# A little does a lot.

## Children's Cancer Research Fund®

2018 Annual Report

*Cover: Jacob, cancer survivor*

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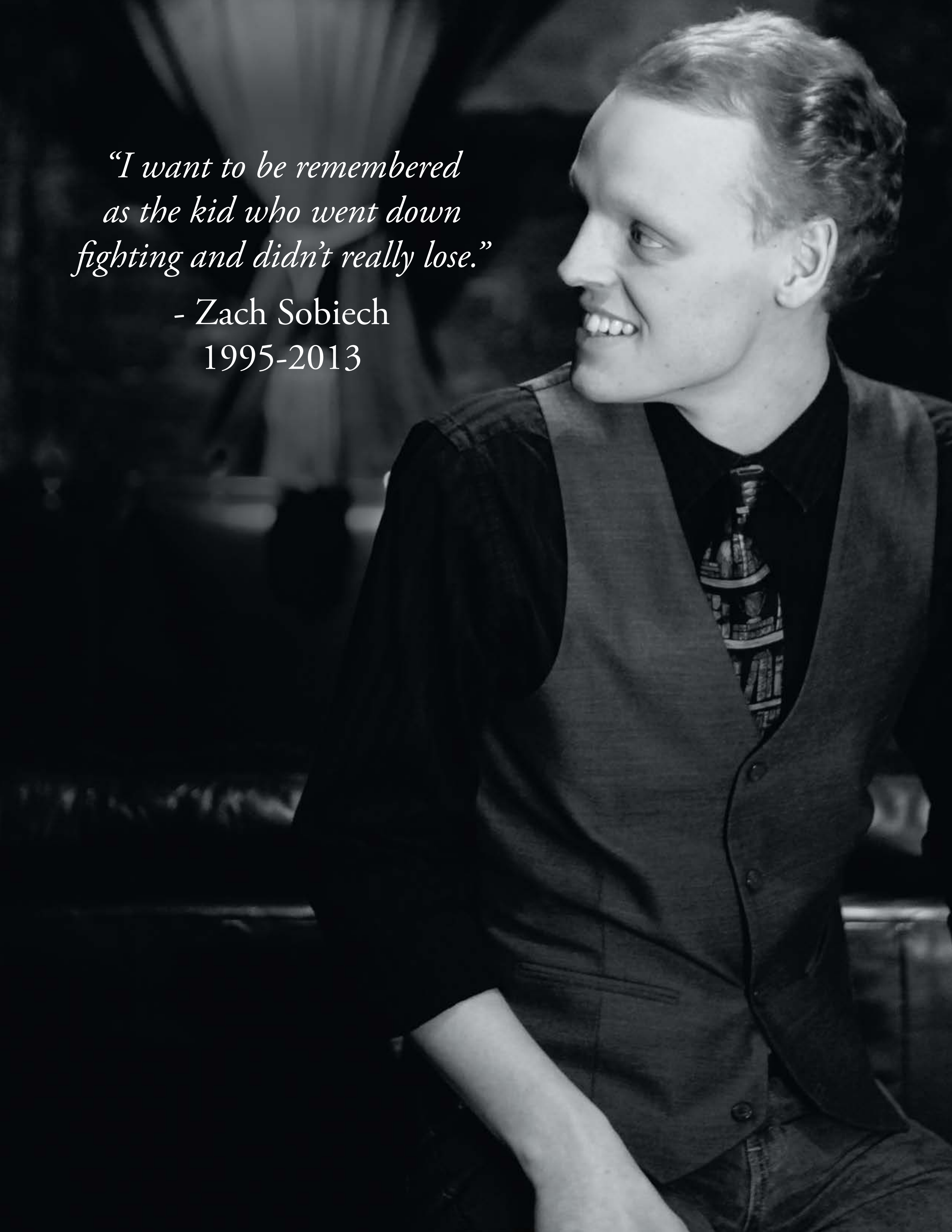


*"I want to be remembered*
*as the kid who went down*
*fighting and didn't really lose."*

- Zach Sobiech
1995-2013

## Building on 50 Years of Milestones
## A Letter from Our Chief Medical Advisors

It's important to periodically take a moment to reflect on how our small, daily actions are helping us to reach our goals. This year, we'd like to recognize three significant anniversaries in the field.

This year is the 50th anniversary of the world's first successful matched, related donor, human bone marrow transplant performed at the University of Minnesota. The first beneficiary of this lifesaving treatment was a child with an immune deficiency syndrome. In the following years, researchers reached many more important milestones, including the first successful transplant in a patient with lymphoma in 1975, the 8,000th BMT performed in 2018 and the first-in-human trial of marrow stem cells to repair epidermolysis bullosa, the devastating skin disease. Today, our center has performed more umbilical cord blood transplants than any other center in the world, and October 2018 marks the 30th anniversary of the first cord blood transplant. We have learned from each patient along the way, building upon the knowledge gained to improve the effectiveness and safety of this therapy.

This year is also the fifth anniversary of Zach Sobiech's passing. In the five years since his death, researchers at the University of Minnesota have systematically worked to identify the SEMA4D gene as a potential driver of osteosarcoma. At the beginning of 2018, Dr. Emily Greengard led the opening of a clinical trial through the Children's Oncology Group testing a drug that targets this gene. This trial is currently recruiting patients at the University of Minnesota and at 20 other sites across the country; we look forward to analyzing the results and determining the next steps for this line of research in the coming years. More clinical trials in this area are planned.

We are fortunate to have reached many significant milestones over the years, but none of them would be possible without the continued support of the countless volunteers and donors at Children's Cancer Research Fund. It is your support, and your passion, that gives us energy to keep pushing forward toward the ultimate milestone — a lasting, well-tolerated cure for each child diagnosed with cancer.

Sincerely,

John Wagner MD

John Wagner, MD
Chief Medical Advisor

Logan G. Spector

Logan Spector, PhD
Chief Medical Advisor

Brenda Weigel, MD
Chief Medical Advisor

## Dear Friends of Children's Cancer Research Fund,

We are pleased to present our annual report for our fiscal year ending June 30, 2018.

Since our founding nearly four decades ago, the many seemingly small contributions of time, talent and resources by thousands of people have truly transformed cancer care — and outcomes — for children across the country and around the world.

When Zach Sobiech passed away in 2013, the fund we established in his honor received thousands of gifts from around the globe, and each "Clouds" song download added to this fund. This year, that support resulted in a groundbreaking clinical trial for osteosarcoma, which is already in a Phase II trial, and the discovery of a new gene that holds promise for improved therapies.

Your support of grants to Emerging Scientists advances bold new ideas that may not otherwise receive funding. This early-stage research is also a critical step to receiving additional project funding. These grants move the science forward and help to develop the next generation of scientists.

Finally, your sponsorship of musician James Orrigo's "Big Dreams" tour brought joy to young cancer patients across the country and created lasting memories for families. This little respite from the daily struggles of treatment made each child's cancer journey a little less challenging.

The strength of children facing cancer has always inspired us, and your support makes them stronger still. You provide hope through research and compassion through care, and we are deeply grateful for your support.

Sincerely,

Charles R. Manzoni, Jr.
Chair, Board of Directors

John Hallberg
Chief Executive Officer

*Nathalia,*
*osteosarcoma survivor*

*Branden Moriarity, PhD*

# A little does a Lot.

Some problems, like childhood cancer, may seem too big or too overwhelming to solve. But researchers are working hard every day to find better treatments and cures for kids fighting cancer — and they're making progress! Your support helps fund these researchers so their work keeps moving forward. Even in the face of a problem as big as childhood cancer, a little discovery, a little idea, a little hope … does a lot.

**A little discovery:** This year, researcher Branden Moriarity discovered a little gene called SEMA4D, which helps bone cancer flourish. Now he's working on a clinical trial that blocks this gene's activity to stop the cancer from spreading.

**A little idea:** This year, supporters fundraised for CCRF by organizing birthday fundraisers, kickball tournaments and retirement celebrations, raising over $564,000 to fund research for better treatments and cures for childhood cancer.

**A little hope:** You've helped our outreach team connect with hundreds of families affected by childhood cancer, allowing them to share their stories of struggle and hope with the world.

**Meet the kids who have become advocates for the advancement of childhood cancer research.**

# A little spirit does a lot.

It's amazing that Nathalia, Nat for short, can fit so much personality into her slight frame. Nat has been fighting osteosarcoma, a deadly bone cancer, since 2016 and has spent much of her time as a teenager in the hospital. Her wrists are stacked with bracelets, some of them hospital bracelets, which she keeps to remember where she's been. She's sported super-high heels in her hospital room because … why not? She never misses a chance to thank the doctors and nurses helping to fight her cancer, and she's never stopped trying to focus on the happy, funny and goofy moments, even during such a painful fight.

