



GIOVANA, age 4
braving
Rhabdomyosarcoma

2020

a year
of
holding hands



The Mike & Sandy Ernsdorff
Childhood Cancer Foundation

Compass to Care Annual Report

I hold your hand so you know that you do not have to face this world alone.



2020 was a year marred by the COVID-19 pandemic, mask wearing, social distancing, and isolation. It was a year where we were all called to Stay home. Stay safe. Save lives.

Many things stopped. Cancer didn't.

While our team worked from home and our events went virtual, we remained fully committed to holding the hands of families who needed our help as they fought against childhood cancer.

Across the miles, and through the computer screen, we needed you to hold their hands too.

With open hearts, you gave our families a true gift. Each time they needed to travel to get their child to cancer treatment, you held their hand. And they knew by your generous support, they did not have to face the world of childhood cancer alone.

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Compass to Care improves access to treatment for children with cancer.

By lending a hand during a child's cancer journey, Compass to Care seeks to:

- **Erase the costs of NEMT (Non Emergency Medical Transportation) for children whose families are facing poverty or cancer-related financial toxicity**
- **Eliminate transportation as a barrier to access treatment for children with cancer**
- **End childhood cancer survival disparities, giving all children hope for a cure**

Compass to Care provides free airfare, car rental, gasoline, lodging, parking fees, taxi fees, train fare, and tolls for our beneficiaries. By funding these non emergency medical travel expenses, we help reduce the number of missed appointments, increase clinical trial completion, and help our children, and all of the children who follow in their footsteps, reach a cancer cure.



ABRIELLE
Leukemia Survivor

Who we help

The best cancer treatment in the world cannot cure a child if he or she has no way to get there. For children whose families are facing poverty and/or cancer-related financial toxicity (CRFT), getting to treatment can be a real problem.



EMMA, age 5
braving
Neuroblastoma

One in five children diagnosed with cancer in the United States lives in poverty.

Transportation is a basic but necessary step for ongoing health care, especially for those with chronic diseases like cancer. According to the American Hospital Association (AHA), transportation challenges prevent a staggering 3.6 million Americans from receiving medical care each year. Children with cancer are among these patients and they need reliable access to Non Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT).

With research pointing to a risk of relapse when a child misses just one daily dose of chemotherapy in a two-week course, Compass to Care can support a child's cure by providing free NEMT to help children arrive on time, every time treatment is scheduled.

**Average cost of NEMT
FOR OUR CHILDREN**
\$2,004.31
per year

Detriments of FT

Financial toxicity of cancer treatment

Increased Costs

- Hospital costs
- Transportation costs
- Lodging costs
- Cost of cancer drugs

Reduced Income

- Loss of employment
- Days off work
- Reduced efficiency

Health Insurance

- No health insurance
- Loss of health insurance
- Rising costs of health insurance

Effects of FT

- Risk of bankruptcy
- Decreased satisfaction of care
- Forego or delay medical care, including missing appointments
- Poor quality of life
- Poor survival

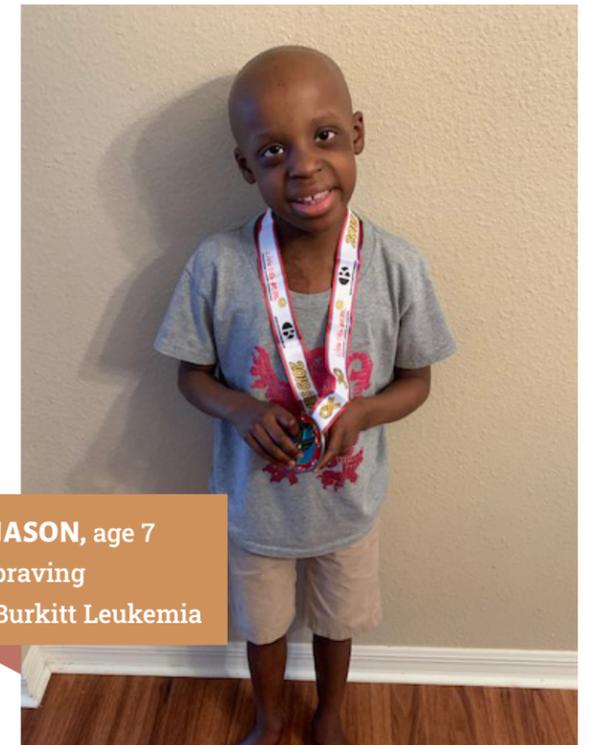
This is where Compass to Care steps in...

