The Kolbe Fund gives hope to families every day, but we need your help to grow. We cannot fund every family who needs help, but with your assistance, we can get closer to that goal.

### Help us:

- Expand our Hopeful Nights program and provide more accommodations for families in need
- Nurture our Hopeful Days program and help more families with food and transportation costs
- Grow our collaborative relationships with other organizations that serve families with life-altering medical conditions

# **Support The Kolbe Fund**

- Make a financial donation
- Host or plan a fundraiser
- Volunteer with us

Your involvement with The Kolbe Fund will extend love, support, and hope to families who must travel for medical interventions that top pediatric hospitals and doctors are best equipped to provide.



**Support The Kolbe Fund today.** www.thekolbefund.org

The Kolbe Fund is named after two people: First, after St. Maximilian Kolbe, the patron saint of families. Second, after another Maximilian Kolbe (born on the feast day of the patron saint), who was diagnosed with a rare pituitary tumor as a young child.



"In 2011, our son, Max, received a life-altering diagnosis. With support from family, friends, and strangers, Max had the best medical attention and is now a very healthy boy. In awe of the love and help we received from others, we founded The Kolbe Fund to help other families who must travel for care."

- Kate and Aaron Schnittman, founders of The Kolbe Fund









Providing support for families who must travel in order to obtain the best medical care for a child.

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### On the road to health:

Often, traveling for top-quality pediatric medical care is burdensome or downright impossible for families.

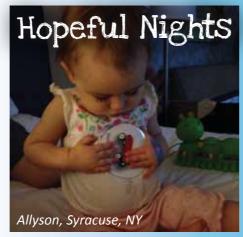
At The Kolbe Fund, we give hope to financially strapped and emotionally stressed families during uncertain times.

We do this by providing support for families who must travel to give their sick child the best medical treatment possible.



Thanks to the support of The Kolbe Fund, Lisa and her family were able to stay with their daughter Emma while she received her bone marrow transplant. Thanks to older sister Lily for being Emma's donor and also a brave hero in the family. Since Emma's surgery, she has made a full recovery!

# The Kolbe Fund currently offers three signature programs:



Free hotel lodging for those travelling to medical treatment

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The Kolbe Fund works with hotels near medical facilities to provide private and comfortable accommodations during a stressful time. Monthly, we fund between 50 and 100 nights of lodging for families in need, totaling more than 1000 nights since 2013.

"Because of your assistance, Arlene received her medical treatment at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. I will never forget The Kolbe Fund's help and kindness"

- Martha Fernandez, Lodi, NJ



Assistance for expenses such as food, transportation and parking

Over time, these expenses can add up for families. Hopeful Days complements our established Hopeful Nights program, providing food, transportation, gas and parking.

"A few months after his birth, Mason needed heart surgery. We were in a tough spot financially and we knew that another CHOP admission was on the horizon. We were scared of where we would stay and how we were going to pay for it. With The Kolbe Fund, we didn't have to worry."

- Stephanie Moyer, Milton, PA

Kolbe families receive care packages containing useful donated items. Kolbe Kits are assembled by local businesses and individuals and give us the opportunity to personally connect with our

"Thank you, Kolbe Fund, for giving my son this bag full of fun things to do during our stay at CHOP. There were earphones, a flash drive, craft items and puzzles etc. Even a beautiful hand written card from a student telling Aiden that each day should be better that the last."

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### **Our partners:**

To reach the most families possible, The Kolbe Fund partners with family health advocates and other organizations. We actively cooperate with social workers, medical centers, hotels, and other charitable organizations, such as the Ronald McDonald House, to cultivate and participate in a network of support for our families in need.



"When the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House is full, it's such a relief to have The Kolbe Fund as an alternative for these families."

> - Helen Reese, Ronald McDonald House Social worker

The Kolbe Fund offers answers for those looking to help families facing pediatric medical crises. Our partnerships make the jobs of family health advocates easier. When a child must travel to receive integral medical care, advocates know that The Kolbe Fund can help cover lodging and associated travel costs for families.

The Kolbe Fund is continually expanding our network of partnerships to include for profit and non profit entities.



Care packages assembled by community service partners

recipients during a difficult time.