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## Press Release

### Local Charity Donates \$125,000 to Leukemia Research

On July 1, Duluth, GA based **When Everyone Survives Foundation** (WES Foundation) mailed \$50,000 grant checks to two leukemia researchers. The two researchers are Dr. Miguel-Angel Perales and Dr. Omar Abdel-Wahab, both of Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center of New York. Though both of the checks went to the same institution, the research proposals of Drs. Perales and Abdel-Wahab are uniquely different, promising and potentially curative. These two researchers proposals were the most innovative of the 38 grant requests received for consideration from around the world.

One request didn't fit the foundation's criteria of laboratory-based research but was so compelling from a humanitarian standpoint, Edmund K. Waller, MD, PhD, FACP, of Emory University, the foundation's Medical Advisory Board Chairman, requested consideration by the foundation for funding. For that reason, a special \$25,000 Chairman's Award was made to Dr. Sara Day of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital International Outreach Division in Memphis, TN. Dr. Day's research involves staffing Guatemalan Hospitals with trained first responder nurses for pediatric leukemia patients. Many of these children may be currently abandoned because the existing nursing staff is untrained in how to treat leukemia patients. Dr. Day's research initiative hopes to change that unacceptable outcome.

"It is indeed gratifying to fund these three researchers in their quest to eradicate leukemia. This is why we founded When Everyone Survives. These fundings take us to \$625,000 in just five funding cycles." said W.E. (Bill) Smith, Founder and President of the foundation. "Through the generosity and support of many, When Everyone Survives is taking its place in the worldwide leukemia research environment. Thanks to all who have supported our efforts and to those whose research may one day help us find the day when everyone survives".

Information regarding Drs. Perales, Abdel-Wahab and Day and the research they are to conduct is available at the foundation website [www.wheneveryonesurvives.org](http://www.wheneveryonesurvives.org). Just click on the WeSearch 2011 tab.

When Everyone Survives is a Duluth, GA based 501(c) 3, not-for-profit charity established by the Smith family after their 22 year-old son, Wes, succumbed to leukemia in 2005. The foundation's primary purpose is that of collecting and distributing funds for leukemia research.

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