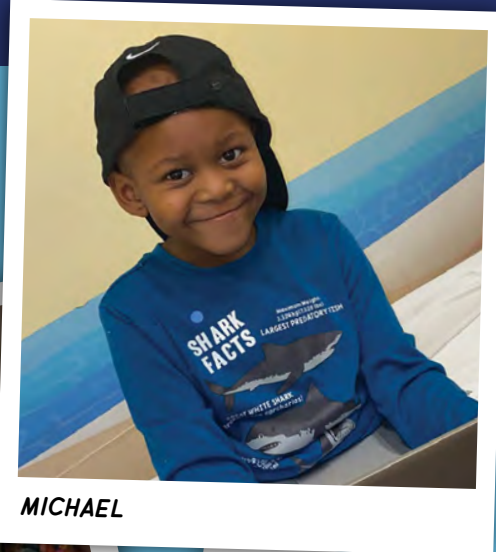




The Mike & Sandy Ernsdorff  
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3,160,000 MILES  
AND COUNTING...



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2021

# YEAR IN REVIEW



# COMPASS TO CARE FUNDS LIFE-SAVING ACCESS TO CHILDHOOD CANCER TREATMENT.

## DEAR COMPASS TO CARE SUPPORTER,

When 2021 started, people across the world had hope in their hearts that the year would be better than it was in 2020. They wanted to really live (again), walk through life without fear, and spend time with family and friends. And as I write those words, I realize that all of those feelings that we as a world were hoping for, mimic the feelings parents have when their children are fighting cancer.

But as we all saw, the road to health and wellness is not one easily navigated. This is particularly true when a child has cancer. There are so many unknowns, so many setbacks, so many feelings of hope followed by feelings of fear and exhaustion.

To experience this heavy burden of fighting childhood cancer and to endure financial instability is detrimental for children.

Our families, the Compass to Care beneficiaries, have had a place to turn for help. Even as you faced the impact of living another year during a pandemic, you still opened your hearts to our families. You listened to their stories and believed that an investment in Compass to Care was going to ease the burden families were facing when it came to transportation barriers. You believed your help could save a child's life.

2021 was the most successful year in the life of our organization. We doubled the number of children we served, from 134 to 266 children. We launched our new CARE & BACK™ program to provide Uber and Lyft rides for children whose parents do not have a car. We received referrals from 21 hospitals that had never referred previously.

For all of the accomplishments you made possible, and the lives you helped us impact, I extend my sincere gratitude. Compass to Care is the liaison between your generosity and children who want to grow up. Thank you for giving them a fighting chance.

With appreciation,  
**MICHELLE ERNSDORFF-MAY, MBA**  
 Founder & Childhood Cancer Survivor

## NEW REFERRING MEDICAL CENTERS IN 2021

- Arkansas Children's Hospital
- Children's Hospital & Medical Center of Omaha, Nebraska
- Children's Mercy Hospital Kansas
- Children's National Hospital, Washington, DC
- Children's Hospital of New Orleans, Louisiana
- Children's Medical Center Dallas, Texas
- Colorado Children's Hospital
- Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Massachusetts
- Montefiore Medical Center, New York
- NYU Langone Hospital, New York
- Peyton Manning Children's Hospital, Indiana
- Presbyterian Hospital, New Mexico
- Rady Children's Hospital, California
- Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center, New York
- Sanford Children's Specialty Clinic, South Dakota
- Sanford Roger Maris Cancer Center, North Dakota
- SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital, Missouri
- Stephen D. Hassenfeld Children's Center for Cancer & Blood Disorders, New York
- University of New Mexico Hospital
- University of North Carolina
- New Haven Children's Hospital, Connecticut

