

“Our Gift of Giving”
A Note from Marcia Stankard, creator of The Spriteles™

Dear Book Buyer,

The Gift That Saved Christmas reinforces for children an important message about kindheartedness and the magic of small actions. As I filled its pages, I discovered an opportunity to lead by example, by donating 100% of the book’s profits to an important children’s cause. The cause I selected is dear to me, as I have a five-year-old friend who since age two has had to endure brain surgery and two full years of chemo to battle a brain tumor.

All profits from the sale of this book will go to The Pediatric Low Grade Astrocytoma Foundation (www.fightplga.org) to research new cures and treatments for children, like my brave, little friend, suffering from this devastating disease.

The Pediatric Low Grade Astrocytoma Foundation (www.fightplga.org) commits all time, money, and efforts to fund cutting edge research on the most common and most deadly form of childhood brain tumor. An estimated 16,000 children suffer from low-grade astrocytoma brain tumors in this country and an additional 600 new cases are diagnosed each year.

These tumors grow slowly in the brain and in most cases, cannot be surgically removed. I was shocked to find out that there has been no research for this fatal disease in the past 25 years due to lack of funding. These tumors are usually life threatening and the side effects of standard cancer treatments on children can cause devastating long-term intellectual and motor impairments. With no new research in the pipeline, there is little hope for more effective and less destructive treatments that could save lives. Our children deserve better than this.

Please help spread the word to family and friends about this award-winning book and its fundraising mission. Together, we can offer children, like the beautiful faces on this page, the opportunity to fight for their dreams instead of their lives. All the while, sharing a message with young readers about the importance of kindheartedness and the magic power of giving!

Kind regards,

Marcia Stankard

To learn more about the PLGA Foundation, please visit www.fightplga.org
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www.sparkkindness.com