

“We have so many friends who have been diagnosed with breast cancer that we decided to do something more meaningful this year, so we put our emphasis on the cancer center,” says Mase. “We were very pleased with the outcome of the event, and we were glad to help UM/Sylvester in the process.”

KIDS THAT CARE

Ian Amber was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia at age 10. While he fought to stay alive, his five-year-old brother Kyle began selling stickers, and joined by his brother, began running bake sales to help pay for a pediatric bone marrow transplant unit at the University of Miami in case Ian needed that option.

Ian recovered without a transplant, but over the last 11 years, the brothers’ Kids That Care charity (www.kidsthatcare.net) has raised more than \$100,000 for cancer research and programs helping critically ill children. Ian’s experiences with cancer convinced him not only to help raise money for cancer research but also to enroll in the University of Miami’s highly competitive undergraduate honors program in medicine.

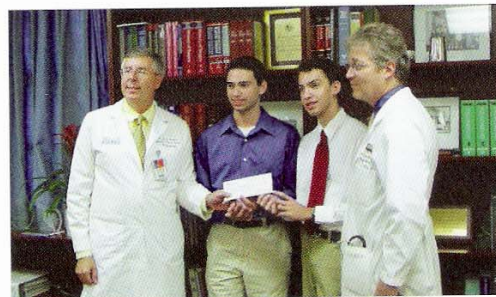
Younger brother Kyle is considering doing the same. “I’m still in high school, but when I graduate, I’d like to go to medical school,” Kyle says. “When my brother first got sick, even though I was just a little kid, I saw first-hand some of the issues children face when diagnosed with cancer. I want to do all I can.”

In July, the Amber brothers presented a \$20,000 check to University of Miami Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center Director W. Jarrard Goodwin, M.D., F.A.C.S., and Joseph D. Rosenblatt, M.D., UM/Sylvester’s

Associate Director, Clinical and Translational Research, to help in the fight against cancer.

And in December, the brothers toured the laboratory of Izidore Lossos, M.D., a hematologist-oncologist and member of the Leukemia, Lymphoma, and Myeloma Site Disease Group at UM/Sylvester. Lossos recently published a landmark study in the *New England Journal of Medicine* identifying for the first time six genes that can predict a lymphoma patient’s response to standard treatment. “It’s heartwarming to see such young individuals give something back to the community,” says Lossos. “I applaud their generosity and commitment to cancer research.”

With this gift, the brothers’ Kids That Care charity became a member of Friends for Sylvester, a giving society at UM/Sylvester.



The Amber brothers (center) presented a \$20,000 check to UM/Sylvester Director W. Jarrard Goodwin, M.D., F.A.C.S. (left), and UM/Sylvester Associate Director of Clinical and Translational Research Joseph D. Rosenblatt, M.D., last July.