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**“OPERATION KIDS PROGRAM”**

# Press Release

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**“OPERATION KIDS” HELPS TEN-YEAR-OLD DOMINICAN GIRL SECURE**  
**CANCER TREATMENT AT NYC HOSPITAL**

**MORGANVILLE, NJ, AUGUST 1, 2018:** Executive Director of the National Police Defense Foundation (NPDF), Joseph Occhipinti announced today that 10-year-old Dominican Elizabeth Vasquez-Liz will be arriving today in the United States from Santo Domingo to secure life saving cancer treatment at major children’s hospital in New York City.

The plight of Elizabeth came to the attention of the NPDF Executive Director in April 2018 that she was battling Leukemia and needed specialized cancer treatment in the United States. The NPDF contacted former Governor David Paterson who immediately contacted the President of a major NYC hospital who agreed to provide the cancer treatment as a charitable case. The hospital cannot be identified at this time due to HIPPA requirements that requires permission of a parent.

**NPDF Executive Director Joseph Occhipinti, a retired Immigration Official, executed an affidavit in support of a non-immigrant visa application that was approved by the consular officials at Santo Domingo ON July 19, 2018.**

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

**Special thanks for Governor David Paterson, the unidentified hospital and the U.S. Department of State for their humanitarian concern in heling Elizabeth fight her life-threatening leukemia.**

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