



DIXON & HER DAD

GIVING HOPE PROVIDING RELIEF

for kids with cancer & their parents



2016 Annual Report



HALEY

is 9 years old and braving leukemia. At the time she was introduced to Compass to Care, she was making weekly trips to the hospital for treatment.

Compass to Care continues to fund the 132-mile trip to the hospital to provide relief for her parents and hope for Haley's cure.



COMPASS TO CARE'S MISSION

To help kids, whose parents have a financial need, access life-saving cancer treatment.

We carry out our mission by scheduling and paying for airfare, bus fare, car rental, gasoline, parking, taxi fees, train fare, and tolls.

Dear Compass to Care Supporters,

What does success look like for a charity like Compass to Care? Our Board of Directors asks ourselves this question every year. We set our goals, establish a plan, and spend 365 days working to do everything we can for kids with cancer and their parents.

2016 was a record year for our organization. With the generous support of our donors, we helped 153 kids take 2,840 trips to the hospital for cancer treatment. This is 1,654 MORE TRIPS than in 2015. We also reached the incredible milestone of helping our kids travel ONE MILLION MILES for cancer treatment. For all of these accomplishments, we are truly proud.

But is our success in the numbers? Or is our success a note from Henley's mom that said, "I was really stressing out when I spoke with you yesterday, but you've made things easier on us"? Or an email from Juan's dad that said, "I am never going to forget all of this help. You don't know how much I appreciate your help to get more treatment options for my son"? Or a message from Faith's mom that says, "Faith is in remission"?

We realize the numbers are much easier to calculate and to show on a fancy chart that says- "look at our success". However, behind each of those numbers are children and families that are being impacted by your generosity. Behind those numbers is the relief you provide parents who are doing everything they can to save their children's lives. Behind those numbers are the dreams that remain alive for these children because there is still hope for a cure.

We are proud to present this 2016 Annual Report to show you the numbers; to demonstrate all of the time, energy, and love that went into helping us reach our goals; and to share the journeys of a few children who, behind those numbers, are hoping for a healthy tomorrow.

As you review the impact you have made over the past year, please keep in mind, our work is not done. After child number 153, comes child number 154, and child number 155 who both need our help too. And for that next child, whose life matters just as much as the last child, we continue to ask for your support.

With sincere appreciation,



Michelle Ernsdorff-May, MBA
Founder & Childhood Cancer Survivor

In 2016, we reached the incredible
milestone of helping kids with cancer
travel **ONE MILLION MILES**

We increased our annual trips
funded from 1,194 in 2015 to
2,840 IN 2016

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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KARTER

is 2 years old and began fighting a brain tumor just four months after he was born. At the time his parents were both Graduate students, but his mom had to quit to care for her son.

Compass to Care has funded 44 of their 140-mile trips to the hospital to provide relief for his parents and hope for Karter's cure.



You have made a difference in their lives...

“Thank you so very much. This has been a life saver!! I have \$7.00 in my bank account. Without you guys, we would be stranded. Thank you again from the bottom of my heart!!”

Jase's Mom, Jamie

BREAKFAST BENEFIT

Compass to Care's 3rd Annual Breakfast Benefit in Dubuque, IA was truly special as Sheri Getz shared her story of love and loss.

Sheri's daughter, Sarah, was diagnosed with Ewing's Sarcoma when she was just 10. After a 6-year truly brave battle, Sarah passed away. As Sheri spoke so eloquently that morning, she gave us all an opportunity to celebrate Sarah's life, as well as the impact Compass to Care made during her cancer journey.

With the support of our sponsors and the donations from our guests, we raised over \$47,000 to help more kids as they travel to cancer treatment.



Michelle Ernsdorff-May & Guest Speaker, Sheri Getz

ABRIELLE & HER BROTHER

Age 5 | Braving Leukemia



FASHION SHOW

It was a night to remember when we raised \$70,000 at our 5th Annual Fashion Show!

Our Guests of Honor, Jamela and Charlotte, forgot for a moment that they were fighting cancer as they danced down the runway with our models.

Henry Givray, Chairman of the



Michelle Ernsdorff-May & Guest of Honor, Jamela



Model & Chicago Police Officer, Jackie Ja



Henry Givray Giving Gift in Honor of His Late Wife, Jannine Givray

Board of SmithBucklin, gave a special tribute and \$20,000 in honor of his late wife, Jannine, a former Compass to Care Board Member.

We are so grateful to have the Chicago Police Officers, Lord & Taylor, and Constellation Brands as partners helping us to make this event such an amazing success.