Nat knows how serious her diagnosis is, but she hopes that no matter what happens, she can keep raising awareness for more research to help kids like her. Nat is truly inspiring. She proves it to the people around her again and again — a little spirit does a lot.

> *"My hope for her is that she's healthy and that she will continue to inspire others around her. I want her to be happy and have a new appreciation of life, to live it to the fullest, to find a new confidence and to know that she can overcome any obstacles that come her way."*
>
> — Katy, Nathalia's mom

*Nathalia (right), osteosarcoma survivor, with her sister, Gaby*

*MacKale,
osteosarcoma survivor*

# A little humor — does a lot.

Fourteen-year-old MacKale calls himself a “modern-day pirate” and refers to his prosthetic as his “bionic leg.” He’s full of energy and laughter despite battling bone cancer and deciding to amputate his leg, a decision no 14-year-old should ever have to make. MacKale has fought with strength and a sharp sense of humor, and he and his family are dedicated to advocating for more funding for better treatments for kids like him. His story has already inspired thousands of people to join the fight against childhood cancer. Kids like MacKale prove it — a little humor does a lot.

> *“There is no more talk in our home about all the things ‘you can’t do.’*
> *Instead, we have been watching the Paralympics and dreaming about all the possibilities*
> *for fun, sports and play that God has now brought to Mac with this new life.”*
> — Marsha, MacKale’s mom

# A little courage does a lot.

At just 3 years old, little Joey has had more needle pokes, foul-tasting medicines and hospital visits than most adults. While fighting hepatoblastoma, Joey has shown bravery beyond his years. When doctors access the port in his chest, a painful procedure that would be terrifying for most children, Joey handles it with incredible strength. He calls the port his "button," and he gets two stickers every time it's accessed. He even helps his nurses clean it with wipes. Joey's courage is a result of going through things no child should have to endure. For someone so young, he serves as an example to all of us — a little courage does a lot.

*"Your kids are part of your soul, and there's fear when you realize that you aren't as in control as you thought. Cancer took the false sense of certainty that I would see my child grow up."*
— Ames, Joey's mom

*Joey,*
*hepatoblastoma survivor,*

## Osteosarcoma progress you've made possible.

Osteosarcoma has been around since the dinosaurs. Treatments for osteosarcoma aren't quite that old, but many haven't changed since the 1980s. Current treatments are as old as the movie "E.T." and the first "Pac-Man" video game — things that today's kids don't even remember.

But that's all changing. In the past five years, researchers have made 15 new discoveries about osteosarcoma. Just this past year, researchers began their biggest venture yet: a new clinical trial to test a drug that could reduce or even eliminate the need for chemotherapy in the treatment of osteosarcoma.

### Five Years of Progress

So what has happened in the past five years? What made the difference? When you look at the timeline of progress, it's clear: Your support is more powerful than you think.

The Zach Sobiech Osteosarcoma Fund started five years ago. Since then, the world of osteosarcoma research has changed dramatically.

### Over $1.5 million raised

You helped raise over $1.5 million for the Zach Sobiech Osteosarcoma Fund and secure an additional $4 million from government grants and other sources.

### Genetic discoveries

You funded research that discovered four genes that allow osteosarcoma to flourish. Now that these genes have been identified, researchers can learn more about why this cancer grows and develop treatments to stop it.

### New clinical trial

You empowered researchers to launch a new clinical trial that could lead to a future treatment for this deadly disease, possibly eliminating chemotherapy.

### Your support – more powerful than you think

This incredible progress shows us that when we put resources behind a problem, even one that's millions of years old, we truly make a difference. Your support bridges the gap between antiquated, harsh treatments and promising new therapies. Zach's dreams, and the dreams of every other child who wishes for better treatments for cancer, are powerful.

## 50 Years of BMT Research, Thanks to Supporters Like You

A little more than 50 years ago, a procedure called the blood and marrow transplant (BMT) did not exist as a lifesaving treatment for children. Today, thanks to the University of Minnesota's groundbreaking research, BMT is another option, often the last, that children facing diseases like leukemia, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and neuroblastoma have to survive.

### Here's how:

(1) A child's immune system is depleted with radiation, chemotherapy or both.
(2) Healthy blood and marrow cells are transplanted into the child from a donor.
(3) If successful, the child's new cells can redevelop a healthy immune system that can purge cancer or diseases.

When Children's Cancer Research Fund was just beginning, the government was cutting back on research spending, which stalled revolutionary transplant research at the University of Minnesota. Our founders, Diana and Norm Hageboeck, helped continue funding by passing a hat around for donations in the U of M's hospital waiting room while their daughter, Katie, battled leukemia. Today, the U of M's Blood and Marrow Transplant Program has helped children in 24 countries, and they have provided the treatment more than 8,000 times since the first BMT in 1968.

## A donation, no matter how small, goes a long (and far) way.

In the next decade, John E. Wagner, M.D., executive medical director of the BMT Program and CCRF chief medical advisor, hopes to deliver strategies to eliminate the need for chemotherapy and radiation prior to a BMT altogether, primarily because they cause so many long-term side effects.

His team is investigating the development of antibodies that target cancer cells as well as gene modification of cells called T and NK immune cells. Essentially, rather than depleting a child's marrow and immune system — which is high-risk and often dangerous — the immune system would be re-engineered.

Today, cell engineering has already started to revolutionize how doctors care for patients.

*A BMT transplants an unhealthy bone marrow and immune system with healthy blood or marrow stem cells.*

"The first successes have already been seen in relapsed patients," he said. "The question is whether we can develop off-the-shelf cell products so that one batch can be used for everyone the day they need it. I can envision a product that can be used for kids with acute lymphoblastic leukemia at the time of diagnosis. They could potentially be cured without ever receiving a single dose of chemotherapy."

In the next 50 years, he would like to see better screening so that diagnoses could be made earlier, elimination of BMT altogether for hematologic malignancies (leukemia, lymphoma, multiple myeloma etc.) and non-malignant diseases in favor of more powerful gene therapy tools. "While it may be years away before this approach is perfected, it won't be many years," he said.

## Retaining Bright Minds

Your support helps recruit and retain the brightest minds in childhood cancer research. Children's Cancer Research Fund supports five of these leading experts at the University of Minnesota who bring us closer to a world without childhood cancer every day.

## Meet Our Endowed Chairs

### Bruce R. Blazar, M.D.,

*Children's Cancer Research Fund Land Grant Chair*

**His area of research:**
Dr. Blazar is a leader in the development of novel immune-based therapies for children who need blood or marrow transplants.

**His most exciting discovery in the last year:**
"We discovered two new biomarkers that can predict which patients have or will develop chronic graft-versus-host disease."

*A biomarker is a biological molecule found in the body that is a sign of a condition or disease. Graft-versus-host disease, a potentially serious complication, is caused when cells from a donated stem cell graft attack the normal tissue of the transplant patient.*

**What inspires him:**
"With collaborators, we have been able to convert the tumor environment from one that suppresses immune responses to one that supports antitumor immune responses."

**His note to you:**
"Funds provided [through CCRF] are invaluable in fostering creative approaches to develop novel and important therapies that would otherwise not be possible."

## David A. Largaespada, Ph.D.,

*Hedberg Family Chair in Pediatric Brain Tumor Research*

**His area of research:**
Dr. Largaespada is an authority on mouse genetics, gene modification and cancer genes.

**His most exciting discovery in the last year:**
"We've discovered several new drugs for treating peripheral nerve sheath tumors, and these drugs work well in mouse models. We're excited that, in combination, these drugs work even better, and we hope to initiate clinical trials within two years."

*A peripheral nerve sheath tumor is a form of cancer of the connective tissue surrounding nerves.*

**What gives him hope:**
"I am hopeful because I have seen firsthand how our local community partners and interested families are so strongly committed to funding research, and they believe that our work will help patients soon."

**His note to you:**
"Progress is happening. Childhood cancers present special problems for developing therapies. But, we have new ideas for exploiting the unique vulnerabilities of childhood cancers. Now is the time for bringing this new knowledge to fruition."

## Logan G. Spector, Ph.D.,

*Suzanne Holmes Hodder Chair in Pediatric Cancer Research and Chief Medical Advisor*

**His area of research:**
Dr. Spector is a leader in epidemiology, studying the causes behind childhood cancers such as hepatoblastoma, leukemia and osteosarcoma. He is a national and international collaborator with the University of Minnesota, Children's Oncology Group and the International Agency for Research on Cancer.

**His most exciting discovery in the past year:**
"We have started a line of research to understand how much racial and ethnic disparity in childhood cancer occurrence and survival is due to socioeconomics versus biology. Using

some sophisticated modeling techniques, we found that for some cancers, such as acute lymphoblastic leukemia, the disparity in survival between white, black and Latino children was due almost entirely to socioeconomics. For other cancers, such as neuroblastoma, biology is the more dominant factor in survival differences, as some groups simply show up with worse forms of the disease. For these tumors, relieving survival disparities will mean investing in more biological research."

