

On behalf of the Spanish speaking families that we serve in the Johns Hopkins Division of Pediatric Oncology, we want to thank the Rotary Club for distributing the " Speaking Book" to our childhood cancer program.

The medical team, child life team, social work team and the families enthusiastically endorse this very special book.

Johns Hopkins is privileged to take care of children from all over the world and as you can imagine, language can become a barrier. We are fortunate to have a robust team of interpreters, and although they can bridge the language gap, there are drawbacks to using an interpreter compared with communicating in the patient's native language.

The Spanish Speaking Book provides a valuable tool for verbal interaction between parent and child. Having the opportunity to discuss their child's journey with cancer in their native language is seen as a critical part of understanding the road ahead."

Gratefully,
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