

HELPING KIDS FIGHT CANCER *one trip at a time*

GABRIEL, age 6
Braving Leukemia



The Mike & Sandy Ernsdorff
Childhood Cancer Foundation

COMPASS TO CARE CHILDHOOD CANCER FOUNDATION
2018 Annual Report



ELLIE, age 2
Braving Retinoblastoma

Traveling 393 miles to treatment

COMPASS TO CARE'S MISSION

To help kids, whose parents have a financial need, access life-saving cancer treatment.

We carry out our mission by scheduling and paying for airfare, bus fare, car rental, gasoline, lodging, parking, taxi fees, train fare, and tolls.



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WHY WE EXIST

Compass to Care works every day to support the cancer journeys of children. By lending a hand during this time of need, we impact the lives of these children and their families by:

ELIMINATING the monetary burden of cancer-related travel costs

REMOVING the stress of planning medically-necessary travel

PROVIDING access to the best cancer treatment available

GIVING HOPE for a child's cure from cancer

By helping children get to their treatment each time it is scheduled, we are also ensuring **RESEARCHERS** can complete their clinical trials. Our hope is to be a partner in finding a cure for our children and all of the children with cancer who will follow in their footsteps.

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WHO WE HELP | COMPASS TO CARE'S BENEFICIARIES



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The average family of four, at the time they apply for assistance from Compass to Care, is facing tremendous financial hardship. On average, these families have:

A Monthly Household INCOME of \$1,938.00

BANK ACCOUNT Balances of \$250.00

27% of our families have \$0 in the bank

MEDICAL DEBT as high as \$300,000

HOW WE HELP | TRAVEL EXPENSES COVERED

For the children Compass to Care supported in 2018, our resources were allocated to the following travel expenditures.



IMPACT WE MAKE | CANCER JOURNEY SUPPORT

Since 2010

391

Children

10,708

Trips
funded

21,799

Treatment
days received

1,548,027

Miles traveled



ITZEL, age 5
IN REMISSION

“We are really grateful. A special thank you for everyone that helps Compass to Care, because that lets Compass to Care help us.”
Karen, Alexa’s mom

“Your help keeps us from worrying about paying for gas and parking.”
Sarah, Lauren’s mom

“Every little help is a big help right now.”
Tiffany, Dahvie’s mom

“Thank you – your help just makes life that much easier during this.”
Chris, Cade’s dad

“You are such a blessing. Thank you for being there when we have needed it the most.”
Elizabeth, Lily’s mom

TRAVELING FOR TREATMENT

Dear Compass to Care Angels -
You have no idea how much your help with gas expenses has helped our family. That stress is not taking over with you so our team. Thank you so much for being friendly + caring + generous to total strangers like us. Know that when we teach our kids about generosity, the meaning of Xmas, and angels among us, you are an example in real life.

Parents struggle to make ends meet when their children are braving cancer. After general household expenses are paid, most have no money left for travel or medical costs.

We conducted a research study with the Children's Oncology Group and found that **30% of all children diagnosed with cancer do not live within 60 miles** of the closest pediatric oncologist. This brings on overwhelming financial challenges for families fighting childhood cancer.

The support provided by Compass to Care ensures parents have the financial means to get their children to the hospital for cancer treatment.

Though we will never truly know what it means for these families to receive our support, a note like the one to the left gives us a glimpse at just how important our mission and our donors are in their lives.



JORDYN, age 11
A SURVIVOR

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ZA'NAII, age 7
Braving a Brain Tumor
Traveling 115 miles to treatment

HOPING FOR A HEALTHY FUTURE

Ultimately, Compass to Care fights every day so that children with cancer have hope for a healthy future. We make it absolutely certain that a parent's inability to cover the costs to get their child to treatment does not stand in the way of that hope.

Jordyn Gourley shared her personal cancer journey at Compass to Care's Breakfast Benefit in Dubuque, IA and at our 7th Annual Fashion Show in Chicago, IL in 2018. She told our supporters how at 3 years old she was diagnosed with rhabdomyosarcoma and that **the best treatment for her cancer was over 1,000 miles away from her family's home**. After her aunt, Amy Harris, reached out to Compass to Care, she was soon on a flight to receive that treatment.

Today, Jordyn is a healthy 11-year-old who is a living example of the impact Compass to Care's donors make in the lives of children with cancer. Without Compass to Care's support during her treatment, Jordyn said her parents "would have stayed at our local hospital and I would have had the standard treatment that guaranteed no more than a 15% prognosis....not because they wanted to, because they didn't know how," Jordyn explained.

This is the hope we hold for all of our children. Regardless as to how far away the medical center is that offers the right treatment, we ensure children, whose families are facing financial difficulties, can get there so they have the best chance to share their stories of survival and live healthy lives, well beyond cancer.

HELPING KIDS & HAVING FUN



Throughout the year, we reach out to our donors, corporations, neighbors, family, and friends and ask for their support as we work to help children travel for cancer treatment. Everyone who says yes, helps our kids get one mile closer, one trip closer, one treatment closer to a cancer cure.