**What inspires him:**
"Congress continues to take a particular interest in childhood cancer research and support. They passed the STAR Act, the most comprehensive childhood cancer legislation ever taken up by Congress. It is inspiring to know that despite the divisions in our country we can put differences aside to help children in need."

**His note to you:**
"Every year we learn more about what makes childhood cancer tick, bringing us closer to prevention and cures that don't cost survivors years of healthy life."

## John E. Wagner, Jr., M.D.,

*Hageboeck Family Chair in Pediatric Oncology and Chief Medical Advisor*

**His area of research:**
Dr. Wagner is a leader in blood and marrow transplant research. His team is currently pioneering new gene modification approaches to improve treatments for kids who need BMTs.

**His most exciting discovery in the last year:**
"There are two. First, the development of a method for massively expanding the blood-forming stem cell and demonstrating its positive impact on blood cell recovery after high doses of chemotherapy and radiation. Second, the expansion of the Integrative Medicine Program and hearing from patients and parents about the profound healing effects this program has had. Funds coming from the Hageboeck Family/CCRF Chair have made these discoveries a reality."

**What he thinks is the most inspiring or hopeful thing for the future of childhood cancer research:**
"The pace of discovery. Every day brings new ideas, new clues and new tools to solve old problems, such as cancer and other diseases."

## Brenda J. Weigel, M.Sc., M.D.,

*Lehman Family Chair in Pediatric Cancer Research and Chief Medical Advisor*

### Her area of research:

Dr. Weigel is a leader in the Department of Pediatrics and Development at the University of Minnesota. She is also a national and international leader in developing new therapies for children with cancer and is chair of the Children's Oncology Developmental Therapeutics Program.

### Her most exciting discovery in the last year:

"In January we opened a national clinical trial for osteosarcoma, led by Dr. Emily Greengard, using the Children's Oncology Group Phase I Consortium that was built on the discovery in the lab by Dr. Branden Moriarity that SEMA4D may be a target for drug therapy in osteosarcoma."

### What she thinks is the most inspiring or hopeful thing for the future of childhood cancer research:

"In the last 10 years, we have seen an explosion of new drugs and therapies to treat cancer that are more specific for the tumor or use the immune system to fight cancer. These therapies have the potential to improve the survival of children with cancer and, more importantly, may decrease the short- and long-term effects that survivors of childhood cancer currently face. I am hopeful that we will not only increase cures but increase the ultimate quality of life of survivors."

### Her note to you:

"Childhood cancer remains the number one medical cause of death of children! Together, we can continue to improve treatments to increase cure rates and maximize quality of life."

# A little support does a lot.

Young scientists who want to dedicate their careers to finding better treatments for children with cancer face a tough road. They may not have as much of their own published research to make them stand out, meaning they rarely receive funding early in their careers. By supporting Children's Cancer Research Fund, you are helping remove this roadblock for young researchers. The Emerging Scientist Award is a $100,000 grant designed to develop the independent research of highly qualified individuals still early in their careers. Here's a glimpse into what our 2018 Emerging Scientists are working toward.

## Less Toxic Treatments for AML

Every so often, as Dr. Cara Rabik is in her lab studying better treatments for acute myeloid leukemia (AML), she thinks of a patient she had when she was a resident years ago — the person who is the reason she's studying this disease today.

"He's the reason I became interested in AML," Rabik said. "Watching his struggle really made a lasting impact on me. I'm still in touch with his family. It's really because of him that I'm so driven to find better treatments for this disease."

In about 10 percent of AML patients, researchers have found a genetic mutation called Wilms Tumor 1 (WT1). When WT1 is mutated, certain necessary genes go unexpressed. Rabik's goal is to learn more about this gene and what problems its mutations cause, and then identify current drugs that can specifically target the cancer.

Currently, the only way to treat AML is with high-intensity chemotherapy, which deteriorates a child's immune system to the point where it can be unsafe for them to leave the hospital. Rabik hopes her research will eventually yield a treatment that is less toxic, doesn't put patients at high risk of infection and allows them to receive therapy on an outpatient basis.

## A Better Target — Making Ewing Sarcoma Cells Sensitive to Chemotherapy

"Relapse." "Metastatic." These are the dreaded words too many Ewing sarcoma patients hear after weeks, even months, of cancer treatment. Patients with metastatic or relapsed Ewing sarcoma have a poor prognosis, and Kelly Bailey, M.D., Ph.D., dreads telling her patients. She says it places even more doubt and worry in their minds than before — it's a conversation she wishes she never had to have.

In addition to practicing as a pediatric oncologist, Bailey is also researching why some cells in Ewing sarcoma tumors are more aggressive and less sensitive to chemotherapy. She is looking at a specific pathway that causes these cells to grow fast, and her goal is to find a drug to target that pathway and kill the cells.

"We're seeing that some of these cells have built up a resistance to current drugs or have acquired new mutations that make them more aggressive," Bailey said. "Ultimately, we're looking for a better target."

## Starving Cancer Cells — Blocking Glutamine in Aggressive B Cell Lymphoma

Glutamine, an amino acid, is in many of the foods we eat, like eggs, beef and milk. We need it to build proteins that make up our organs, it helps us heal from certain kinds of injuries and it supports immune system functions. However, for patients fighting aggressive B cell lymphoma, it may also feed the fast-growing cancer cells in their bodies.

Ji Zhang, Ph.D., a researcher at Indiana University, says his research so far indicates that these cancer cells need glutamine: they need it to support cell growth, and they need to utilize that glutamine to maintain key oncogenic signaling. Zhang thinks if he can find a way to block either of those processes from happening, he can starve the cancer cells of the fuel they need, making them more vulnerable to therapies that can kill them off.

"There are drugs out there right now that are used in lots of different types of cancer, but they're less effective in B cell lymphoma because the cells can evolve to bypass these initial therapies," Zhang said. "I hope my research can increase the understanding of how these cells use glutamine so we can manipulate the cells and make them more sensitive to the drugs we use to treat other cancers effectively."

## Making the Most Impact – Treating Childhood Brain Tumors

Pediatric brain tumors are the deadliest of all childhood cancers. They cause the most cancer-related deaths in children, and for patients with the most aggressive forms of this disease, there is currently no lifesaving therapy available.

Some may see this as one of the less hopeful areas of cancer research, but Stephen C. Mack, Ph.D., of Baylor College of Medicine and Texas Children's Hospital doesn't see it that way.

Mack's research looks at the epigenetic basis of pediatric brain tumors, meaning that rather than looking for mutations in genes that cause tumors, his team is looking at how the DNA is regulated by proteins. He believes that with a better understanding of these tumors, researchers may be able to create a drug or an immunotherapy treatment that can target tumor cells and kill them.

"If you think about studying cancer like reading a book, what some researchers do is search for errors in the text, like typos," Mack said. "These kinds of tumors are different, so our approach has to be different, too. What my team is trying to do is more like changing the 'font.' We need to learn more about what regulates this font to devise new therapies."

*Nevaeh, brain tumor survivor*

*Connor, brain tumor survivor*

*Jacob, leukemia survivor, with his mom*

# A little idea does a Lot.

Thanks to your generosity, researchers are turning their ideas into lifesaving therapies for kids fighting cancer. From finding ways to make cancers more sensitive to chemotherapy to reducing the late effects of current treatments, here are some of the highlights of what researchers will be working on in the next year.

## Overcoming Leukemia's Resistance to Chemotherapy

Acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL) is the most common type of cancer diagnosed in children — approximately 25 percent of kids with cancer have ALL. When leukemia spreads to the central nervous system, it becomes much harder to treat, and doctors have to use high-dose chemotherapy that is directed right to the child's central nervous system. This is not only extremely toxic for the child, but cells often become resistant to the chemotherapy, and the child relapses.

**How your donation helps:**

Peter Gordon M.D., Ph.D., has been studying ways to make these treatments more effective and less toxic for children by identifying how tissues around the brain protect leukemia cells from chemotherapy. He wants to test certain drugs to see if they can block the mechanisms these tissues use to protect the cancer cells. The ultimate goal is to make these leukemia cells more sensitive to chemotherapy and lessen the chance of relapse without subjecting children to harsher treatments.

## Measuring the Side Effects of Chemotherapy

Children who undergo chemotherapy to fight cancer often face severe side effects from their treatment. One common side effect, called peripheral neuropathy, can impair children's sense of touch and make it hard for them to sense the position of their limbs. This can make easy motor activities much more difficult, especially for kids who are still developing. Right now, there is no standard way to measure how much neuropathy a child's chemo has caused, so it's hard for doctors to make treatment decisions to minimize the negative side effects.

