

# Calistro Child 'Responding To Treatment'

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Amber Calistro is responding well to treatment at the Immunology Researching Centre in the Bahamas. "Therapy is killing the tumor," said the child's mother in a recent telegram. But "Amber's spirits are low." Amber, who is four years old, has cancer. She has gone to the Bahamas, with her mother Patti Calistro, to fight the cancer which began as a lump behind her ear.

The treatment they have sought is experimental therapy that augments the cancer-fighting capabilities of the immune mechanism. Amber is under the care of Dr. Lawrence Burton, director of the center.

Two Jonathan Law High School students have coordinated a fund raiser for Amber. Their efforts have raised \$850 for her treatment.

Janis Donaldson and Ann Iacozza, Amber's former babysitter, sold raffle tickets

to Milford citizens. In a Sunday drawing, Debbie Guard won 50 gallons of gasoline redeemable at Souza's Arco Station at 360 Naugatuck Ave. The three girls will be graduating from Law this June.

"We'd like to thank all those who supported the raffle," said Miss Donaldson. "The money will go to the Amber Calistro Fund."

The Amber Calistro Fund has been established at the Colonial Bank, Baybrook Office, 20 Ocean Ave., West Haven 06516. Any store owners who have cannisters with funds for Amber may mail the donations to the Fund at the bank, according to Michael Calistro, Amber's father.

"I'll be going around to the shops to pick up the money in the cannisters on a periodic basis," Calistro said. "For those people who would

rather mail the money directly to the bank, they may."

Ms. Calistro, disillusioned with conventional medical treatment, has sought immuno-therapy for Amber in the Bahamas because she

feels it is more natural and less destructive than conventional treatment that is offered in this country.

"There have been no side effects and Amber's energy is high," said Ms. Calistro in a May 27 letter.

A woman who wishes her identity to remain anonymous, donated \$3,000 for living expenses while they stay in the Bahamas. "We couldn't have made the choice we did without her help," Ms. Calistro said.

## Finance Board Votes To Pay Energy Costs

The Board of Finance voted Monday night to pay the fat electricity bills for sewer and building maintenance departments. Transferring surplus funds from the highway, maintenance and wastewater divisions of public works, they freed a total of

electricity in city buildings and from the sanitation department for \$30,500 to cover electricity bills engendered this year.

Explained Arthur Petrini, sanitation department superintendent, with the spring storms, "we were pumping for 90 percent over

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