



Kate P.

We are deeply saddened to share the passing of our youth member, Kate Palermo, from KIDS Illinois at Lurie Children's Hospital, while surrounded by loving family, on Thursday, November 22nd, 2018. Kate joined KIDS Illinois in 2015 and, was selected for the 2016 and 2017 iCAN Research & Advocacy Summits held in Barcelona, Spain and Orlando, Florida. Kate held a special place in our hearts as she worked throughout the U.S. with Eli Lilly and many other organizations that supported research and advocacy for childhood cancer. Kate was attending her dream school, the University of Michigan, which is also the location of KIDS Michigan. Our hearts go out to Kate's family and all that were fortunate to know her. Kate brought not only a strong voice to support pediatric healthcare, but also, a delightful sense of humor in dealing with her own healthcare needs. We will always remember and miss Kate and are grateful for the friendship and the time that we spent with her through iCAN Research. A youth scholarship will be awarded yearly in her name.



Felix JT.

Felix was an iCAN Youth Member from the inception, joining his fellow youth members at the first iCAN Research & Annual Summit held in Washington, D.C. in 2015. After the first Summit, Felix was instrumental in each following year and helped to bring the Summit to his hometown of Barcelona, Spain in 2016. Along with his global work, Felix was the former president of KIDS Barcelona and helped within many committees and groups throughout iCAN Research. His passion, energy and love of helping others lives on through his legacy. By sharing the opportunity to earn a scholarship through the Felix Junquera-Tajeda Scholarship, Felix continues to encourage his family and friends to be advocates and fighters against rare pediatric cancers and other chronic diseases. In memory of Felix, iCAN Leadership created a youth scholarship in his name to be awarded yearly to one recipient based a number of criteria, including an essay. Details to be provided each spring.