



## Upcoming Programs

### OPERATION BIG SANTA

Each year The Eric Wood Foundation's Operation Big Santa program will provide more than \$20,000 in assistance to financially at-risk families with seriously ill and special needs children.

In December of 2015, 50 families will join Eric at a local retailer where they will receive a full holiday meal, meet Eric, and receive autographed footballs. Each family will also be given a \$200 gift card that will enable them to have a Christmas they otherwise may not be able to have.

### Eric's E-Zone

Eric's E-Zone will transform an area in the children's in-patient or out-patient wing and will be used by patients, siblings and parents to serve as a resource and distraction. This program will provide patients and their families with access to wall mounted gaming systems and TV's.

The Foundation's goal is to launch Eric's E-Zone in the out-patient wing at the Roswell Park Cancer Institute (RPCI) in July of 2016.

Each year, Eric's E-Zone at RPCI will be available to over 50,000 patients and family members.

### THE E-FUND

#### **IN MEMORY OF EVAN WOOD**

The Foundation's grant-making program entitled The E-Fund will be launched in early 2017 to provide assistance to families with severely/chronically ill children or special needs children who are in need of financial assistance.

The purpose of this program is to provide a financial hand-up while strengthening the ability of these families to care for themselves, enhance their stability and security and improve their quality of life.

Applications will only be available through approved children's hospitals and approved non-profit community organizations.