This year we had a lot of fun with our supporters, as we helped our kids travel toward a cancer cure.

DUBUQUE BREAKFAST BENEFIT A 7:00am breakfast is the perfect way to start your morning. Having it with 300 members of your community, as you hear strong, healthy 11-year-old Jordyn Gourley talk about how Compass to Care helped her get the treatment that saved her life eight years ago, makes it a morning no one wants to miss! Moved by Jordyn and Compass to Care's mission, our donors and sponsors gave over \$64,000 to help more kids travel to cancer treatment.

TAG DAYS AT WRIGLEY FIELD Have you ever seen people standing at the local grocery store asking for money? That is exactly what our volunteers were doing on a few rainy days in July. Yet they weren't at the grocery store; they were right outside Wrigley Field as Cubs and Cardinals fans arrived and departed the game. It was fun. It was wet. But that did not stop the fans for generously donating almost \$3,000 to help our kids.



BUBBLE FUN RUN IN PARK RIDGE "How can we make our 5K and 1 Mile Walk much more fun," was the question our race coordinator Anna Polyak presented to the committee. Suddenly the idea of adding bubbles to the race course emerged. Our 5K soon transitioned to a BUBBLE FUN RUN. On August 10th, 200 runners lined up to run and walk through Compass to Care's bubble wonderland and raised almost \$18,000 to support Compass to Care's kids.

GOLD RIBBON GALA HOSTED BY THE ASSOCIATE BOARD Hanging out with young professionals on a Friday night in September is always a good time. But when you are enjoying great food, a lot of drinks, and showing off your best dance moves, all while raising \$10,000 to help children travel to cancer treatment, it becomes a night you will remember for a very long time.



GET INVOLVED! It can be fun to get involved with Compass to Care. Volunteer, join a committee, be part of our Associate Board, sit on our Board of Directors, or find a role that fits you on our website:
<http://compasstocare.org/current-volunteer-opportunities/>

DOCTORS DOING MORE

Doctors spend their days caring for patients. When we called to ask, "will you spend your night caring for kids with cancer as our runway models," they said yes!

On Saturday, November 11th, donning clothing from Lord & Taylor, Chicagoland Doctors walked the runway to help our kids on their cancer journeys. With our Presenting Sponsors, CIBC, the Richard & Diane Templer Family Foundation, and Leadership's Calling®, we raised over \$160,000 to support our mission! **This was our biggest event ever!!**



PARTNERING FOR A CURE

The Pediatric Oncology Social Workers, Pediatric Oncologists, and Pediatric Oncology Nurses who care for children with cancer refer the appropriate families to Compass to Care for travel support. We work in close unison with this team throughout each child's cancer journey. We have received requests to assist children and families associated with **68 medical centers across the United States.**



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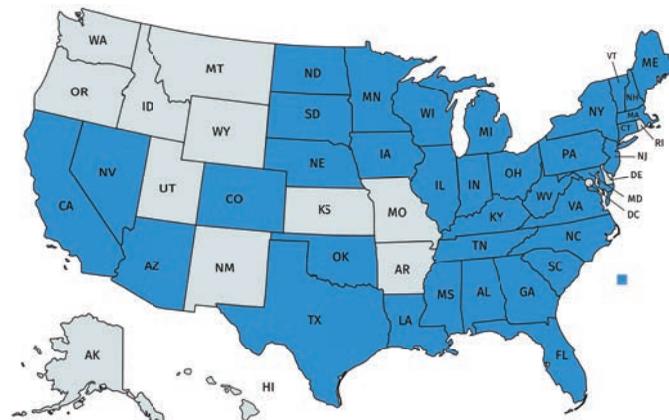
Cabell Huntington Hospital

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STATES WHERE OUR CHILDREN RESIDE (in blue)

Though the majority of our support has been extended to children in the Midwest, we receive requests for assistance from across the United States. When possible we say "yes" to any family in need.





THANK YOU TO OUR 2018 DONORS
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HALEY, age 11 Braving Leukemia

Traveling 66 miles to treatment

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

December 31, 2018

Current Assets	
Cash & Equivalents	264,756
Inventory	8,303
Total Current Assets	<u>273,059</u>
Other Assets	
Endowment	33,152
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>306,211</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	
Due on Credit Card	560
NET ASSETS	<u>305,651</u>

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

As of December 31, 2018

REVENUE	
Endowment Income	132
Investment Income	2,063
Fundraising Income	257,409
Businesses & Foundations	73,500
Individual & Others	78,749
Sales Income	7,928
Interest Income	9
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>419,790</u>
EXPENSES	
Program 84%	287,230
Management & General 8%	26,562
Fundraising 8%	28,638
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>342,430</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	77,360

See a full view of our Audited 2018 Financials online:
www.CompassToCare.org/childhood-cancer-commitment



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ANDREW, age 12
Braving a Brain Tumor