Malaria

Every thirty seconds, a child dies of malaria, and worldwide, more children die as a result of this disease than any other. Children are particularly at risk when other diseases and poor nutrition have weakened them.

Malaria is a serious and fatal disease caused by a parasite that is transmitted from one person to another through a mosquito bite. Malaria parasites are so small that they can only be seen under a microscope. They feed on the blood cells, multiply inside them and destroy them.

When a mosquito bites an infected person, it ingests microscopic malaria parasites found in the person’s blood. The malaria parasite must grow in the mosquito for a week or more before infection can be passed to another person. Then, when the mosquito bites another person, the parasites go from the mosquito’s mouth into the person’s blood.

Over 100 million children are exposed to malaria each year. Attempts to control malaria are tough because the disease has

How can you help save a child from dying of malaria?

Help take a bite out of this global disease. Work with your peers to educate the public about malaria and organize a fundraiser to purchase insecticide treated bed nets. For as little as $5 per bed net, you can save the life of a child.