**How your donation helps:**

Investigators Jurgen Konczak, Ph.D., and Lucie Turcotte, M.D., MPH, are developing two new, simple assessments that can measure how much sensory function a child has lost. The tests will help doctors clearly see how connected a child's neuropathy is to his or her chemotherapy. With this information, doctors can evaluate a child undergoing chemotherapy at certain points, monitor the negative side effects, and then make moves to minimize or treat those effects.

To read about more important research projects that will be happening in the coming year, visit ChildrensCancer.org/category/research-updates.

## Making "Big Dreams" Come True

Living as a zebra, becoming a tomato head man and jumping into a video game — these are just some of the imaginative ideas that James Orrigo has helped kids bring to life on his "Big Dreams" tour.

James has been traveling to hospitals around the country with a portable recording studio. He records the voices and ideas of kids fighting cancer and leaves them with their own personalized music video. The goal of his "Big Dreams" tour, made possible by Children's Cancer Research Fund, is to distract kids from the scary realities of childhood cancer. For an hour or two, James helps them create a cartoon music video that is driven entirely by the child's ideas, the sillier the better. After writing the song, the child has the opportunity to sing and record his or her song and animate the creation. Once James leaves the hospital, he sends the raw recordings and animations to a team who helps create a fully animated music video for the child to proudly share with friends, family and hospital staff.

"My goal is to give these kids a chance to be silly and dream big and then show them how their imagination can come to life," James said. "In the hospital environment, patients do not have much control over their situation. Our interactive process is such a hit because it puts them in charge of creating. One little boy said he wanted to write a song about getting a pie to the face from the Hulk, so that's what we did!"

All of the equipment necessary for James's process is held in a briefcase-sized, bright red music box. When the music box opens, it displays lights, hidden cartoon characters and activities that foster creativity

*James uses his "magic music box" to make hospital days a little brighter* and imagination. James says that on multiple occasions, the box itself has been the icebreaker that encourages hospital patients to come out of their comfort zone and participate in a new, fun activity. The hospital is a hard place to be, and many kids, particularly older ones, cope by withdrawing. James's goal is to get them to come out of their box and forget about where they are for a while — and he's had success with even the most reserved patients.

After witnessing the interactive process, one pediatric nurse in Chicago commented, “It was a total change! She (the patient) was able to come out of her shell and learn ways to cope with what was going on.” Many parents say this experience is a gift for them as well. A mother in Virginia Beach spoke of the effect this program had on her daughter who was receiving chemotherapy, saying, “It really brightened her day and made her feel special.”

James's visits serve as a fun distraction while he's there, but they also leave a sense of imagination and camaraderie that helps kids feel good long after James and his music box have left. Parents, nurses and doctors often get to know the child through their songs — giving them a way to connect with the children when they are going through a tough point in their treatment.

“The staff are always excited to make the hospital a better place to be, so I've seen them take hold of the song and hum it when they are doing a port access or blood draw,” James said. “Gavin, one of the patients I worked with, wanted to write a song about how awesome he is. He was so proud of his song that he taught all of the nurses, so now when he walks down the hall everyone knows him and he feels like a celebrity.”

Unfortunately, several of the children James has worked with have passed away since he first met them. When this happens, the videos James helped the children create take on a special meaning to their parents and loved ones. They become a way for the families to remember them, capturing a special, carefree moment forever.

James understands how meaningful these videos can be after a child passes away. When his own mother died of cancer, he found himself wishing he had more recordings of her voice. He's glad he can not only provide this experience of kids in the moment, but also that he can preserve that child's legacy for their families.

“One father whose daughter passed away from brain cancer told me he listens to his daughter's song every single morning to remember her voice,” James said. “I know what it's like to lose someone and want to remember what their voice sounded like and wish you had more recordings of them. Hearing your child's voice or even just a small laugh in the background means they don't fade off into just your memories — preserving that moment for them is priceless.”

## Momcology – "A First Step in Healing"

*Adalyn,*
*cancer survivor*

Along with research, Children's Cancer Research Fund believes in healing children's family support systems. Often, childhood cancer leaves moms, dads, siblings and caregivers with complex emotions and stresses.

With your help, CCRF funds vital family support programs like Momcology, a national nonprofit peer support organization established for mothers and primary caregivers of children diagnosed with cancer. In addition to online support, Momcology hosts restorative retreats and in-hospital programs across the country so moms can connect and heal in person.

Theresa Nace, mother of retinoblastoma survivor Adalyn, is one of the many moms affected by the Momcology retreats. A two-time retreat participant, she recently served as a Momcology "house mom," a mom who gets to "love on, serve and pamper new retreat attendees."

When 6-year-old Adalyn was only 9 months old, she started a six-month treatment with six rounds of chemotherapy armed with her taggie blanket and pacifiers. This past summer, Adalyn rode her bike without training wheels for the first time, a huge feat for a girl who is blind in one eye due to cancer.

## We asked Theresa a few questions about her recent Momcology retreat experience, made possible because of supporters like you:

**At the retreat, what did you learn about yourself and your experience with childhood cancer?**
I learned that it is alright to still be angry about my child's cancer diagnosis and that I am not the only one going through the anger, the guilt, the pain and the loss of self. I also learned that no matter the diagnosis, each mom feels the same: your child could be diagnosed with a rare cancer or a more common cancer, but as a mom you go through all the same worries, fears, sadness and anger.

**What did you love most about the retreat?**
I loved meeting new moms. I loved watching friendships form, listening to their stories and seeing the light being relit inside of them. And, I loved watching them realize that they need to care for themselves in order to care for their children the best they can.

### What was the most difficult or challenging part of the retreat?

I would have to say it was listening to the stories of when their children were diagnosed. Hearing their stories, I could hear the fear in their voices and see it on their faces. I am not sure if I would say it was challenging in a bad way; it was a much-needed part of the retreat. Sharing their stories is the first step in healing.

### What was the most surprising part of the retreat?

How much it hit me this time around. It was a very heavy weekend, but it was also very restorative. I had a hard time keeping my composure during the weekend, listening to the moms share their negatives and things that make them happy. I broke down. At one point I told a fellow "house mom" that I did not belong there, that I am still so broken inside. How am I supposed to heal other moms when I am not healed myself?

### What is it like to be with other moms and caregivers who have been through similar experiences?

Healing. Restorative. Emotional. Uplifting. Those are words that explain what it is like. It is so beautiful seeing how we can embrace another mom who has been through what you have been through. How saying and hearing the words "I understand" mean so much more than you could ever imagine.


*Adalyn with her sister, Hannah*

### Why are retreats like this so important for moms as they face childhood cancer, bereavement or survivorship?

We as moms need someone to understand. We need someone outside of our immediate family who can be there for us when we just need to vent, to cry, to scream and to be heard.

I found my best friend, Nikki, through my Momcology retreat. She is my person. She was a "house mom" with me this time, and it was an amazing testimony for the moms attending to be able to see what can come out of a retreat. Nikki is my go-to person on everything, not just cancer. She understands me, she supports me and she hears me.

### If it wasn't for the Momcology retreat, I may never have found my soul sister.

During this retreat, she hugged me as I cried and told me I belonged there. We sat back and watched friendships like ours forming right before our eyes, and that brought us so much happiness. I am five years out from Adalyn being diagnosed and finishing treatment, but I am still very broken. I am still feeling everything that those mothers talked about. That reaffirmed the reason for these retreats: you still have fears, and you still need self-care even when you are out of the thick of treatment. These retreats give you that.

## Education and Awareness

Every day in the United States, 43 families hear the words, "Your child has cancer." However, only 4 percent of federal cancer research funding is earmarked for childhood cancer. Generating awareness about this need and providing educational resources for researchers are key parts of our mission. We are proud to support education and awareness initiatives, and we're determined to reach millions of people with stories of research wins, inspiring supporters and childhood cancer families.

## Bravery – MacKale's Surgery

At age 11, MacKale was diagnosed with osteosarcoma, a deadly bone cancer, in his left leg. He persevered through months of chemotherapy, a 14-hour surgery to rebuild his left tibia and months of physical therapy to learn to walk again — but after all that, the bone in his leg started eroding.

MacKale faced a tough choice: undergo yet another surgery to rebuild his deteriorating tibia or explore options for amputation. This is the kind of decision no 14-year-old should ever have to face.

MacKale's mom Marsha wrote a blog post about his decision that gives readers a glimpse into the struggles kids face even after treatment is over. Her main takeaway: the struggle doesn't end after the last round of chemotherapy.

"After two years on crutches and countless limitations, more of the same wasn't good enough. So, we gleaned recommendations for second and third opinions from surgeons throughout the country that might help. But, while these were wonderful and caring surgeons who spent precious time explaining to us all our choices, we were never any closer to making a decision. MacKale just didn't feel like he was 'there' yet.

