

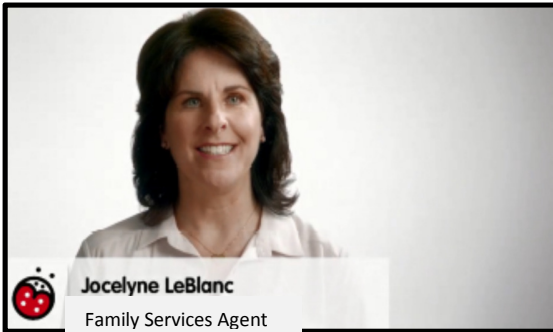
READING COMPREHENSION ACTIVITY

Where do donations go?



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Testimonial from Jocelyne Leblanc, Family Services Agent for Leucan



"My name is Jocelyne and I'm a Family Services Agent.

My main responsibilities are to listen, to support, and to provide references to families. My work is essentially done over the phone, but I'm also available throughout the child's treatments and the family's journey.

Leucan also provides funds at various stages: upon diagnosis, in case of recurrence, for a bone-marrow transplant, etc.

Because we work directly with families, we provide that financial assistance to help them through this difficult time: trips to and from the hospital, food, etc. While we cannot fully replace the salary if one parent takes a leave from work, we can at least supplement the family income.

We give children a welcome kit. The kit is actually a big, red bag—Leucan's colour. It's similar to a hockey bag, but filled up with practical things. A comfort blanket stamped with Leucan's mascot, the ladybug; informational brochures for parents; books for the child's siblings to help parents explain the concept of cancer; surprises and games; and shirts made especially for treatments with snap buttons to accommodate medical equipment. Every detail is thought out to help children and their families feel more at ease with this new reality. "

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE TESTIMONIAL

1. True or false: Jocelyne's work is essentially done online? **False. It's done over the phone.**
2. Leucan provides financial assistance to families. Can you give one example? **To cover the trips to and from the hospital, food, a missing salary.**
3. What is the colour of the Leucan bag? **Red**

ESSAY QUESTIONS

- Why do you think it's important to support families and listen to them?
- Why do you think parents experience a loss of income?

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

In addition to funding clinical research, the Association also provides its member families with distinctive and tailored services: emotional support, financial assistance, reference services, massage therapy, hosting in hospital playrooms, socio-recreational activities, a school awareness program, end-of-life and bereavement follow-up services, and the Leucan Information Centre.