2026 ANNUAL REPORT

Believing *Better* Is Possible



Children's Cancer Research Fund®

At the Heart of Our Work Are Kids Like Kenedi and Brooklyn



The heartfelt gesture from childhood cancer survivors Kenedi and Brooklyn on the cover says so much about why we do what we do at Children's Cancer Research Fund. At the heart of our work is a future where every child has the chance to grow, dream and see what comes next.

We hope these pages give you a glimpse of the people, research and possibilities you're helping move forward — and a sense of just how much your generosity can set in motion.

With gratitude,



Elizabeth C. Allen
CEO, Children's Cancer Research Fund

By the Numbers

July 2025 - June 2026



RESEARCH & INVESTMENT

$5.2M
AWARDED

14
CLINICAL TRIALS
supported

13
NEW GRANTS
awarded



FUNDRAISING MILESTONES

$7M
RAISED
through the Great Cycle Challenge 2025 event

168
RUNNERS
raised $105K

1
EPIC RETURN
of Glamorama



PROGRAMS & FAMILY SUPPORT

150
C.C. BEARS
sent to kids facing cancer

145
CHILDHOOD CANCER FAMILIES
supported

46
CAMPERS
attended Camp Norden in person or virtually

Financial Information

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026

SUPPORT & REVENUE	
General contributions	$9,364,893
Events	$7,737,351
Donated media for Public Service Announcements	$18,590,709
Cause marketing	$972,788
Investment income	$728,983
Other	$18,977
TOTAL REVENUES AND GAINS	**$37,413,701**

EXPENSES	
Mission Programs	
Research	*$5,656,028*
Education & awareness	*$5,853,964*
*Public Service Announcements**	*$18,590,709*
Patient & family services	*$737,731*
Total Mission Programs	$30,838,432
Fundraising	$5,653,429
Management & general	$1,923,398
TOTAL EXPENSES	**$38,415,259**

*100% of PSA exposure was secured through donated media.

NET ASSETS	
Change in net assets	($1,001,558)
Net assets, beginning of year	**$3,524,818**
Net assets, end of year	**$2,523,260**

PUTTING OUR RESOURCES TO WORK FOR CHILDREN

In FY 2026, CCRF made a deliberate decision to put more of our accumulated resources to work advancing childhood cancer research. We reduced our net assets by just over $1 million to help fuel research investments, while maintaining a positive net asset balance of approximately $2.5 million. Rather than simply preserving those resources on our balance sheet, we chose to deploy a portion of them toward the mission they were built to support: accelerating better treatments and cures for children with cancer.

You Funded the Science That's Changing Everything

FROM YEARS OF RESEARCH TO A CLINICAL TRIAL

For children with diffuse midline glioma, there has never been a cure. Now, CCRF-funded research is helping change what's possible.

For nearly 20 years, CCRF donors supported the laboratory research needed to understand diffuse midline glioma (DMG), a devastating brain tumor.

With funding from CCRF, researchers Chris Moertel, MD, and Michael Olin, PhD, spent nearly two decades developing a peptide designed to break down a protein that helps DMG tumors hide from the immune system.

That research led to a first-of-its-kind clinical trial at Children's Minnesota in 2025.

Now, co-leaders Drs. Anne Bendel and Maggie Skrypek are testing that approach alongside a new vaccine - giving the immune system a new opportunity to recognize and attack the cancer.

Children's Cancer Research Fund has been there every step of the way.

The goal of the trial is simple but profound: give the gift of time to children with currently incurable brain tumors.

"Ask any parent, and they'll say, 'All I want is time,'" Dr. Moertel said.

And in the future, this clinical trial could be the reason that no child has to die from this kind of tumor.

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>
> DR. MOERTEL

AND THE SCIENCE KEEPS MOVING FORWARD thanks to you.

The Reasons Behind the Research...



JASE

Jase was diagnosed with Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma, a type of DMG, at just 7 years old. Today, his story is a reminder of what research can make possible for children and families.







Because We Believe Better is Possible.



EVA

When 8-year-old Eva was diagnosed with DMG, her family's world changed overnight. Her story reminds us what's at stake – and why research and new treatments can't wait.









Our Mission

Children's Cancer Research Fund fuels transformational research to bring better treatments and cures to children with cancer.

Katie Hageboeck was just 13 when she donated her bike money to childhood cancer research, before she died of leukemia. Her generosity inspired her family and others to grow Children's Cancer Research Fund. Since 1981, we have awarded more than $235 million to advance the most promising childhood cancer research at leading cancer centers, hospitals and institutions across the country.

THAT'S WHY WE AWARD GRANTS IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

HARD-TO-TREAT CANCERS

Thanks to the groundbreaking work of researchers, more kids are surviving cancer than ever before. But some cancers still have very low survival rates. We fund targeted research to develop more effective treatments for these aggressive, high-risk cancers.

SURVIVORSHIP

There are more than half a million childhood cancer survivors in the U.S. – and more than 95% will face a significant health issue related to the treatment they received. We fund research that looks past surviving cancer – to building a full life after cancer. This includes development of less-toxic treatments as well as interventions to help survivors thrive.

ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES

Children from underserved or socially disadvantaged communities are less likely to be diagnosed early, have access to quality follow-up care or survive cancer. We offer one of the only national grant programs focused specifically on supporting research aimed at reducing inequities in cancer outcomes – so that all children facing cancer have an equal chance.

FELLOWSHIPS

The Children's Cancer Research Fund Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Fellowship Program at the University of Minnesota supports advanced training of early-career researchers and physician-scientists. A new ten-year commitment will bring CCRF's support to an impressive milestone: 50 years. Many of the CCRF-funded fellows have gone on to become nationally- and internationally-renowned leaders in childhood cancer research and care.