## 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 (CRFT).

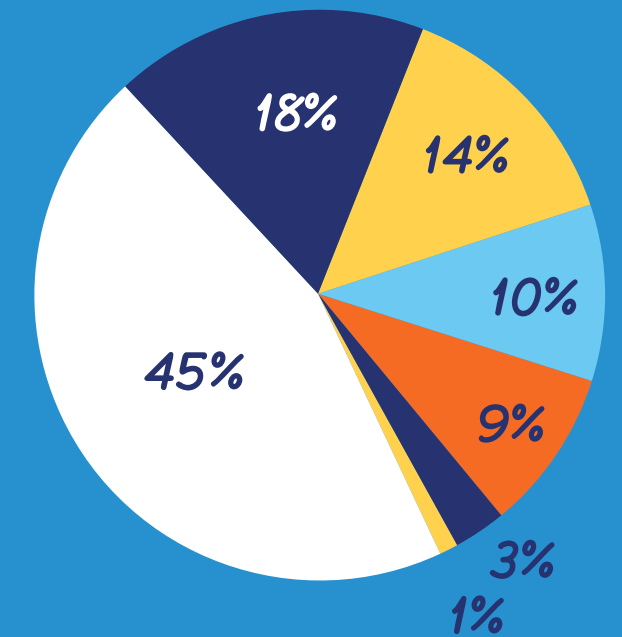


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## HOW WE HELP

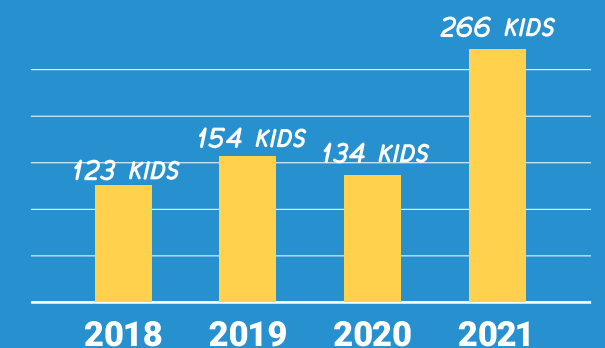
IN 2021, COMPASS TO CARE FUNDED NON-EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT BY PAYING FOR THE FOLLOWING EXPENSES FOR OUR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.

- GASOLINE 45%
- LODGING 18%
- UBER/LYFT 14%
- PARKING 10%
- AIRFARE 9%
- TOLLS 3%
- BUS, TRAIN, AND CAR RENTALS 1%



## LIVES TOUCHED

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 CANCER-RELATED FINANCIAL TOXICITY.





# WHO WE HELP

ONE IN FIVE CHILDREN DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER IN THE UNITED STATES LIVES IN POVERTY.

While many of those children are living in poverty at the time of diagnosis, some cross into a poverty profile as a result of cancer-related financial toxicity (CRFT). CRFT refers to the detrimental effects of the excess financial strain caused by the diagnosis of cancer.

For these children, financial instability is associated with higher rates of relapse and decreased overall survival.

### How does financial instability impact a child's survival?

- Financial instability leads to transportation barriers.
- Transportation barriers lead to missed and delayed appointments.
- Missed and delayed appointments lead to higher rates of relapse and lower survival rates.

### COMPASS TO CARE'S LIFE-SAVING SOLUTION:

Compass to Care is proud to have three distinct nationwide non emergency medical transportation (NEMT) solutions. These programs directly and immediately remove the transportation barriers to access cancer treatment for children with cancer who are living in poverty.

These solutions are ACCESS LIFE, CARE & BACK™, and FLIGHTS FOR HOPE.

### ACCESS LIFE

Compass to Care's Access Life program covers 100% of all transportation expenses for our beneficiary children and families, including gasoline, parking fees, and train fare.

### CARE & BACK™

Compass to Care's Care & Back™ program utilizes the Uber and Lyft transportation networks to secure safe, reliable, and readily-available transportation for families without access to a vehicle.

### FLIGHTS FOR HOPE

Compass to Care's Flights for Hope program fully funds airfare, lodging, and ground transportation so children living in poverty can access distant clinical trials or other life-saving cancer treatment.

Compass to Care is proud to be funding equitable access to childhood cancer treatment to help save lives.