OUR VISION

Compass to Care will be known for its transformative travel efforts that reduce the disparities in access to childhood cancer treatment and clinical trials.

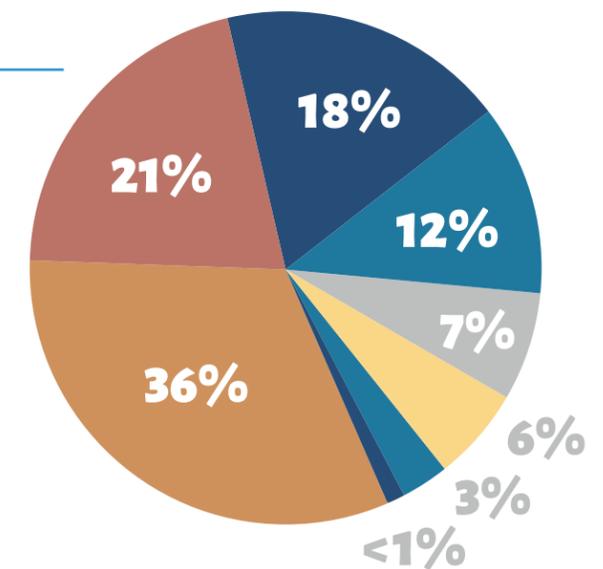
OUR MISSION

The mission of Compass to Care is to provide a free Non Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) solution to access life-saving cancer treatment and clinical trials for children fighting cancer and facing poverty or cancer-related financial toxicity.



JASON, age 7
braving
Burkitt Leukemia

How we help



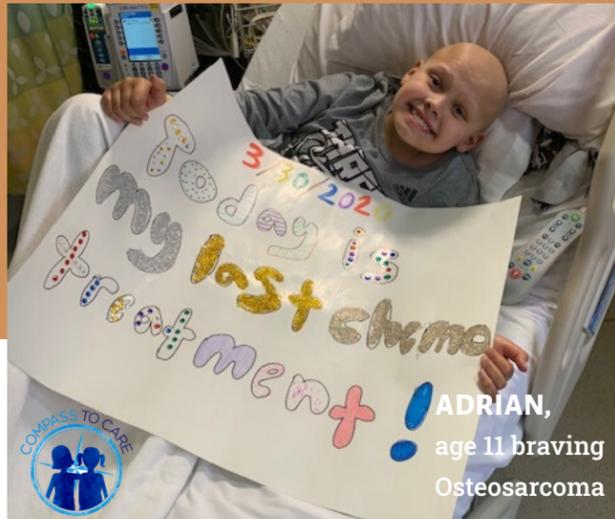
In 2020, Compass to Care funded NEMT by paying for the following expenses for our children and families.

- Gasoline 32%
- Parking 21%
- Lodging 18%
- Tolls/ Incidentals 12%
- Taxi 7%
- Airfare 6%
- Car Rental 3%
- Train Fare <1%

By supporting families in financial distress and removing the transportation barrier to access cancer treatment, Compass to Care is focused on preventing missed medical appointments and improving outcome for children living in poverty or whose families are facing CRFT.

10 years 524 CHILDREN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS

March 5, 2020 marked 10 years since Compass to Care began the fight against childhood cancer. We have paid for over **13 THOUSAND TRIPS** for children to travel **2.26 MILLION MILES** to seek cancer treatment.



ADRIAN,
age 11 braving
Osteosarcoma

For 10 years of holding the hands of our children and families, we extend our most sincere gratitude. With your help, support, flexibility, and commitment to our children, our 10-year-anniversary year was an amazing success.

NUDM CHOOSES COMPASS TO CARE AS ITS 2021 BENEFICIARY

Northwestern University Dance Marathon (NUDM) chose Compass to Care as their 2021 primary beneficiary! Each year, one charity is chosen from over 100 applicants that NUDM will support via its year-long fundraising efforts. This is a life-changing opportunity for our organization because the goal is to raise \$1 million to support our mission by March 7, 2021.



A GIFT FROM THE ABRA PRENTICE FOUNDATION

Recent research has unveiled survival disparities for Black and Hispanic children with cancer. With a truly generous two year-grant from the Abra Prentice Foundation, Compass to Care has developed the CARE & BACK™ program, which will provide NEMT for Black and Hispanic children via a custom-built app using the Kaizen Health platform. The Abra Prentice Foundation's funding of Care & Back™ will be instrumental in launching this program in Q1 of 2021.

