



LEUKEMIA &
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STUDENTS OF THE YEAR

Dear _____,

Throughout all of our lives, we experience tragedies. One of the most frightening situations I can imagine is me or one of my loved ones getting diagnosed with cancer. I've witnessed my Spanish teacher – who battled three different types of cancer – have everlasting physical impairments. I've seen a younger brother-like friend transform from a young, healthy, and happy boy, to one who had no control over his body. I witnessed the evils of cancer take over our close friends within the span of two years. However, I've also seen people overcome cancer. I've seen people return back to their everyday lives. I've seen survivors.

This year, my close friend and I have taken the initiative to fight back against cancer in honor of the survivors who have inspired us, and for all future fighters. We've been accepted to be candidates for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's (LLS) Students of the Year campaign. This is a seven-week fundraising campaign against other local high school students, with 100% of the proceeds supporting LLS. Our team, *Connect and Cure*, is working incredibly hard to raise funds to support life-saving research and continue to support patients and their families in our community and across the world. To accomplish our ambitious goal of \$50,000, we need YOU to truly make a lasting impact. Our generation could be the one to finally cure cancer!

Today, I am writing to you to ask for your support by making a generous donation. With the ease of today's technology, donating is super simple! Just visit my website <https://events.lls.org/ocie/ociesoy20/sdhama> and donate directly to LLS. Even better, your donations are 100% tax deductible (LLS's tax ID number is 13-5644916). If you prefer to donate with a check, please make it payable to *The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society*, and write my name on the memo line. Your money will go towards cancer research, rehabilitation, and a relentless effort to cure blood-related diseases.

We're excited to support LLS, because it is the largest non-profit dedicated to finding cures for blood cancers. Just since 2017, LLS has helped advance 46 of the 53 new FDA approved drugs to treat blood cancer. But that's not all, many of the drugs initially approved to treat blood cancers are now in clinical trials or are already treating many cancers and diseases, such as liver and breast cancers and illnesses like Alzheimer's. Our world is so impacted by blood cancers – with someone getting diagnosed every 3 minutes. We hope to support this large portion of humanity by partnering with LLS to bring an end to the struggles that blood cancer and other diseases have caused. Partnered with LLS, our team is dedicated to ending this battle – with you Connected, we can Cure.

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your incredible generosity and for aiding us in making an impact.

With gratitude,
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P.S. Does your company have a matching gift program that might be willing to match your donation?