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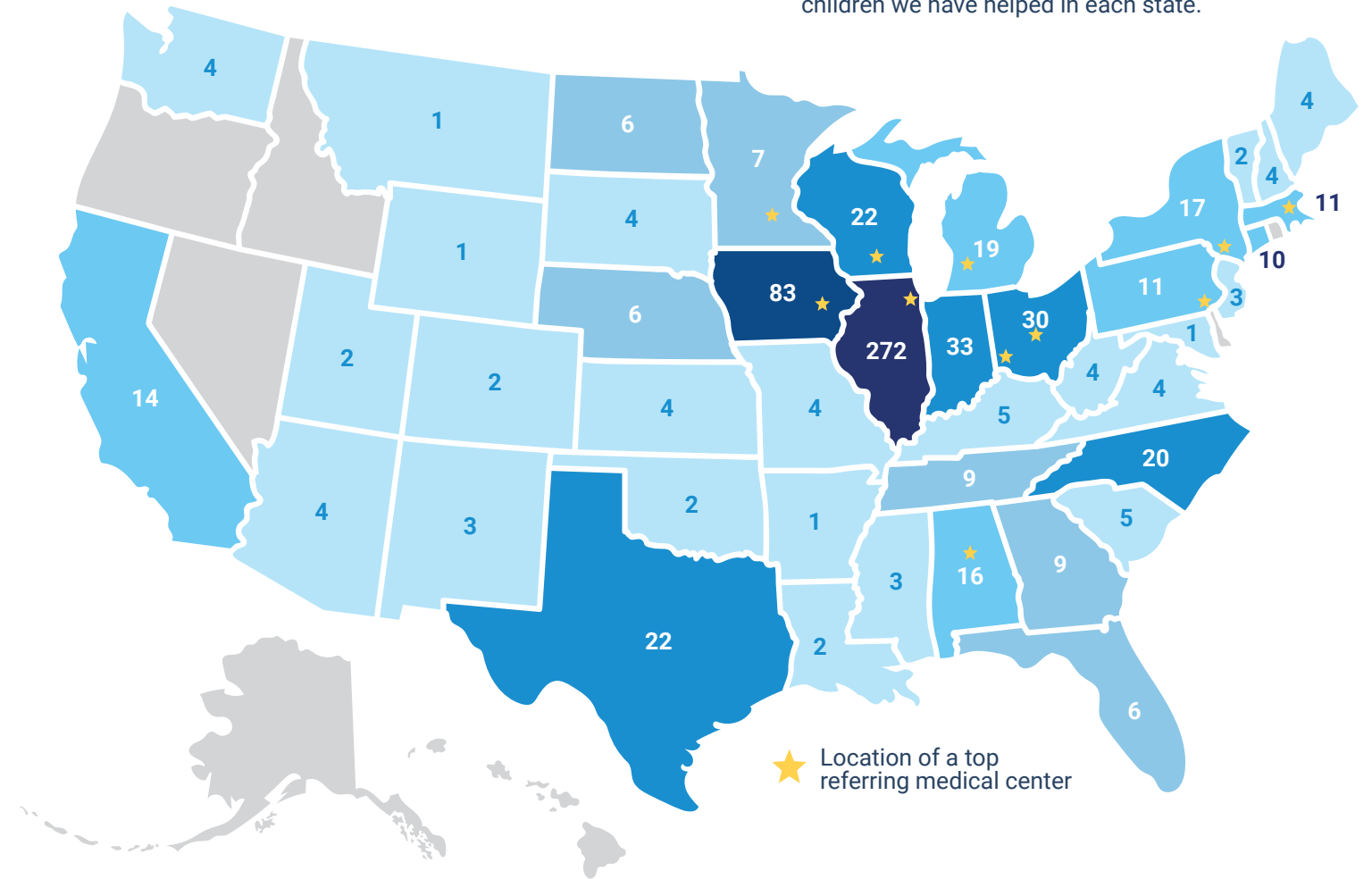
## OUR IMPACT-EMPOWERING PARENTS, SAVING LIVES

Compass to Care empowers families, enrolled in our programs, to make timely decisions about getting their children to cancer care by removing transportation barriers. In addition, these families:

- Do not have to spend their own money on transportation
- Do not need a bank account or credit card to fund their travel
- Do not need a vehicle to get their children to treatment
- Can eliminate missed appointments due to transportation barriers
- Can choose to enroll their child in a clinical trial at a distant medical center
- Feel empowered to make decisions about getting their children to the best cancer care available
- Keep hope of survival in the realm of possibility for their precious children

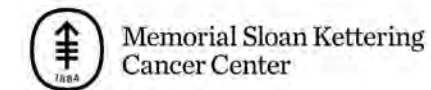
# PARTNERING FOR A CURE

Right before our eyes, Compass to Care has become the premier nationwide leader in removing the transportation barriers for children to access cancer treatment. The numbers below indicate how many children we have helped in each state.