NEW CHICAGO OFFICE

A place where our passion will thrive! We relocated to a new office where we will continue to provide hope during even the darkest days for our youngest cancer fighters. It will be a home where our team can work collectively, and safely, to expand our mission with the goal of reaching every child in the U.S. who is braving cancer.

Our new door has opened and we welcome you to continue standing with us as we do our part in the fight against childhood cancer.

Our new address is:
6323 N Avondale Ave, Suite 250
Chicago, IL 60631



A huge thank you to Steve Anderson, Audrey Clucas, Dan Clucas, Matt May, and Brett Rausch for helping with the move.



Dubuque Annual Breakfast Benefit

Our annual benefit was scheduled right at the start of COVID-19 when everything went on lockdown. We quickly transitioned this special morning into a BYO Breakfast virtual benefit. While it certainly wasn't the same as sharing a meal with our strongest supporters, it was a meaningful way to share our mission.

Quaranteam for Kids with Cancer

With runners participating from around the country, we held our most successful 5K to date! The perfect weather for race week, and the ability to run or walk with your own "quaranteam" made this a perfect opportunity to get outside, get some exercise, and support children as they traveled to cancer treatment.



Paving the Pathway to Hope

We transitioned our annual Fashion Show to a special night at home to celebrate the lives we touch each year. Thank you to our sponsors and donors for joining us to celebrate 10 years of laying one brick at a time on the journey towards a cure for children with cancer.



Thank you 2020 donors

for holding the hands of our kids and their families as they fight cancer.

We sincerely appreciate our donors, grantors, sponsors, family, and friends for supporting our children during a truly difficult year.

Please visit our website to see an entire list of our donors:

CompassToCare.org/2020Donors



NAHLA, age 3 braving Neuroblastoma

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PHILANTHROPIST

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Tayden Grohs	Dylan Torres
Jim Helling	Triston, Jacob & Judi
Steve Howard	Zoe Vielman
Maria Iltsoopoulos	
Charlie & Paul Ingrassia	

All the children fighting the good fight
All the moms who have lost children

“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

“Having people like you in this world gives us comfort and hope.”

- Colleen, Johnny’s mom

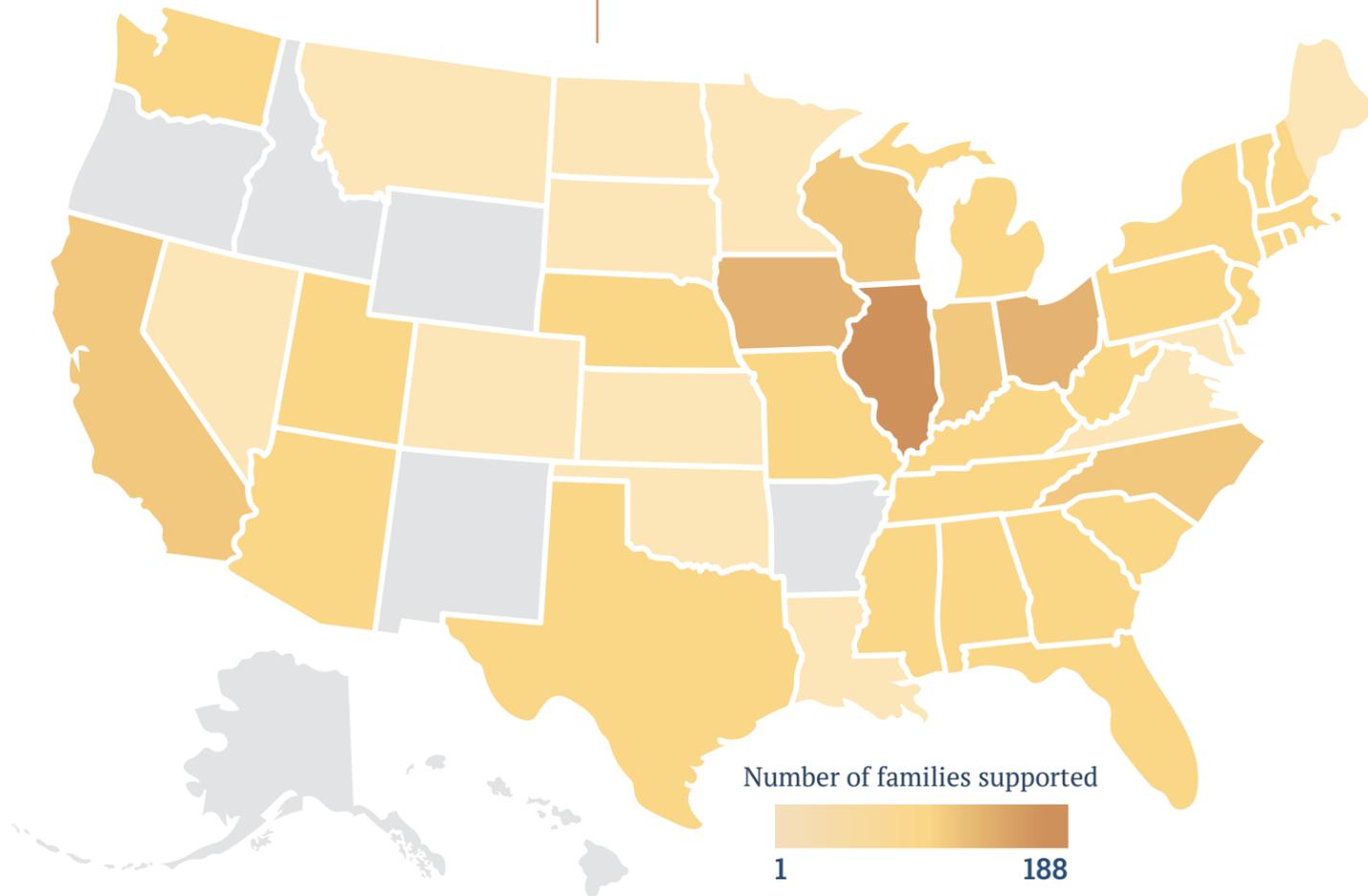
“We cannot thank you guys enough for all the help you’ve provided us. Every little bit helped. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.”