"While these surgeons may not have brought us any closer to an answer, they definitely helped solidify one thing in MacKale's mind. The need to have a leg that looked 'normal' was no longer as important as having the ability to move and be active on his terms. He was no longer interested in saving his leg."

Visit ChildrensCancer.org/bravery-mackales-surgery to read Marsha's blog post, "Bravery — MacKale's Surgery."

*MacKale, osteosarcoma survivor before (top) and after (bottom) surgery*

## Instagram Takeover written by Marsha, MacKale's mom

"MacKale wasn't uniquely equipped to face the demon of osteosarcoma, but God has a way of blessing children with a seemingly endless supply of bravery when faced with a diagnosis that would leave an adult paralyzed in fear."

"MacKale's surgeon was confident that he could save MacKale's leg, and Mac wanted a 'normal' leg, so on the 29th of January, 2016, three surgeons removed 17 centimeters of MacKale's tibia and 9 centimeters of his fibula and replaced them with a cadaver tibia bone. Now the hard work has to start … physical therapy, chemo for another 5 months and recovery."

“Although MacKale had reaped the benefit and blessing of having ‘saved his leg,’ he had lost so much of the mobility that once allowed him to play and move like every other 12-year-old boy. He bravely faced his new life of limited mobility.”

“A week after his 14th birthday, MacKale went ahead and traded in his normal-looking, highly ineffective left leg for a new, smaller and much more functional ‘nub.’ He may complain about those pesky phantom pains, but there is no doubt that this is the best choice for him. He stands a little taller. His smile is a little brighter. He is at peace.”

# A little advocacy does a lot.

## STAR Act signed into law


Mindy Dykes

This past April, Mindy Dykes, our community outreach coordinator and a mom of a cancer survivor, along with a group of other parents of kids with cancer traveled to Washington, D.C., to advocate for more funding for childhood cancer research. They spoke with legislators about the Childhood Cancer Survivorship Treatment Access and Research Act, or STAR Act, which addresses some of the main concerns facing childhood cancer patients. It focuses on maximizing the quality of life of kids with cancer, moving childhood cancer research forward and helping kids gain access to the lifesaving treatments they need.

"I came to thank lawmakers for supporting important cancer legislation, especially legislation that pertains to our kids, and asking them to continue supporting research dollars and the STAR Act," Mindy said. "After talking with lawmakers about our individual struggles with cancer, you can just tell they get it."

On June 5, the STAR Act was signed into law. This is a huge first step toward more support for cancer researchers, kids fighting cancer and their families.

*Mindy and other advocates met with lawmakers to discuss the importance of funding childhood cancer research*

*Parents, advocates and survivors outside the U.S. Capitol building*

## Butterfly Awards

Each year, CCRF presents Butterfly Awards to individuals, organizations and teams that have contributed significant time and resources to ending childhood cancer. We are grateful for the passion and commitment shared by this year's award recipients.

### The Ojeda Family – Ambassador

We first met Dexter Ojeda in the fall of 2015 and were immediately struck by his kind spirit, sense of humor and contagious smile. A self-proclaimed "Star Wars nerd" and cat lover, Dexter exuded warmth and positivity. In the winter of 2017, Dexter and his family learned that his cancer had returned, and there were no treatment options left. In Dexter's final months, he and his family resolved to complete as many items from Dexter's bucket list as possible. Through social media, news stories and the caring of so many, Dexter was able to cross many things off his list. Just to name a few, he got to travel to California, take a cruise, experience a free-fall simulation and run a restaurant for a day. Dexter passed away on May 30. All of us at CCRF have been touched by Dexter and his family. The courage they showed to share their story every step of the way is a testament to their commitment to make a change in the world of childhood cancer.

### The Cavanaugh Family – Ambassador

The Cavanaugh family first shared the story of their daughter, Callie, and her struggle with rhabdomyosarcoma in 2016 when Callie's mom, Michelle, wrote a blog about being a doctor and discovering her daughter's cancer. We asked Callie to be an ambassador for the 2017 Great Cycle Challenge, and her family continued their involvement in the event in 2018. After many exhausting ups and downs, it became clear to Callie and her family that treatment wasn't working anymore; they were out of options. Callie passed away on April 7 surrounded by her parents and three older brothers. She was 9 years old. Callie and her family decided not only to fight her cancer but to be advocates for childhood cancer research. She motivated thousands of GCC riders to raise millions of dollars for research that will someday lead to a future where kids like Callie will no longer lose their childhood to cancer. She also inspired "Callie's Crew," a group of over 2,000 participants who rode in her honor. Callie's family generously shared their story, even during the most difficult days of their lives. We are forever grateful to Callie and her family for inspiring us, advocating for childhood cancer research and allowing us to witness Callie's strength.

### Joel Falter – Community Partner

Joel is a Great Cycle Challenge rider and the all-time top GCC fundraiser. In three years, he has raised $52,267 and ridden 2,180 miles to fight childhood cancer. Joel's dedication is exceptional; every morning at 4:30, he wakes up and gets on his bike to ride for a cause he deeply believes in. He is not only an incredibly dedicated fundraiser, but a valuable leader to all riders who are looking to make a bigger contribution to GCC's mission. Joel is happy to give advice about fundraising to other riders when asked and to help rally other riders by sharing his story. His incredible dedication to raising awareness for childhood cancer research has undoubtedly helped make GCC a success.

## The Jurek/Poferl Family – Community Partner

The Jurek/Poferl family's involvement with CCRF began with Katie Jurek, who was diagnosed with osteosarcoma at age 16. Throughout the years of chemo, radiation and surgeries, her spirit and smile always shined bright. Katie passed away at the age of 20 in 2007. To honor Katie's memory, her mother Lynn Poferl helped create Date for Life, a fundraiser for CCRF that brings together the Twin Cities' most eligible bachelors and bachelorettes at a fun, feel-good event. Katie's stepbrother, John Poferl, was inspired by Lynn's work with Date for Life and wanted to create his own fundraising event for Katie. He started Love Beer. Hate Cancer., a full-day kickball and softball tournament culminating in a spirited silent auction and dinner. Collectively, the Jurek/Poferl family has raised over $725,000 for CCRF. Thank you to the Jurek/Poferl family for their incredible dedication to funding a cure through organizing fantastic events that honor Katie.

## EideCom – Corporate Partner

EideCom has proudly worked as the A/V production partner with CCRF for Dawn of a Dream for the past five years. Year after year, they've gone above and beyond just providing sound and lighting for this annual gala; they consider exactly what the look and feel of each moment should be throughout the evening and how each element will emotionally affect the guests. Through their attention to detail and understanding of our mission, EideCom has helped make this important gala a fantastic experience for our guests and a fundraising success for CCRF. In addition, they have created other compelling videos for CCRF including our brand video, A World Without Childhood Cancer.

## Dustin Hron – Care Partner

Dustin Hron has contributed 670 hours as a Care Partners Unit Volunteer since starting in September 2014. Dustin is one of the most faithful and consistent volunteers on the bone marrow transplant unit, and he has a way of connecting with patients. Among the patients, he is known as the "fun guy" who knows how to play video games. A neuroblastoma survivor himself, Dustin feels deeply for the patients and families in the hospital as they go through difficult treatments. He uses his understanding of what parents are experiencing to bring a bright spot into their day.

## Margy MacMillan – Medical Researcher

Margy MacMillan, M.D., is a professor of pediatrics in the Division of Blood and Marrow Transplantation and has led her team's clinical trials in Fanconi anemia. In the 1990s, survival for this disease after an unrelated donor transplant was less than 20 percent. Thanks in part to MacMillan's work, today's survival rates exceed 90 percent for those over 20 years of age. MacMillan has also led numerous trials for preventing and treating the dreaded complication of graft-versus-host disease, a complication where the donor immune cells react against the patient. Her work has led to better grading systems for predicting treatment outcomes, leading to personalized approaches to care. Most important, MacMillan has been a caring doctor, collaborative colleague and engaged teacher, laying the groundwork for better cancer treatments in the years to come.

## Community Fundraisers

We bet you've never heard of someone celebrating their retirement the way Donald did. Donald decided his "retirement challenge" would be to jump-rope for 75 minutes straight and ask his friends and coworkers to sponsor his effort. He not only pulled it off, but he also raised over $11,000 to help fight childhood cancer!

Thank you to Donald and all the hardworking community fundraisers who've raised $1,000 or more to support groundbreaking research and family services. No fundraising idea is too big or small to make a lasting impact in the life of a child with cancer. Find out how to start your own fundraiser by visiting ChildrensCancer.org/Fundraise.