★ Location of a top referring medical center

### OUR TOP 15 REFERRING HOSPITALS:

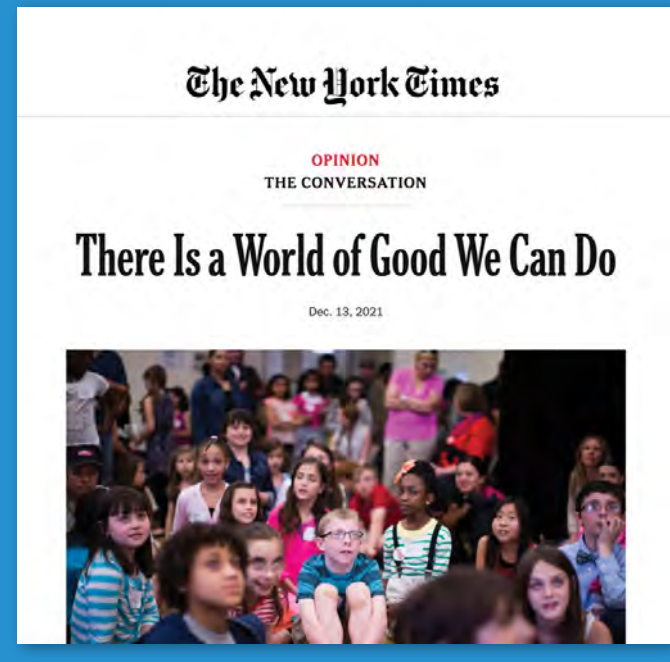




# MISSION-FOCUSED MILESTONES

## NEW YORK TIMES

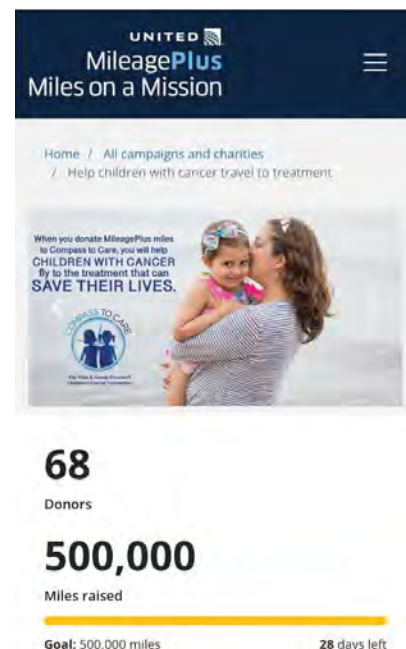
It's not every day you get mentioned in the New York Times in their Times Opinions Holiday Giving Guide, but December 13th was our day! Thank you to Bret Stephens for sharing our mission and letting people know the importance of our work.



## MILES ON A MISSION

We did it!!! We raised 500,000 Mileage Plus Miles during United Airlines' Miles on a Mission campaign!

These miles go a long way in helping our kids travel to distant treatment centers that offer hope, when options have been exhausted locally. What a gift you all have given to these children and their families.



## CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS' HOCKEY FIGHTS CANCER

Compass to Care was invited to the Chicago Blackhawks' Hockey Fights Cancer. As we waited to be honored on their purple carpet, we found out Abigail had been a Compass to Care child during her cancer journey. Abigail's mom got emotional telling us how important our support was during Abigail's treatment.

Thanks to the help of our amazing donors, this child is now in remission, walking the purple carpet as a survivor!