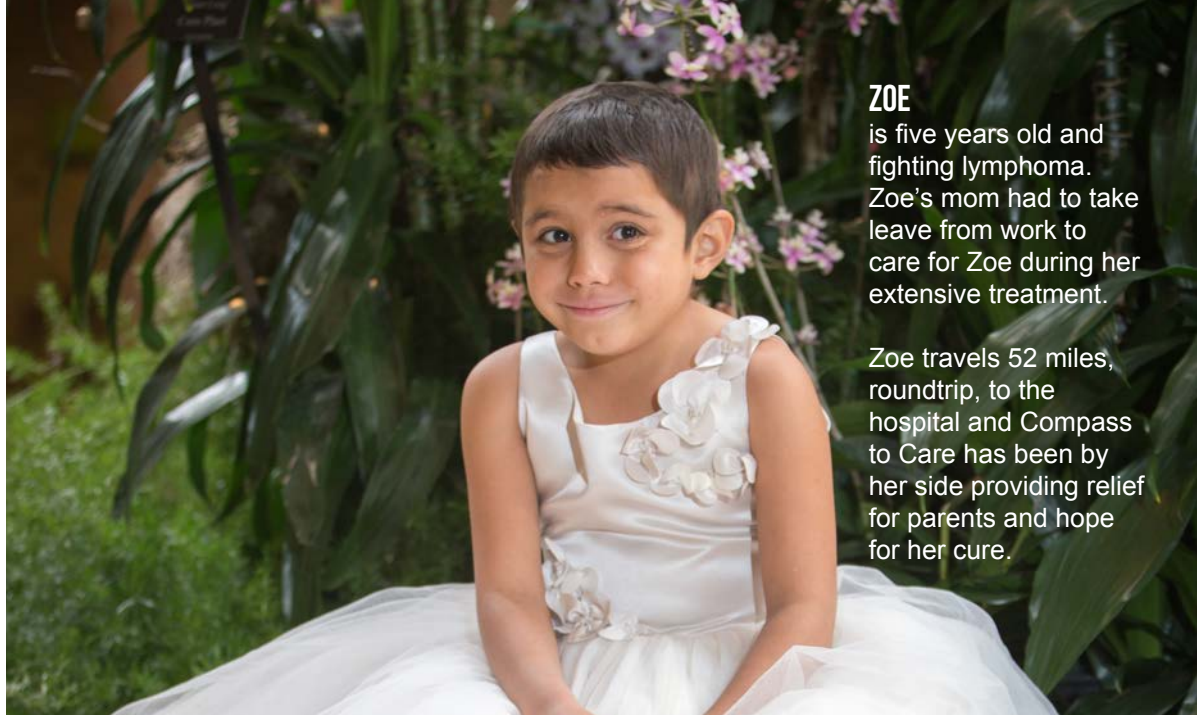
“You just don’t know how worried I’ve been thinking about how I was going to come up with tickets for this trip. I haven’t slept.

I can just cry tears of joy now Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!“

Terrance’s Mom, Nicole

“You just lifted so much worry off my shoulders.”

Codey’s Mom, Amy



ZOE

is five years old and fighting lymphoma. Zoe’s mom had to take leave from work to care for Zoe during her extensive treatment.

Zoe travels 52 miles, roundtrip, to the hospital and Compass to Care has been by her side providing relief for parents and hope for her cure.

CHARLOTTE & HER MOM

Age 2 | Braving Retinoblastoma



The weather was perfect on Saturday, October 22nd as we kicked off our very first Compass to Care 5K. With 140 runners, we raised over \$14,000!

We could not have had such a successful morning without the runners, the volunteers, the sponsors, the neighbors, the spectators, and the Park Ridge Police Department who kept everyone safe.

We extend our sincere gratitude to Anna Polyak who volunteered many hours as our Race Coordinator.



REPLACE THE LACE

Finding new ways to raise awareness of childhood cancer and funding to support the mission of Compass to Care can be really fun. This is especially true when it is something like Replace The Lace and you see the community getting excited about it.

We had another successful year with our Replace The Lace campaign raising over \$38,000 to support our kids! That translates into 7,600 people across

the US changing their shoelaces to gold during Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

Thank you to the groups, teams, companies, and individuals for choosing to Replace The Lace, for joining the fight against childhood cancer, for telling people that Childhood Cancer Awareness Month matters, and for doing what you can to support these children and their families during the most difficult days in their lives.



VOLUNTEERS

Our volunteers know that one of the greatest gifts they can give is their time. Without our volunteers, there are so many things we would not be able to accomplish and many events we would not be able to host. Our funds would have to go to pay for help, and not to our kids who need our help.