## Thank you to the community fundraisers whose efforts raised $1,000 or more:

100 Mile Run for Team Cal
Andy Nowak Memorial
Angellfest
Bunnies and Lambs promotion — Linda's Photography
Cars and Caves
Chick Fil-A Apple Valley Holiday Promotion
Christmas Livestream — Offline TV
"Clouds" Choir for a Cause — Blackhawk Middle School
Clouds Dance Showcase — Synergy Dance Academy
Customer Appreciation — Porsche St. Paul
Dakota Supply Group Golf Classic
Date for Life — Bachelor Daniel Chase
Date for Life — Bachelorette Nicole Dunham
Date for Life — Bachelorette Courtney English
Date for Life — Bachelorette Sylvana Kotila
Date for Life — Bachelorette Kelly Lucente
David Robbins Memorial
eRATicate Cancer Cruise
Hats Off to Cancer — Jordan Elementary
Hope 11 Survivorship Research Fund
Jeans for a Cause — CU Recovery
Jerome High School Student Activity Fund
July Company Campaign — Brenny Transportation
Jumpin'd
Justin's Smile
Karl's Tourney — Karl R. Potach Foundation
Kickoff for Kate — Eden Prairie High School DECA
Knockout Childhood Cancer 5K — Rookie's Pub
Kruzin' for the Kidz Motorcycle Rally
Lorna's Legacy Lemonade Stand
Love Beer. Hate Cancer. Softball & Kickball Tournament
Maddison Mertz' Miracles
Matthew Clemente's Team Dell Spartan Race
Meg McElroy's Annual Holiday Party
Nicholas Cisewski Memorial Golf Tournament
Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Alpha Chi + Tulsa Chi Omega Corp
Shooting for a Cure — Triton School
Spencer Wedding
Super Kids
Sysmex Midwest Annual Group Meeting
Team CCRF — Twin Cities Medtronic Marathon + 10 Mile Runners
Team Kendal Kidz
Trick or Treat for Maddison
Van Puyvelde Wedding Dance
Walk for Rachel — Totino Grace High School

**Facebook Birthday Fundraisers:**

Omar Amin
KumKum Bagchi
Gregory Bailey
Dane Berg
Allie Butts
Urbana Chappa
Kari Dean McCarthy
Lan Freitag
Katy Hawley
Carrie Hudson Walker
Ian Hunter
Careen Lowry
Kari Martin
Zack Monge
Jon Schwerr
Roz Sheldon
HaiVy Thompson
Vassile Tippa

## Thank you to our dedicated corporate partners whose efforts are making a real impact for children and families affected by childhood cancer.

**AmazonSmile** — Shoppers can donate 0.5 percent of the price of eligible AmazonSmile purchases to benefit childhood cancer when they choose Children's Cancer Research Fund.

**Case Financial** — Case Financial, organizers of United Financials Making a Difference, brought senior executives in the financial industry together for a conference this February and raised over $25,000 to support CCRF.

**Punch Pizza** — Punch Pizza generously contributed 10 percent of all pizza sales for one week, in addition to customer donations at the register, to CCRF. They also donated profits from the soft opening of their new Eagan location. They have raised over $38,000 and funded the "Spirit of Punch" Award, which was awarded to researcher Branden Moriarity.

**Minnesota Twins** — The Minnesota Twins honored kids and families affected by childhood cancer in honor of Childhood Cancer Awareness Month throughout September. They featured CCRF in pregame activities, welcomed childhood cancer survivors to join them during batting practice and visited childhood patients at the University of Minnesota Masonic Children's Hospital.

*Luke and Molly, cancer survivors, at Target Field*

## 140 Invitational Golf Tournament

For Lube-Tech, supporting childhood cancer research is a passion shared by its entire team. "Our friends and family believe in the work that Children's Cancer Research Fund has done and continues to do," said Amy Jo Van Culin, philanthropy manager at Lube-Tech. "There is power when individuals come together to make a difference."

This year marked the company's 14th annual 140 Invitational Golf Tournament. Since the event's inception, more than $1.8 million has been raised for research. What started out as a few employees and friends passing the hat at a casual golf game has turned into one of the Twin Cities' most profitable golf tournaments. The relationship has since evolved into a fully integrated engagement opportunity for Lube-Tech.

"The engagement and activation of the Lube-Tech partnership is exactly what we are looking for in prospective partners. They have truly embraced the mission of CCRF and woven our cause into their fabric as a company. It has been inspiring to see this partnership grow year after year," says Jim Leighton, Children's Cancer Research Fund vice president of events and partnerships.

In addition to the golf tournament, Lube-Tech employees have given back by volunteering at the Care Partners Dinner Program, hosted at the University of Minnesota Masonic Children's Hospital. It's initiatives like the Dinner Program, Sibshops and Momcology as well as CCRF's advocacy for childhood cancer research and survivors that drive Lube-Tech's support.

"The partnership between Lube-Tech and CCRF is exactly what we look for in philanthropic connections," said Van Culin. "We have so many chances to engage employees and support CCRF's mission throughout the year."

TIME TO FLY 2017
CHILDREN'S CANCER RESEARCH FUND

## Time to Fly

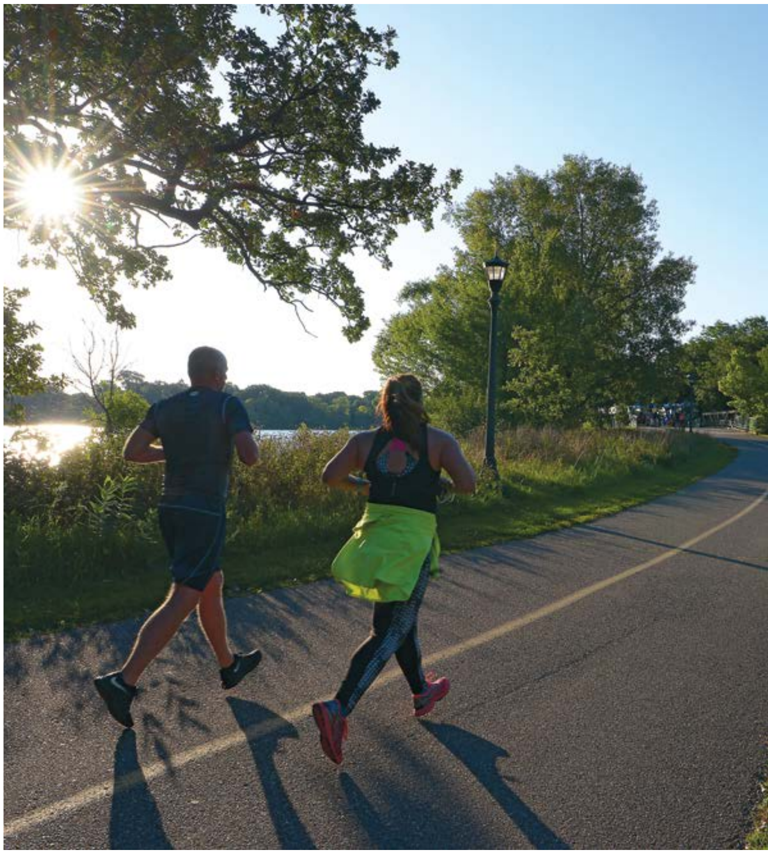
Celebrating the 15th anniversary was just one of the many milestones at the 2017 Time to Fly walk and run. For groups like Team Lizards, it also marked years of survivorship for team member and childhood cancer survivor Liz.

"She puts the Liz in Lizards," said her father, Greg. "We honor her for beating osteosarcoma in 2005. We also celebrate another year with her."

Greg and his family have been supporting groundbreaking research since first participating in 2007. "There were so many kids who we met while [Liz] was receiving treatment who weren't as fortunate as Liz," he said.

Time to Fly is an event held every September during Childhood Cancer Awareness Month that raises critical funding for kids facing cancer. This year's event raised nearly $140,000, bringing the 15-year total to $2.35 million thanks to dedicated supporters and participants such as Team Lizards.

Thanks to our Time to Fly sponsors: Magenic Technologies, Inc., NFL Alumni Association (MN Chapter), and Delta Air Lines.



*Danny, cancer survivor, with Beth Patten*

## Thanks to You

More than 125 valued donors and fundraisers gathered on Sept. 28 at the Minikahda Club for our annual Thanks to You event. Guests enjoyed cocktails and dinner while hearing from Danny, an inspiring leukemia survivor, who reminded everyone that you need hope, and then you can just let it "grow, grow and grow." Attendees also had the opportunity to hear first-hand from Chief Medical Advisors Logan Spector, Ph.D., John Wagner, M.D., and Brenda Weigel, M.D., M.Sc. The evening concluded with a thank-you gift handed out by Danny and his amazing family!

A special thank you to our Wings Society Members, as well as to Al and Toni Cady and family, whose significant commitment to our cause was recognized that evening.