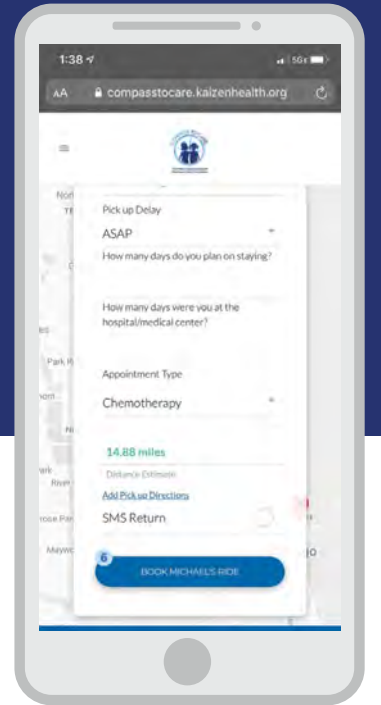
## HOW TO HELP MORE

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:

## LAUNCH OF CARE & BACK™

With the support of the Abra Prentice Foundation, Inc., Compass to Care successfully launched its CARE & BACK™ program in mid-April. Though urban-based children may only be a few miles away from the treatment facility, getting there can be a real challenge for their parents.

Compass to Care now offers these children Uber & Lyft rides to get to care and back.



## SUPPORTING CRITICAL RESEARCH

DIPG (diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma) is a devastating childhood cancer diagnosis for which there is no cure. Research is critical to giving hope for children facing DIPG.



JACE

Jace was patient #1 in a clinical trial being conducted at Stanford for children with DIPG. Jace's mother connected with Compass to Care asking for travel support to get from their home in Kansas and to stay for several weeks at a time, each time he received treatment at Stanford. Knowing what this trial could mean for Jace and all the children who followed in his footsteps, we said yes!

Though Jace sadly passed away on July 3, 2021 at the age of 22, he was a remarkable gift to the DIPG community of fighters. He was a constant advocate for awareness and funding.

Compass to Care is committed to supporting researchers as they find answers to cure all childhood cancers. Your support of Jace's courageous fight has gotten them one step closer for this devastating diagnosis.

## DANIELLE VILLARI SWETS JOINS AS COO

Danielle Villari Swets joined the Compass to Care team as our Chief Operations Officer. Danielle, a childhood cancer survivor herself, knows not everyone receives an abundance of support during cancer treatment and is dedicated to providing relevant programs and services to others in need. We are so excited to have Danielle leading our effort to continue expanding across the United States!



COMPASS TO CARE'S HELP WAS CRUCIAL. IT'S SO HARD FOR FAMILIES LIKE US- YOUR DONATIONS MAKE OUR LIVES EASIER. WE DON'T EVEN KNOW IF YOUR DONORS KNOW HOW IMPORTANT THEY ARE, AND THEY NEED TO. WE APPRECIATE IT MORE THAN YOU WILL EVER KNOW. - MICHELLE, KYLE'S MOM

[COMPASSTOCARE.ORG/VOLUNTEER](https://COMPASSTOCARE.ORG/VOLUNTEER)



## 6TH ANNUAL 5K

Compass to Care was thrilled to host our 6th Annual 5K in Park Ridge on September 18th. With absolutely perfect weather, an entire community came out to support children with cancer.

We were honored to have the opportunity to use the voice of the #MollyStrong family to give everyone a glimpse inside a child's cancer journey.



## PARTNERSHIP WITH GLOBAL HEALTH ALLIANCE

Compass to Care established a partnership with the University of Chicago Global Health Alliance (GHA) to reduce the disparity children with cancer face in accessing cancer treatment.

GHA partners college students with grassroots non-governmental organizations to combat global health inequities and educate a new generation of leaders in social change. Through this partnership, Compass to Care and the GHA see the opportunity to fulfill the mission of both organizations by:

- Raising awareness of the childhood cancer survival disparities
- Collecting and analyzing internal data to successfully demonstrate the impact the Compass to Care mission makes for marginalized children
- Fundraising to increase Compass to Care's ability to provide free NEMT for children in need



Dear Michelle, Celeste & Compass to Care-  
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! God Bless!  
Beth, Wade, Jace & Tucker Plessner

OUR QUINN WAS DIAGNOSED WITH LEUKEMIA IN 2017.

AFTER THE GRILLING ROUNDS OF CHEMO, HE STARTED MAINTENANCE.

