A year of holding hands

CIOVANA, age 4
braving
Rhabdomyosarcoma

2020

Compass to Care Annual Report

The Mike & Sandy Emndorff
Childhood Cancer Foundation
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.

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.

I hold your hand so you know that you do not have to face this world alone.
In 2020, Compass to Care funded NEMT by paying for the following expenses for our children and families.

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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.

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**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.

**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.
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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

ADRIAN, age 11 braving Osteosarcoma
Platinum
PHILANTHROPIST
Abra Prentice Foundation, Inc.
Silver
PHILANTHROPIST
Max and Sunny Howard Memorial Foundation
Bronze
PHILANTHROPIST
CIBC
Constellation Brands
Henry Girvay & Bill Albert Girvay
Brian & Christy Greenblatt
Pfizer Foundation
PTS
Richard and Diane Templer Family Foundation
Theisen Family Foundation
Platinum
NAVIGATOR
Ace American Insurance Company
Chad & Laura Chandlee
Pat & Susan Frangella
Jason & Caroline Fried
Keystone Capital
LSV Asset Management
Mesirov Financial
SmithBucklin Corporation
Vedder Price
Gold
NAVIGATOR
Allstate Corp.
American Association of Nurse Anesthetists
David & Amy Becker
DuTrac Community Credit Union
Berkshire Hathaway Energy
Ellen Brislin
NFP P&C Private Client Group
Cottingham & Butler
Bill & Wendy Daughtrey
Easton Motors Inc. / Creative Finance, Inc.
Mike & Sandy Ernsdorff
FIVBank
Global Insight Consulting
Alex & Anna Golod
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Douglas & Mindy Hong
Alyssa Jeffries
Bill Klauer
Kwik Stop/Dairy Queen
Jill & John Large
Jonathon Levin
David Musters
Michelle & Matthew May
Joel & Sandra McInnerny
Kevin & Sheila McInnerny
Camilla & Andrew Merrick
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Advocate Lutheran General Children’s Hospital
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Cyndi & Rich Billmeyer
Steve Bosloh
Reid Bolton
Barb & Steve Bonnet
Lewis & Catherine Booth
Dina & Kenny Bright
The Clorox Company
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Cara Crumbliss
Mike & Celeste Deman
Omniid Farahahi
Ron Feiereisel
Tom & Rae Ann Freund
Nick Goodmann
Teri & John Goodmann
Paul & Kristie Hammes
Brooke Highline
Honkamp Krueger & Company
Peggy Howard
Soni Hudepeth
Susan Ingrassia
Jesse Keig
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Corena
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Zayvian Daniels
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Emily Ferriter
Jackson Fisher
Tayden Grohs
Jim Heiling
Steve Howard
Maria Ilisapolos
Charlie & Paul Ingrassia
All the children fighting the good fight
All the moms who have lost children
Judith Simon
Nicholas & Susan Jane Sutton
Tandem Tire & Auto Service
Paul & Rachael Templar
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Lenny & Mags Young
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

“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

“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

Thank you 2020 donors for holding the hands of our kids and their families as they fight cancer.
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.

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

Our Top 10 Referring Hospitals:

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When possible we say “yes” to any family in need.

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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.