- Cara, Tucker’s mom

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. Since 2010, we have continued to expand our reach to support children across the United States.

When possible we say "yes" to any family in need.



We offered a hand of hope to children and families referred from 107 medical centers across the United States.

Our Top 10 Referring Hospitals:



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As of December 31, 2020

Current Assets	
Cash & Equivalents	\$429,412
Inventory	\$1,935
Total Current Assets	\$431,347
Other Assets	
Endowment	\$39,820
Deposit	\$1,489
Total Other Assets	\$41,309
Total Assets	\$472,656
Current Liabilities	
Due on Credit Card	\$368
Total Current Liabilities	\$368
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$472,288

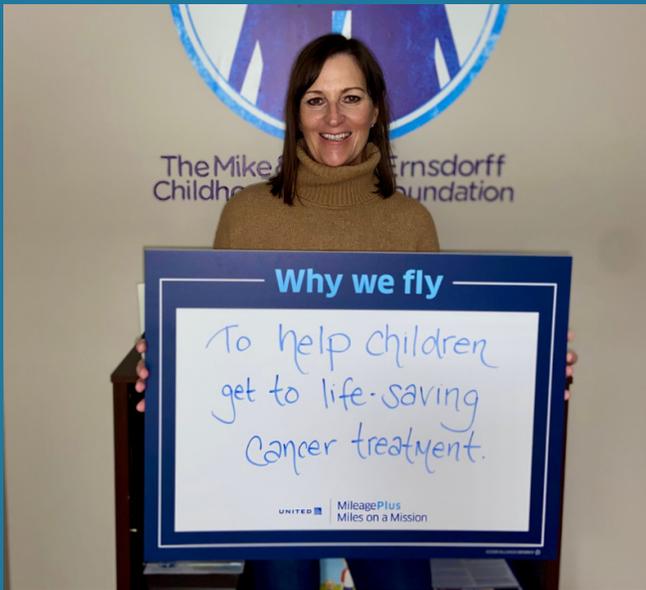
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

January 1, 2020 - December 31, 2020

Revenue	
Businesses & Foundations	\$144,772
Endowment Income	\$234
Fundraising Income	\$196,395
Individuals & Others	\$80,609
Investment Income	\$3,856
Interest Income	\$371
Sales Income	\$8,996
Donations In Kind	\$4,177
Payroll Protection Plan Forgiveness	\$26,200
Unrealized Gain (Loss)	(\$707)
Total Revenue	\$464,903
Expenses	
Program 90%	\$305,053
Management & General 5%	\$27,021
Fundraising 5%	\$22,987
Total Expenses	\$355,061
Change in Net Assets	\$109,842
Net Assets	
January 1, 2020	\$362,446
December 31, 2020	\$472,288

See a full view of our audited 2020 financials online:

www.CompassToCare.org/financials



The mission of Compass to Care, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, is to provide a free Non Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) solution to access life-saving cancer treatment and clinical trials for children fighting cancer and facing poverty or cancer-related financial toxicity. EIN 27-0885690.



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