THEY HELPED SO MUCH WITH THE FINANCIAL BURDEN AS WE ARE HIS GRANDPARENTS, AND LEGAL GUARDIANS. IT'S BEEN 4 YEARS OF MANY HOSPITAL APPOINTMENTS AND TWO 6-MONTH STAYS. THEY HELPED US THROUGH IT ALL! WE WOULD HAVE LOST OUR HOME, HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR THEIR HELP! THEY ARE INCREDIBLE. THEY MADE A DIFFERENCE TO QUINN'S SURVIVAL!

- CLARICE, QUINN'S GRANDMOTHER



## VOLUNTEERS

We love volunteers and are always excited to have the opportunity to work with dedicated individuals who want to give their time and talent to support our mission.

This past year, students from the Stevenson Transition Program kindly assisted each time we called to stuff and label our donor mailings.



## NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY DANCE MARATHON (NUDM) RAISES \$674,375

It was a changing moment in the life of Compass to Care when we were chosen as the 2021 Northwestern University Dance Marathon (NUDM) Beneficiary. After applying for six years, the executive team of 12 students fell

in love with our mission and decided to dance in support of our kids. NUDM executive co-chairs Ayesha Goswamy and Cami Steppe said they typically receive over 100 applications from organizations seeking to be the primary beneficiary.

"We were so emotionally invested the second we read their application, and we knew it was going to be Compass to Care all along," Goswamy said of the selection process.

The dancers put aside the fact that they would never truly get to dance, as a result of COVID precautions, and collectively raised \$674,375, of which Compass to Care will receive over the next five years!!!

This is the largest grant Compass to Care has ever received. It is giving us the opportunity to invest in our organization and to strengthen our position as the nationwide leader in removing the travel barriers faced by children with cancer.



# THANK YOU 2021 DONORS

Please visit our website to see an entire list of our donors: [COMPASSToCARE.ORG/2021DONORS](https://COMPASSToCARE.ORG/2021DONORS)

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## IN MEMORY OF ELIJAH

We received devastating news that Elijah, whose cancer journey was the focus of our 2021 Annual Appeal, finished his earthly journey on the morning of Christmas Eve. Elijah had been battling cancer for five years. His brave journey took him to multiple medical centers in different state. Compass to Care's donors gave this family support during their very difficult fight.

We will never understand the heartbreak this family is experiencing or why some angels are called home far too soon. We continued our Annual Appeal raising funds in honor of Elijah's brave fight. In his memory, we exceeded our goal and raised over \$60,000.

## GIFTS IN HONOR OF: GIFTS IN MEMORY OF:

Daniel Birmingham	Jamela Anthony
Pat & Ken Biberstein	Susan Blonsky
Khloe Cox	Ken Gelbard
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Rachel Stulman	
Zoe Vielman	
Liam Willis	

## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021

<b>Revenue</b>	
Businesses & Foundations	\$300,161
Endowment Income	\$195
Fundraising Income	\$227,151
Individuals & Others	\$102,921
Investment Income	\$6,868
Interest Income	\$251
Sales Income	\$16,998
Donations In Kind	\$237,859
Payroll Protection Plan Forgiveness	\$35,337
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$927,741</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Program 83%	\$635,793
Management & General 7%	\$52,145
Fundraising 10%	\$77,932
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$765,870</b>
Change in Net Assets	\$161,871
Net Assets	
January 1, 2021	\$472,288
December 31, 2021	\$634,159

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As of December 31, 2021

<b>Current Assets</b>	
Cash & Equivalents	\$603,352
Inventory	\$668
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$604,020</b>
<b>Other Assets</b>	
Endowment	\$44,675
Deposit	\$1,489
<b>Total Other Assets</b>	<b>\$46,164</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$650,184</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
Capital One Credit Card	\$6
Kaizen Health	\$14,723
Uber Health	\$1,296
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$16,025</b>
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$634,159</b>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Net Assets</b>	<b>\$650,184</b>

See a full view of our audited 2021 financials online:

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*THANK YOU TO THE DONORS WHO CONTINUE TO FINANCIALLY SUPPORT COMPASS TO CARE AND IN TURN, SUPPORT MY FAMILY. WITHOUT THIS FOUNDATION I AM NOT SURE HOW I'D BE FUNDING OUR TRAVEL EXPENSES.*  
 - GRACE, SELAH'S MOM



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