Martial Arts for St. Jude

Dear Students and Parents,

I am thrilled to announce our 2025 St. Jude Kick-A-Thon! This is one of my favorite times of the year! Each year we have the opportunity to raise money to help further the efforts of a truly great hospital. St. Jude treats the world's sickest children battling cancer and other deadly diseases, they also do research to find cures for these diseases and no child is ever turned away for their inability to pay. So, not only do we get to further a great cause but, as Instructors and Students of the Martial Arts, we get to teach and learn the meaning of charity. And……what better way to do this than by doing it through what we love and practice every day – Martial Arts!

This letter is to help explain how the Kick-A-Thon event day, ways of raising money, and why St. Jude Children Research Hospital is such a great blessing.

Kick-A-Thon Tournament and Host

December 13th will be the St. Jude In-House Tournament at Geaux Play Sports Training and Fitness in Pelham, AL. Registration and tournament information can be found at clantonmartialarts.com/stjude

Tournament host: Sean Gilham's Impact Martial Arts. Email: Sgilham@ClantonMartialArts.com

Raising Money On Your Own With Donation Form

Along with the tournament, we also have other ways to raise donations. Participants obtain flat donations, pledges per kick, or can donate at clantonmartialarts.com/stjude. Talk to relatives and close friends about sponsoring you and give a flat donation ($5, $10, $20, etc.) or pledges per kick ($0.10, $0.25, etc. per kick). You can hold a Kick Challenge Day at your school/gym or participate in the Kick Challenge at the tournament to get your kick score. I personally don't recommend going door to door, mainly on a safety aspect, but if you are to do that please be aware about who you go to and go as a group/family. Use your Sponsor Form to collect names of who donated and amount. Sponsor Form and Donations can be turned in at the St. Jude Tournament. All donation checks need to be written to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Cash is accepted and the host will convert it to a check.

Quick Facts About St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

• St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is one of the world's premier pediatric cancer research centers. Since opening in 1962, St. Jude has treated children from all 50 states and from around the world. In 1962, the survival rate for acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL), the most common form of childhood cancer, was 4 percent. Today, the survival rate for this once deadly disease is 94 percent thanks to research and treatments developed at St. Jude. During the past five years, 82 cents of every dollar received has supported the research and treatment at St. Jude. The daily operating cost for St. Jude is $2.2 million, which is primarily covered by public contribution.

Thank You For Your Support!