## Benefactors Circle

On May 20, Benefactors Circle founders Sharon and Joel Waller, along with their son and daughter-in-law, Jon and Jill Halper, hosted the 28th annual Benefactors Circle dinner at Café Lurcat in Minneapolis, Minnesota, to thank those who support better treatments and cures for children fighting cancer. Supporters included BMO Harris Bank, which contributed $10,000 to CCRF. Donors generously contributed over $118,000 this year, bringing the group's historical total to over $3.3 million.

During the event, University of Minnesota Medical School Dean Dr. Jakub Tolar explained how support enables gifted researchers like him and his colleagues to pursue bold new ideas that will improve outcomes for cancer patients.

These researchers believe that advances in medical technology such as immunotherapy, cell therapy and genomics can lead to new treatments for the most difficult-to-treat cancers. This could mean fewer days in the hospital and fewer lifelong side effects for kids fighting cancer. Thank you to our generous Benefactors Circle members.

## Dawn of a Dream

Guests listened in awe at this year's Dawn of a Dream gala as they heard from the Dykes family, who shared Connor's battle with brain cancer and the late effects that resulted from his treatments.

"It was an amazing night," said Mindy, Connor's mom. "I witnessed a room full of generous and caring people make something great happen. Dawn of a Dream gives moms like me continued hope."

This year's event was co-chaired by Shara Hoffman and Mimi Nelson. Before the program, guests filled the halls of The Depot in Minneapolis, taking part in Coach and Arthur's Jewelers experiences, Top Ten Liquors' Wall of Wine and a silent auction.

The highly anticipated live auction featured exciting items such as a Super Bowl LII experience, which gave the winning bidder the opportunity to be in the heart of the action at the big game at U.S. Bank Stadium.

CNN national correspondent Ed Lavandera emceed the evening, which also included performances by talented siblings NUNNABOVE. This year's event raised more than $955,000 in support of the Dawn of a Dream Fund, which will provide grants for three innovative research projects at the University of Minnesota.

Guests celebrated the evening's success by dancing to the music of DJ Lenka Paris, indulging in sweets and capping the night off with a bourbon tasting, courtesy of Top Ten Liquors.

Thanks to our top Dawn of a Dream sponsors: Thrivent Mutual Funds, Delta Air Lines, Top Ten Liquors, Wells Fargo and Optum.

## KS95 for Kids Radiothon

The KS95 for Kids Radiothon, benefiting Children's Cancer Research Fund and Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare, raised $555,332 in its 19th year. Donations support groundbreaking research to find safer, more effective treatments for kids like our inspirational ambassadors, Aric, Clementine, Ellorie, Joey, Nathalia and Olivia.

The on-air fundraiser culminated with the fifth annual "Clouds" Choir for a Cause. Nearly 8,000 people gathered in the Mall of America to carry on Zach Sobiech's message of hope.

"I love that people have made singing 'Clouds' together a part of their holiday tradition," said Zach's mom, Laura. "This season, the 'Clouds' Choir is about people coming together to do something simple that changes the world in big ways."

## Date for Life

Life was going back to "normal" for Katie Jurek and her family until they were suddenly faced with the return of cancer — a circumstance no child or family should have to endure. Katie's mother, Lynn Poferl, remembers asking her daughter if there was anything she was afraid of. "What Katie feared most," said Lynn, "was being forgotten."

Diagnosed with osteosarcoma at age 16, Katie completed 14 months of treatment, including multiple surgeries, chemotherapy and countless hours of physical therapy, before going back to school for her senior year. In her second year of college, the vicious cancer returned, and on Feb. 22, 2007, Katie passed away peacefully, surrounded by friends and family.

To honor Katie's memory, Lynn worked closely with Sara Darling, the CEO and owner of It's Just Lunch, a matchmaking service for busy professionals. The two friends created Date for Life, a fundraiser for Children's Cancer Research Fund that brings together the Twin Cities' most eligible bachelors and bachelorettes.

"Date for Life gives us the opportunity to tell Katie's story," said Lynn. "We raise money to honor her memory. And because we know what families go through, we want to help fund research that someday can prevent childhood cancer."

The event started small and grew quickly, thanks to a team of dedicated volunteers who all share the same passion for childhood cancer research and advocacy. In just 10 years, Date for Life has raised more than $569,000 to fuel promising research.

*Callie, 2009-2018, GCC ambassador*

*Gabby, cancer survivor and GCC ambassador*

## Great Cycle Challenge

This year's Great Cycle Challenge was a record-breaking event. More than 50,000 riders raised over $6.8 million and pedaled over 5 million miles for childhood cancer research! A new and popular feature this year was group rides, which encouraged participants to meet up with other riders in their area and bike together to fight childhood cancer. During June, there were 640 group rides, including one across the iconic Golden Gate Bridge!

Riders were inspired by many ambassadors, including 9-year-old Callie, who passed away from rhabdomyosarcoma on April 7, 2018. Callie's passing was devastating for her family as well as for the thousands of riders who were riding in her honor.

Since her diagnosis, Callie and her family chose to not only fight her cancer but also be advocates for childhood cancer research. While undergoing treatment, Callie became an ambassador for Great Cycle Challenge, sharing her ups and downs with all the riders following her story.

In February of this year, Callie and her family made the heart-wrenching decision to transition to hospice care to make Callie more comfortable and allow her to spend as much time as possible with her family. Following this news, GCC riders formed a team called Callie's Crew totaling 1,634 members, raising over $827,000 to help fund research for better, safer treatments for kids like Callie.

Nothing can take away the pain Callie's family feels from her loss. But her mom, Michelle, says the outpouring of support during Callie's final months have meant the world to her family. "Your ongoing support and prayers for Callie mean more than you can ever know," Michelle said. "I love my little fighter more than words can describe. I will miss every inch of her."

*GCC riders participate in a group ride in San Francisco*

# Financial Information

*July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018*

We're committed to sharing transparent and complete financial information with our donors and the community. Here is a snapshot of our performance during the 2018 fiscal year. To see more details and audited financial documents, visit ChildrensCancer.org/Financials.

## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

*Year ended June 30, 2018*

### SUPPORT AND REVENUE

| | |
|---|---|
| General Contributions | $3,901,009 |
| Events | 8,943,669 |
| Direct Expenses | (364,409) |
| Donated Goods and Services | 363,821 |
| Cause Marketing | 175,950 |
| Investment Income | 61,053 |
| Other | 71,936 |
| Total revenues and gains | $13,153,029 |

### EXPENSE

| | |
|---|---|
| Program Services | |
| Research | $4,520,079 |
| Education & Awareness | 4,456,783 |
| Patient & Family Services | 360,204 |
| Supporting Services | |
| Fundraising | 2,806,544 |
| Management & General | 953,663 |
| Total Expenses | $13,097,273 |

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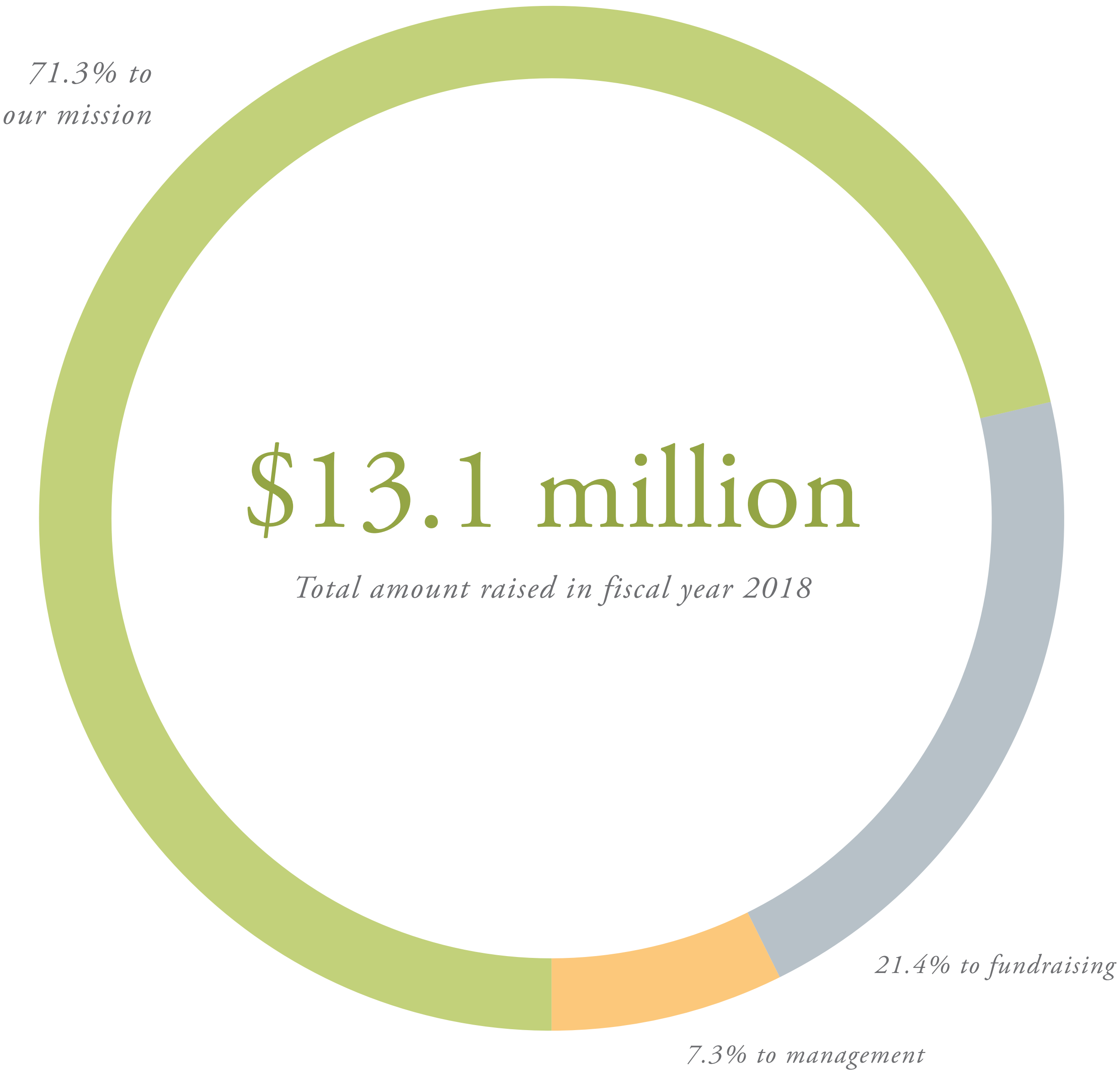
|---|---|
| Change in net assets | $55,756 |
| Net assets, beginning of year | $4,327,174 |
| Net assets, end of year | $4,382,930 |



