



Zaiden Rosas

Just months before his third birthday, Zaiden, now six years old, was diagnosed with *Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia* - a cancer of the blood and bone marrow that is most common among children.

As a result of the demands that come with being the main provider to three kids and the additional care required for Zaiden, his mother *Kassandra* is unable to work full time. Through their social worker, they joined *Miracles for Kids* and receive help paying essential bills, deliveries of food, and much needed support throughout their journey. **Kassandra had this to say about her experience:**

HOW HAS MIRACLES FOR KIDS HELPED? We were fortunate enough to stay at *Miracle Manor* for two years which helped tremendously. My older kids got to experience summer activities. They have a lot of sibling programs - homework club, tutoring and other activities. They also help monetarily which helps a lot with reducing stress. *One less bill to worry about*

ANY ADVICE THAT YOU CAN PASS ON TO PARENTS GOING THROUGH A SIMILAR JOURNEY? *People are there for you.* You just have to be open to asking.

HOW HAS MIRACLES FOR KIDS HELPED WITH EMOTIONAL SUPPORT? They offer *emotional* support and *coping skills*. The team is always available to help in any way that they can.

WHAT'S ONE WAY PEOPLE CAN HELP YOU IN GENERAL? *By just checking in.* I know it's hard sometimes because people don't know what to say, but don't not say anything. It can feel isolating.

WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNED THROUGH THIS PROCESS? I've learned how *compassionate* people are. The world right now is kind of a scary place. But *Miracles for Kids* has provided us with a *community of people that care about others.*

To learn more about *Miracles for Kids* and ways you can help critically-ill children and families in need, like the Rosas, visit www.miraclesforkids.org.