

ANNUAL REPORT 2019

*Helping kids fight cancer,
one trip at a time.*



The Mike & Sandy Ernsdorff
Childhood Cancer Foundation
10TH ANNIVERSARY
2010 - 2020



OUR MISSION FOR 10 YEARS

2010 - 2020

**TO HELP KIDS, WHOSE PARENTS HAVE
A FINANCIAL NEED, ACCESS LIFE-SAVING
CANCER TREATMENT.**

Compass to Care is 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)





ANTHONY

age 5
braving
leukemia

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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 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.



LAUREN, age 13
braving Wilm's tumor

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

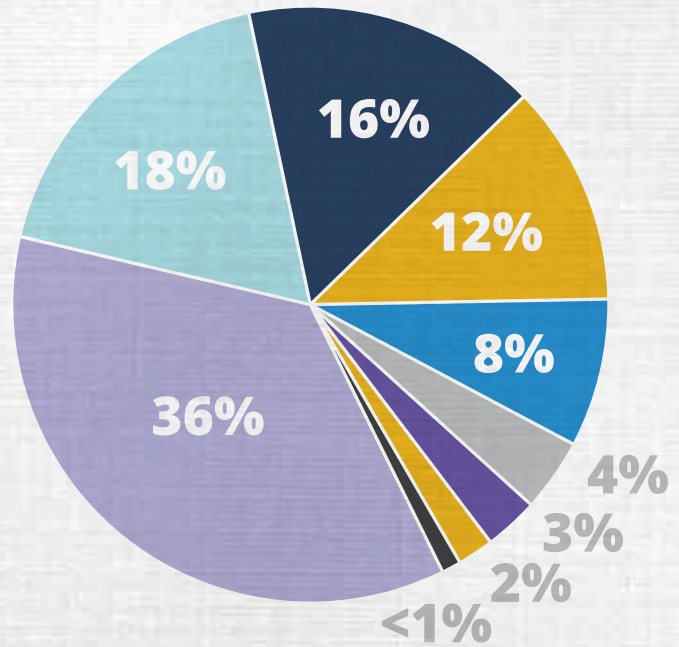
60% have **\$0 left** after their monthly expenses are paid

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%



AEDAN,
age 1
braving
retinoblastoma

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



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



GABRIEL, age 7, braving leukemia

Richard and Diane Templer Family Foundation — **we raised over \$188,000** to protect the dreams of these children.

— SINCE 2010 —

we have funded

12,988 trips
FOR 472 CHILDREN

to receive

25,910 days of treatment.

Total miles traveled:

1,963,352

HOW YOU CAN HELP

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

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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

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following individuals who had gifts
made in their honor or memory.*

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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

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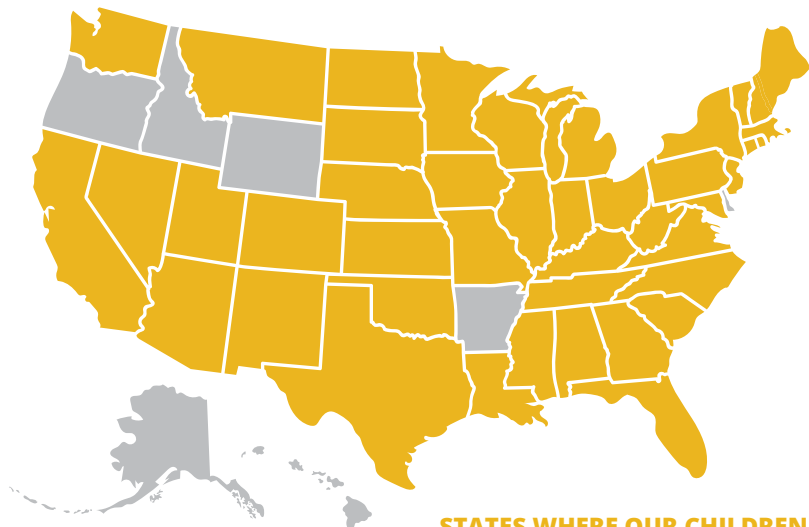
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

Strong Memorial Hospital

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STATES WHERE OUR CHILDREN RESIDE

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
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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

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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

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

December 31, 2019

Current Assets

Cash & Equivalents	\$322,517
Inventory	\$4,829
Total Current Assets	\$327,346

Other Assets

Endowment	\$37,815
Total Assets	\$365,161

Total Liabilities

Due on Credit Card	\$2,715
Net Assets	\$362,446

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

As of December 31, 2019

Revenue

Businesses & Foundations	\$84,600
Endowment Income	\$182
Fundraising Income	\$299,432
Individual & Others	\$83,199
Investment Income	\$6,543
Interest Income	\$43
Sales Income	\$2,161
Misc	\$221
Total Revenue	\$476,381

Expenses

Program 90%	\$377,130
Management & General 5%	\$21,515
Fundraising 5%	\$20,941
Total Expenses	\$419,586
Change in Net Assets	\$56,795

See a full view of our audited 2019 financials online:
[www.CompassToCare.org/
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DOMINIC, age 6
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