CLINICAL TRIALS FOR HARD-TO-TREAT CANCERS

CCRF funds major trials that are advancing new treatments for brain tumors, relapsed neuroblastoma, Wilms tumor, osteosarcoma, high-risk acute myeloid leukemia, and more.

CCRF CATALYST GRANT

The CCRF Catalyst Grant is a multi-year, multi-million-dollar award designed to bring together a research team to tackle an ambitious challenge in childhood cancer. In 2027, the grant will focus on finding new treatments for children with high-risk pediatric acute myeloid leukemia (AML).

Many Ways to Make Research Possible

INDIVIDUALS

One person can start something big. Birthday fundraisers. Monthly gifts. Memorials. Estate planning. Major gifts. Endurance events like marathons and Great Cycle Challenge.



Great Cycle Challenge team Created to Conquer

EVENTS

When people come together, they can move research forward. Golf tournaments. Bike rides. Fishing tournaments. Community fundraisers. Signature events.



Glamorama 2026

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Companies and foundations can turn partnership into progress. Workplace giving. Sponsorships. Cause marketing. Mission-driven focus. Corporate gifts.



Ascentek teammates prepare C.C. Bear Care Kits during an annual meeting.

Moments from Camp Norden

A safe place for adventure, connection and belonging for children ages 8-17 affected by cancer, offered at no cost to families.











RESEARCH FUNDED.
POSSIBILITIES CREATED.
LIVES CHANGED.

2026

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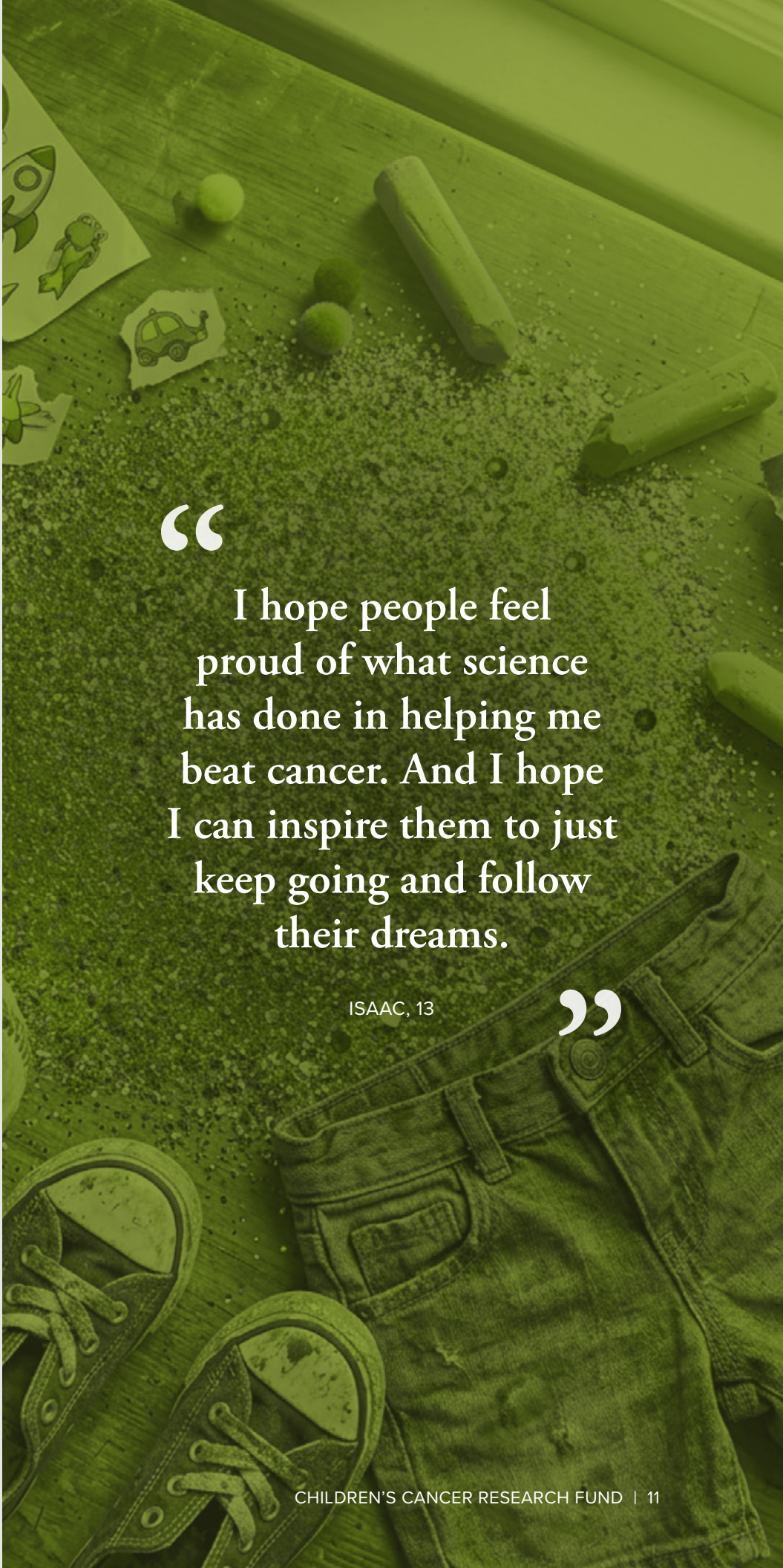
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"I hope people feel proud of what science has done in helping me beat cancer. And I hope I can inspire them to just keep going and follow their dreams."

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