## PROGRAM SUPPORT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Research | 34.5% | $4,520,079 |
| Education and awareness, including research fellowships | 34.0% | 4,456,783 |
| Patient and family services | 2.8% | 360,204 |

## EXPENSES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Fundraising | 21.4% | $2,806,544 |
| Management | 7.3% | 953,663 |

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

*Year ended June 30, 2018*

| ASSETS | FY 2018 | FY 2017 |
|---|---|---|
| Cash & Cash Equivalents | $6,355,416 | $4,886,588 |
| Investments | 2,429,455 | 2,289,699 |
| Pledge Receivables, Net | 1,415,158 | 1,658,751 |
| Property & Equipment, Net | 295,331 | 284,231 |
| Other Assets | 234,906 | 248,848 |
| Total Assets | $10,730,266 | $9,368,117 |

| LIABILITIES | | |
|---|---|---|
| Accounts Payable | $1,302,963 | $799,683 |
| Accrued Payroll & Related | 267,807 | 274,165 |
| Other Liabilities | 221,522 | 242,157 |
| Grants Payable, Net | 4,555,044 | 3,724,938 |
| Total Liabilities | $6,347,336 | $5,040,943 |

| NET ASSETS | | |
|---|---|---|
| Unrestricted | | |
| Operating | $1,334,057 | $1,613,192 |
| Board Designated | 2,428,326 | 2,375,884 |
| Temporarily Restricted | 220,547 | 138,098 |
| Permanently Restricted | 400,000 | 200,000 |
| Total Net Assets | $4,382,930 | $4,327,174 |
| Total Liabilities & Net Assets | $10,730,266 | $9,368,117 |

*Gabby, cancer survivor*

# Lifetime Giving

*Italic:* Founding Lifetime Visionaries
* Deceased
[B] 2018 Benefactors Circle Member

## HAGEBOECK SOCIETY

*$1 Million +*

140 Invitational Golf Tournament
Benefactors Circle
*Al and Toni Cady and Family*
Community Health Charities
Kenneth* and Betty Jayne Dahlberg
*Jean and John Hedberg* [B]
Bill & Sue* Hodder and Family
Julia Hoffman
Hubbard Broadcasting Foundation
KS95 for Kids
*The Lehman Family*
Macy's
Macaria Ramey*
Target Corporation
Thrivent Financial

## NESBIT SOCIETY

*$500,000 - $999,999*

Anonymous - 1[B]
*Patty and Chris Conroy* [B]
*Camie and Jack Eugster* [B]
*Hansen Family Foundation*
Lori and Russell Swansen

## RAMSAY SOCIETY

*$250,000 - $499,999*

Anonymous - 2
AM Retail Group, Inc.
Best Buy Corporation
Blythe Brenden-Mann Foundation
C. H. Robinson Foundation
*Glenda and Fritz Corrigan* [B]
Delta Air Lines
Alfred W. Erickson Foundation
Facebook Community Fundraisers
Lucie Mackey Grant*
*Diana and Norm Hageboeck* [B]
*Hedberg Family Foundation*
Ross and Shara Hoffman
*Nancy and John Lindahl* [B]
Minnesota Community Foundation
Dr. Mark and Deb Nesbit [B]
RBC Wealth Management
Drs. Norma and Robert Ramsay [B]
James L. Reissner Family Foundation
Harry and Faye Rosenberg Trust
Dan and Sheila Saklad
Cari Streich
Genevieve Stelberg*
Melvin Symanietz*
TCF
UnitedHealth Group
*Andrew and Marci Weiner and Family* [B]

## LIFETIME VISIONARIES

*$100,000 - $249,999*

Anonymous - 4
Barbel Abela
*Judy and Roger Anderson*
Virginia and Michael Baden
Bame Foundation
Benevity Community Impact Fund
John and Nancy Berg
Geri and Steve Bloomer [B]
BMO Harris Bank
Gina Leonetti Boonshoft and David Boonshoft
Jack and Nancy* Burbidge [B]
Elizabeth and Kenneth Burdick
*Chuck and Corky Carlsen*
Deloitte
*Joanne and William Edlefsen*
Bob Engelke, in memory of Louise Engelke
Angie and Ted Erickson
Susan and Brian Erickson
Susan and Neal Erickson
Nan and Paul* Faust
General Mills
Greater Twin Cities United Way
*Eleanor* and William T.* Hageboeck*
Anne and Richard Higgins
*Gary Holmes*
*Mary L. Holmes Family*
*Jamieson Charitable Foundation*
Del and Judy Johnson [B]
Doug Jones Family Foundation
Isabel and Vernon Kibble
Pat and Richard Lawson
Larry and Jean LeJeune
Love Your Melon
The Ben Miller Foundation
Bill and Sheri Nichols
*Karen W. and Eric H. Paulson*
Karl Potach Foundation
Michael and Brittany Reger Family Foundation
Ryan Companies
Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation
*Barbara and Dennis Senneseth*
*Sandy and Cal Simmons*
Thrivent Asset Management
University of Minnesota Foundation
US Bank
Karen and Glen Vanic
Jennifer and Kevin Weist
Betty Wescott*
Marion B. and David G. Williams [B]
YourCause Thrivent Financial Foundation

# 2018 Annual Giving by Individuals

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*$1,000-$2,499 from July 1, 2017-June 30,2018*

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## VISIONARIES

*$20,000+ from July 1, 2017-June 30,2018*

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Community Health Charities
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Facebook Community Fundraisers
Love Your Melon
Magenic Technologies
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Thrivent Asset Management
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*$10,000-$19,999 from July 1, 2017-June 30,2018*

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BLIP, LLC
BMO Harris Bank
The Evelyn C. Carter Fndn Corp
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Hubbard Broadcasting
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*$5,000-$9,999 from July 1, 2017-June 30,2018*

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*$2,500-$4,999 from July 1, 2017-June 30,2018*

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*$1,000-$2,499 from July 1, 2017-June 30,2018*

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The Anjulicia Foundation
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*$1,000-$2,499 from July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018*

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## COMMUNITY HEALTH CHARITIES

We partner with Community Health Charities (CHC) to help individuals give, support and connect with their most important health causes. The mission of CHC is to unite caring donors in the workplace with our nation's most trusted health charities. CHC directly impacts and improves the lives of those affected by chronic illness by providing resources to medical research.

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*Gabby, cancer survivor, with her twin brother*

## Children's Cancer Research Fund®

Every week, 38 children pass away from cancer. We want to stop this, so we provide national support to the brightest scientists whose ideas are making the greatest impact for children with cancer. We also support vital family services across the country and advocate for childhood cancer education and awareness to surround families with community and, ultimately, hope.

With only 4 percent of federal cancer funding dedicated to childhood cancer, support from CCRF is crucial to finding safer, more effective therapies for kids battling cancer.

Thank you for joining the fight against childhood cancer. You have given us and families everywhere another reason to hope.

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*Jacob (right), cancer survivor, with his brothers*