

ABOUT EUGENE ZITWER



Eugene Zitwer (“Uncle Yuddy,” to friends and family) was born on December 3, 1923 in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn. Eugene graduated from Boy’s High School and attended the City College of New York. However, World War II interrupted

his studies: Eugene entered the U.S. Army as an infantry-man, fought in the Battle of the Bulge and was subsequently awarded the Bronze Star Combat Badge for bravery. After his Honorable Discharge from the Army, Eugene continued his education at New York University and graduated in June, 1947 with a Bachelor of Science degree. He began working in the field of accounting and thereafter became a businessman.

He was a man who continually celebrated life and knew the joy and reward of being able to bring a smile to the face of a child in need. Eugene’s warmth and love for humanity knew no bounds. Adults and children alike were embraced by him during his lifetime.

Eugene married Edith Cohen on July 15, 1951 in New York City and was her devoted husband for thirty-nine years. The couple had three daughters: Michelle, Barbara and Mary Sue. Eugene’s humor, love and charitable spirit touched all who knew him. The Uncle Yuddy Fund strives to extend his celebration of life and laughter to seriously ill children and their families throughout New York City.



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seriously ill children
and their families
in the New York area*

*Bringing a smile
to a seriously ill child
This is what we do...
This is who we are...*

WHO WE ARE

The Eugene Zitwer Foundation Inc. (“The Uncle Yuddy Fund”) is a not-for-profit organization formed on March 18, 1991. Our mission is to bring love, laughter and emotional support to seriously ill children and their families during their times of illness. We work with local hospitals to fund programs and activities designed to fill needs identified by physicians and hospital staff throughout the New York area. We fund child-life therapy programs, extended playroom hours, birthday and holiday parties, music and art therapy, video libraries and equipment, medical therapy dolls, visits by clowns, performers and musicians, and outings away from the hospital setting—all aimed at providing a respite for young patients as they deal with their medical treatments or hospital stays. Through the work that we do, we provide helpful tools and welcome distractions during hospital and clinic visits, chemotherapy and other treatments. Doctors and families cite the importance of laughter and the need for children to feel like children. All of our programs allow kids to be kids and, for a time during each day, to step out of the hospital routine and laugh, be creative, entertained and educated. Parents and siblings are able to see their loved ones smile during the most difficult days, which helps the entire family unit. The Uncle Yuddy Fund is a celebration of life and is run solely by volunteers.

HOSPITALS WE SERVE

Over the past few years, we have provided programming and funding for pediatric patients treated at the hospitals listed below. We seek your support to continue our work throughout the year.

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Beth Israel Medical Center
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The Brookdale University Hospital
and Medical Center
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Lenox Hill Hospital
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Maimonides Medical Center
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Mt. Sinai Medical Center
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