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## Our Work

### VISION

A world where all children have access to quality health care.

### MISSION

We train medical professionals across the globe to improve pediatric health care utilizing sustainable resources.

In many parts of the world, socioeconomic status still has a significant impact on the health and futures of children. While child mortality rates have more than halved over the last 30 years, millions of children still die annually — the majority of those deaths are preventable.



## The Need: Hope for the Children of Georgia The Georgia Pediatric Hematology-Oncology Program

Cancer is a leading cause of death for children and adolescents worldwide. In high-income countries, more than 80% of children with cancer are cured, but in many low and middle-income countries (LMICs), such as the country of Georgia, only 20% are cured.

Low survival rates in LMICs include an inability to obtain an accurate diagnosis, inaccessible therapies, abandonment of treatment, death from toxicity (side effects), and excess relapse, in part due to lack of access to essential medicines and technologies.



Over 50% of children diagnosed with cancer in Georgia have little to no help for survival, and only a 75% survival rate for some of the most common childhood cancers. Families who have the financial means seek treatment in other countries, while others choose to abandon treatment altogether.

Tbilisi-based Jo Ann Medical Center (JAMC), along with financial contributions from Global Healing donors and funding provided by the United States Agency for International Development, and their office of American Schools and Hospitals Abroad (USAID/ASHA) will begin construction on the first national-scale pediatric hematology-oncology center in Georgia.

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JAMC will undergo new construction and remodeling of the existing facility to create a cancer care center.

## The Solution: The Georgia Pediatric Hematology-Oncology Program and Care Center

Local medical staff will receive training from our partner, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, along with other skilled healthcare professionals.

The center will provide a comprehensive array of services, and patient-centered care tailored to young patients with cancer.

## Potential Impact:

**Georgia will have the support needed to provide care for their country's children who are fighting cancer.**

Georgia's Ministry of Health has agreed to adopt international standards of treatment protocols to attain sustainability of pediatric care at a national level and to establish its first pediatric cancer registry.



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