

## Smile of Kids : Mission Statement

Smile of Kids is a non-profit organization founded by parents whose children had a serious illness. Their testimony and perseverance led to the formation of this organization.

In 1997, a doctor at Kanagawa children's medical center told a couple about their daughter's brain stem tumor. She was six years old and her family was told that she had a low survival rate. She and her family started fighting the cancer and yet her condition continued to deteriorate. It was really hard for her family to see her. However, her family never lost their courage and they believed a miracle might still happen. Unfortunately, she died in February of 1998.

Her parents were devastated and they were confused as to if they could have done anything else to save their daughter. However, they decided to focus their energy on thanking the people who supported them during their ordeal. They also began to focus on caring for other parents who had children with a life-threatening disease.

The first family they helped was a family with a child who had Biliary Atresion. Their child underwent treatment and later was able to return to school. However, the child still needed treatment. Out of this experience of helping others, the two parents created a non-profit organization called "Smile of Kids"

Smile of Kids believes that people can build a society that has a strong children's medical system that provided better care to children with life-threatening diseases. There are presently 250,000 children with serious illness and all of those families are devoted to overcome these sickness.

Smile of Kids also believe that all children are special gifts to us and that they have the right to live, learn and play, and to also dream of a better future.

Smile of Kids wants all people to know the stress that patients and their families go through, and how much they are devoted in their child's long-term treatment.

Smile of Kids wants to provide the best circumstances for treatment including costs. This in turn helps to never give up their dream of a healthy future for their kids.

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