

REMARKS OF CONGRESSMAN JOHN E. FOGARTY AT JIMMY FUND SPORTS NIGHT
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In the time allotted me I should like to give at least a brief outline of some of the wonderful work being done by the organization whose cause you are furthering tonight.

The Jimmy Funds Children's Cancer Research Foundation is the first institution in the world devoted to cancer in children. It is the largest center in the world for children with cancer - and cancer, ladies and gentlemen, is the leading disease causing death in youngsters between the ages of 1 and 14 years.

The Foundation takes every child - it has never turned a child away. All professional care and laboratory studies are provided without charge to the parents.

In addition, the staff is available to doctors anywhere any time in the 24 hours of 7 days a week, for consultation, advice and discussion concerning children with cancer, who may never come to the Jimmy Fund Building. This consultation service is provided without charge, and is made available to anyone who may care to use it.

There has been constant progress in the treatment of children with widespread cancer during the past few years. More chemical substances are available to prolong the lives of children with acute leukemia, lymphosarcoma, Hodgkin's disease, and other kinds of widespread cancer which formerly were completely hopeless.

One of the common tumors of children, the embryoma of the kidney, or Wilms' tumor, has been the center of particular interest in the Jimmy Fund Building for the past several years, since they demonstrated that Actinomycin D, an antibiotic discovered in 1940 by Dr. Selman Waksman, had what amounts to a specific effect on this kind of cancer in children. This effect can be produced even if the tumor has spread by way of the blood stream, and settled in the lungs. The combination of very small amounts of x-ray treatment and very small amounts of this powerful antibiotic can destroy the tumor, even if it has spread to the lungs.

Children who would have been expected to live only a few months after the tumor had spread to the lungs, are now alive and well with

no evidence of cancer for over 5 years after the spread to the lungs had been found.

The Jimmy Fund research laboratories are acting as a center for research concerning the cause, means of prevention, and the search for new chemical methods of treatment which hopefully will cure cancer in general, and cancer of children in particular. They are joining their own research efforts to those of research workers in many hospitals and institutions throughout this country and in many parts of the world. Because of the splendid research facilities in the Jimmy Fund Building, and the support obtained through the Jimmy Fund and the great help obtained from the National Institutes of Health, the scientists in the Jimmy Fund Building are able to carry out highly specialized research activities designed to be of the most rapid and effective help to the children in the clinic.

For example, there are two whole floors devoted to the making of new chemical compounds which never existed before. They have

already made more than 4,000 new chemical compounds since 1949 in the laboratories of the Jimmy Fund Building. These are studied under ideal laboratory conditions against cancer in mice, against human cancer implanted in the hamster, and against human cancer cells which are grown in bottles, under specialized artificial conditions. As soon as a chemical is found to have anti-cancer activity, and to be without danger, the chemical is used as part of the treatment for a child with widespread cancer who is beyond reach of any other form of treatment.

In other words, ladies and gentlemen, the Foundation research program has as its goal the treatment and hopefully the cure of leukemia and all other forms of cancer, and the prevention and eventually the eradication of all malignant disease.

This then is the type of activity which you are supporting and fostering by your presence here this evening. Your efforts could not be expended for a more worthy or satisfying cause and I'm sure that you join with me in the sincere hope that the Jimmy Fund campaign this year will exceed every mark it has ever made in the past.