. We are hopeful the next phase of the CED clinical trial will be approved by the FDA, and that Maurice will be a candidate for this special trial. The family has raised money in Germany but additional funds are needed for Maurice to participate in the CED clinical trial.



Maurice visits with his mother, Katrin after her cancer treatment

The Operation Kids program has established the “Maurice Wegner Medical Fund” whereas 100% of the funds raised will go to the medical care, lodging, air transportation, per diem costs and post-surgical care for Maurice Wegner.

The Operation Kids program, a congressionally recognized child safety initiative of the National Police Defense Foundation, is credited for arranging numerous lifesaving operations for critically ill children worldwide. The program demonstrates law enforcement’s commitment to protect our children from criminal elements and life threatening illnesses.



Maurice Wegner

The NPDF is an IRS designated 501 (c) (3) foundation, therefore, all donations are tax exempt.

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**Maurice Needs Your Help!
Please Donate to help him get the life-saving medical
treatment he needs to live.**