ANNUAL REPORT 2019

Helping kids fight cancer, one trip at a time.

COMPASS TO CARE

The Mike & Sandy Ernsdorff Childhood Cancer Foundation
10TH ANNIVERSARY 2010 - 2020
TO HELP KIDS, WHOSE PARENTS HAVE A FINANCIAL NEED, ACCESS LIFE-SAVING CANCER TREATMENT.

Compass to Care is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. We carry out our mission by scheduling and paying for airfare, bus fare, car rental, gasoline, lodging, parking, taxi fees, train fare, and tolls.

Cover: TENLEY, age 4, braving leukemia
Below: KARTER, age 5, braving brain cancer (left), with his brother Khristian (right)
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 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 follow in their footsteps.

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WHO WE HELP

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 this one gives us a glimpse at just how important our mission and our donors are in their lives.

I’m not even sure I have the proper words of gratitude for the financial help you are providing us when we travel to our son’s Dr. appointments! Not having to worry about large credit card bills arriving in the mail because of hotel and gas expenses is truly a gift! Not having to have the financial stress of travel is huge! We are able to completely focus on our sons (the one battling cancer & his little brother who is along for the ride!) You and your organization will forever be in our hearts & memories when we look back on this cancer journey!

Average monthly household income $2,000 42% have less than $200 in the bank
60% have $0 left after their monthly expenses are paid 45% have medical debt
HOW WE HELP

For the children we supported in 2019, our resources were allocated to the following travel expenses.

- Gasoline 36%
- Airfare 18%
- Parking 16%
- Lodging 12%
- Taxi 8%
- Car Rental 4%
- Tolls 3%
- Train Fare 2%
- Bus Fare <1%

Thank everyone there from me and my family for what you have been doing for my daughter. God bless you all.

- Bilal, Bushra’s dad

With Compass to Care relieving fear under extreme circumstances, we have been given the peace and energy to put our efforts into Andrew’s healing, and keep our family close and secure.

- Debra, Andrew’s mom

Compass to Care has helped by taking the financial burden off of our plate when we were going through some of the hardest times we’ve ever been through.

IT HAS BEEN A HUGE BLESSING IN OUR LIVES and we are forever grateful for this organization!

- Alyssa, Karter’s mom

Last year, after a really long hospital stay, I went to leave the parking ramp....and it was over $600! Without your help, I wouldn’t be able to take my daughter to her appointments so she can get better.

Thank you so much!

- Amber, Za’Naii’s mom

AEDAN, age 1 braving retinoblastoma
JON LESTER MEET & GREET
Ten Compass to Care kids got the VIP treatment at Wrigley Field when Cubs pitcher, Jon Lester, invited us as his special guest. We were escorted onto the field, invited into the dugout, and Jon came out to sign autographs and take photos. The night was filled with fun and cheering!

DUBUQUE BREAKFAST BENEFIT
With a focus on Blake Drye and his family’s cancer journey, 300 members of the Dubuque community joined us for our Breakfast Benefit where we raised almost $60,000 to support the cancer journeys of our kids.

BUBBLE FUN RUN IN PARK RIDGE
The bubbles came back to Park Ridge, IL when Compass to Care hosted its annual Bubble Fun Run! The event drew 700 kids, parents, and serious runners who made their way through our bubbly 5K and 1 mile course and helped us raise $27,000 to help our kids travel to cancer treatment.

GOLD RIBBON GALA HOSTED BY THE ASSOCIATE BOARD
Our young professional board put their hearts and souls into making their annual Gold Ribbon Gala a success. With family, friends, and colleagues coming out for a night of food, drinks, dancing, and a silent auction, they raised $14,000 to support our kids.

250,000 AIRLINE MILES RAISED VIA MILES ON A MISSION
United Airlines contacted Compass to Care and asked us to be one of the first charities for their Miles on a Mission campaign. In just 13 days, we raised 250,000 airline miles to help our children travel to distant medical centers for treatment.

A RUNWAY OF DREAMS
For a few magical hours on November 9th, several Compass to Care kids dreamed about their futures while walking the runway in outfits that represented who they want to be when they grow up. Gabriel got to walk down the runway with five players on the Northwestern baseball team in full uniform. Summer’s face lit up when she saw the nurse scrubs and lab coat we picked out for her. Dominic shared the runway with a real-life zookeeper from Lincoln Park Zoo!

As guests learned more about the Compass to Care mission, they generously donated to help our kids get to cancer treatment. With our presenting sponsors — CIBC, Constellation Brands, Leadership’s Calling and the Richard and Diane Templer Family Foundation — we raised over $188,000 to protect the dreams of these children.
Throughout the year, we reach out to our donors, corporations, neighbors, family, and friends to 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.

