SEPTMBER IS PEDIATRIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH—ONE IN ABOUT TWO HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE CHILDREN WILL BE DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER IN THEIR CHILDHOOD... ACCORDING TO BAYLOR SCOTT AND WHITE PEDIATRIC ONCOLOGIST NICHOLAS MCGREGOR...

MCGREGOR SAYS OF CHILDREN DIAGNOSED—80 PERCENT WILL LIVE FIVE YEAR’S OR LONGER...THAT’S CONSIDERED BEING IN ‘REMISSION.’ LEUKEMIA IS THE MOST COMMON TYPE OF CANCER AMONGST YOUNG PEOPLE... AND MCGREGOR SAYS THERE ARE INCREASINGLY EFFECTIVE TREATMENTS FOR THAT TYPE AND OTHERS....

Because of significant advances in research in pediatric cancer specifically, but cancer at large, the treatment and success of treatment for kids with cancer has improved over the years, in some types of diseases more so than others.

PEDIATRIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH IS OFTEN SYMBOLIZED WITH A GOLD RIBBON... AND MCGREGOR SAYS SINCE JUST A FRACTION OF FEDERAL FUNDING FOR CANCER RESEARCH GOES TO PEDIATRIC CANCER SPECIFICALLY... MANY IMPACTED FAMILIES USE THE MONTH TO FUNDRAISE FOR RESEARCH.