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***Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan  
Names Jessica Carty, M.SW, as Patient Services Coordinator***

**Troy, Mich., June 29, 2009** – Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan, a statewide agency whose mission is to help families cope with leukemia, lymphoma and related blood disorders, has named Jessica Carty as Patient Services Coordinator. Foundation President and CEO William Seklar made the announcement.

Carty has a special, existing relationship with Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan. When she was only 16 years old she was diagnosed with a life-threatening illness and was supported by the Foundation. Now, at age 23, she's returned to Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan to help others who are experiencing the same fear and uncertainty that accompanies a diagnosis of leukemia.

As Patient Services Coordinator for the Foundation, Jessica will work with patients to provide information about diagnoses, offer emotional support and educate patients and their families.

"We are proud to name Jessica as the newest addition to our team. Her educational background in Social Work and unique experience as one of our patients will help her when working with patients and understanding the challenges they face. We welcome her and look forward to her contributions to Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan," said Seklar.

Carty attended Wayne State University, where she obtained a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Social Work. She resides in Royal Oak.

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**About Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan**

*Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan is a statewide agency helping families cope with leukemia, lymphoma and related disorders by providing information, financial assistance and emotional support. In addition, CLF has provided more than \$6.5 million in research dollars to Michigan's comprehensive cancer institutes. Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan is headquartered in Troy, Michigan. For more information, call 1-800-825-2536 or visit [www.leukemiamichigan.org](http://www.leukemiamichigan.org).*

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