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/
Thank you TO OUR 2019 DONORS FOR HELPING OUR KIDS FIGHT CANCER

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$25,000 - $49,999
Abra Prentice Foundation, Inc.
Max and Sunny Howard Memorial Foundation

Bronze
$10,000 - $24,999
100+ Women Who Care
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Tandem Tire & Auto Service
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Lenny & Mags Young
WE SINCERELY APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM ALL OF OUR DONORS, GRANTORS, SPONSORS, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS.

Please visit our website to see an entire list of our donors:
www.CompassToCare.org/2019Donors

We are proud to recognize the following individuals who had gifts made in their honor or memory.

Alyssa
Logan Bateman
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Norah Bradley
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Triston Chandlee
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Sandi Michel
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Ashley Montgomery
Will O’Brien
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Natalia Raginya
Christine Rapp
Kyle Reed
John Ritzert
Clark Rutledge
Gomer Steve Smith
Jamie Straka
Emma Verdun
Joseph Vive
Connor Watson
Anna Weitz
Ryan Wilks
Carter Zapf

MIA, age 4
braving leukemia
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. 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.

ALABAMA
Children’s Hospital of Alabama
ARIZONA
Phoenix Children’s Hospital
CALIFORNIA
California Protons Cancer Therapy Center
Children’s Hospital of Los Angeles
Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital
Stanford Rady Children’s Proton Therapy Program
UC Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center
UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospital
Ventura County Medical
COLORADO
Children’s Hospital of Colorado
CONNECTICUT
Yale New Haven Children’s Hospital
FLORIDA
All Children’s Hospital
Johns Hopkins All Children’s Hospital
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ILLINOIS
Advocate Children’s Hospital
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OSF St. Jude Midwest Affiliate
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The LaCava Center for Integrative Medicine
UC Medicine Comer Children’s Hospital
University of Illinois at Chicago
IOWA
Blank Children’s Hospital
University of Iowa Children’s Hospital
INDIANA
IU Health Methodist Hospital
Memorial Hospital of South Bend
Riley Hospital for Children
KANSAS
Children’s Mercy Hospitals & Clinics
LOUISIANA
Children’s Hospital New Orleans
MAINE
Integrative Therapies for Prevention, Cancer and Chronic Disease
The Barbara Bush Children’s Hospital
MARYLAND
University of Maryland Medical Center
MASSACHUSETTS
Baystate Children’s Hospital
Boston Children’s Hospital
Dana Farber Cancer Institute
Massachusetts General Hospital
MICHIGAN
Children’s Hospital of Michigan
CS Mott Children’s Hospital
Helen DeVos Children’s Hospital
MINNESOTA
Children’s Hospital & Clinics of Minnesota
Mayo Clinic
MISSOURI
Barnes-Jewish Hospital
S. Lee Kling Proton Therapy Center
St. Louis Children’s Hospital
NEBRASKA
The Buffett Early Childhood Institute
NEW JERSEY
Procure Proton Therapy Center
NEW YORK
Bernard & Millie Duker Children’s Hospital at Albany Medical Center
Children’s Hospital at Montefiore
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
Strong Memorial Hospital
University of Rochester Medical Center
Upstate Golisano Children’s Hospital
Weill Cornell Medical College

STATES WHERE OUR CHILDREN RESIDE
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
December 31, 2019

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<th>Current Assets</th>
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<td><strong>Net Assets</strong></td>
<td><strong>$362,446</strong></td>
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**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
As of December 31, 2019

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<td><strong>Total Expenses</strong></td>
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<td><strong>$56,795</strong></td>
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See a full view of our audited 2019 financials online:  
www.CompassToCare.org/childhood-cancer-commitment

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**WE HAVE RECEIVED REQUESTS TO ASSIST CHILDREN AND FAMILIES ASSOCIATED WITH 85 MEDICAL CENTERS ACROSS THE UNITED STATES.**

**NORTH CAROLINA**  
Duke Children’s Hospital  
Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center

**OHIO**  
Cincinnati Children’s Hospital  
Cleveland Clinic  
Nationwide Children’s Hospital  
Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center  
Rainbow Babies & Children’s Hospital

**OKLAHOMA**  
The Oklahoma Proton Center

**PENNSYLVANIA**  
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia  
Lehigh Valley Reilly Children’s Hospital  
Roberts Proton Therapy Center  
UPMC Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh  
Wills Eye Institute

**SOUTH CAROLINA**  
MUSC Children’s Hospital

**SOUTH DAKOTA**  
Sanford Children’s Hospital

**TENNESSEE**  
TC Thompson Children’s Hospital  
Vanderbilt Children’s Hospital  
Provision Center for Proton Therapy

**TEXAS**  
Cook Children’s Hospital  
MD Anderson Cancer Center  
Texas Children’s Hospital  
The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston

**UTAH**  
Primary Children’s Hospital

**WASHINGTON**  
Seattle Children’s Hospital

**WEST VIRGINIA**  
Cabell Huntington Hospital

**WISCONSIN**  
American Family Children’s Hospital  
Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin
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DOMINIC, age 6
braving brain cancer

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