



*Chris and Anna Stilianessis, parents of 7-year old Gerry and 15-month old Emanuela, started their day on July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 like any other summer day. However, Chris cleared his schedule to be with Anna as she prepared the children for a trip to the pediatrician for Emanuela's routine 15-month checkup. At the pediatrician's office,*



*Gerry noticed a hard lump on Emanuela's abdomen. The doctor examined the lump and directed the parents to take Emanuela to Hackensack University Medical Center for further examination. The doctors at Tomorrow's Children's Institute at HUMC examined her and found that she had a Hepatoblastoma Tumor which is a rare form of cancer originating in the liver. On July 24<sup>th</sup> Emanuela underwent eight hours of surgery to remove the tumor, the left lobe of the liver, the gallbladder and a swollen lymphoid.*

*Following the surgery, Emanuela underwent four cycles of chemotherapy during which Chris took a leave of absence from his business to help Anna care for their daughter. The combination of the lost income and the added medical expenses for natural treatments, have put a severe strain on the family's finances. Members of the Stilianessis family have formed the*



***"Emanuela Stilianessis Fund"***

*to help raise money to aid the family in defraying their medical and living expenses. Although the surgery and chemotherapy treatments were successful in removing the tumor, Emanuela's ordeal is not over. Part of her recovery involves the rebuilding of her immune system which will be done at the Envita Medical Center.*

***If you would like to help the family, please make your donation out to:***

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