Thank you to the 90+ volunteers who shared their time for our kids this year!



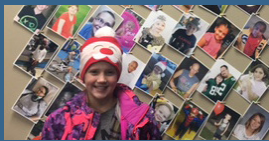
ASSOCIATE BOARD



Austin Shadle, Christina Bridges, Doug Hong, Cara Crumbliss, Meghan Lehnert, Agatha Kubalski, Vincent Murphy, Grant Dennis

Our Associate Board sets aside time in their busy lives to raise funds to support our kids on their cancer journeys. In 2016, they raised over \$10,000, volunteered for our events, Replaced The Lace, and shared our mission with family, co-workers, and friends.

EVENT HOSTS



We call them "Celebrate Your" events. Have a reason to celebrate? Use it as an opportunity to raise funds for our kids!

This year our Celebrate Your hosts raised a total of \$23,000 to support our kids!

Leah Chandlee asked her birthday party guests to make a donation instead of bringing her a gift. Alliant Credit Union and Jenner & Block Law Firm celebrated wearing jeans to work and donated all funds to our mission. The VooDoo Kings Kustom Car Club raised money at their Voodoo-A-Go-Go for our kids. Dan Brozowski is fishing every day

for a year to raise money and awareness for our kids.

Whether old or young, individuals or entire companies, and whether they raised \$10 or thousands of dollars, they all have one thing in common - they care about our kids and are willing to do anything to support them.



You can Celebrate Your... too! Learn more at: www.CompassToCare.org/host

GOLD PHILANTHROPIST \$50,000 - \$99,999

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BRONZE PHILANTHROPIST \$10,000 - \$24,999

Abra Prentice Foundation
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Immaculate Conception School
Jenner & Block
Richard Kaplan
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David Lewis

Lord & Taylor
Eric & Linda Lucy
Mike Martin
Matthew May
Andrew & Camilla Merrick
North Elementary
Jim & Jane O'Neill
Kevin & Lynn Oyen
Michelle Paulsson
Platinum Supplemental Insurance
The Private Bank
Rainbo Oil Co/Kwik Stop/DQ
Jack & Mantea Schmid
Schneider National Foundation
Shadyside Board of Education
Michael & Christie Shoemacher
Spirit Airlines
Tony & Suzann Theisen
Bruce & Pat Thoms
Chad & Heidi Tischer
Troy Shorewood Elementary
Varian Medical Systems
VooDoo Kings Kustom Car Club
Wahlert Foundation

SILVER NAVIGATOR \$500 - \$999

Amber Alexander
Alliant Credit Union
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Darryl Baety
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The Benevity Community Impact Fund
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Chuhak & Tecson, P.C.
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Christopher & Jennifer Crome
Crow's Nest Tattoo
David & Pam DeVos
DLA Piper LLP
Shawn Dunn
Tim Flynn
Morrie Goldman & Hilarie Lieb
Debra Grohs

THANK YOU
for supporting our kids.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

As of December 31, 2016

REVENUE

Endowment Income	100
Fundraising Income	124,121
Businesses & Foundations	93,710
Individual & Others	102,003
Sales Income	40,366
Miscellaneous Income	713
Interest Income	2
TOTAL REVENUE	361,015

EXPENSES

Program	246,592
Management & General	34,495
Fundraising	69,721
TOTAL EXPENSES	350,808

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS 10,207



The Mike & Sandy Ernsdorff
Childhood Cancer Foundation

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

December 31, 2016

CURRENT ASSETS

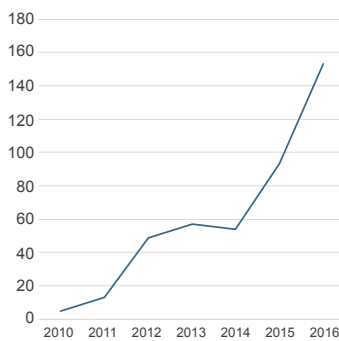
Cash & Equivalents	226,950
Inventory	16,731
Total Current Assets	243,681

CURRENT LIABILITIES

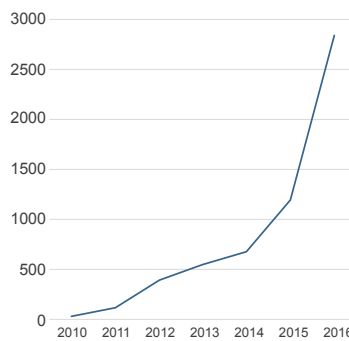
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TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS 243,681

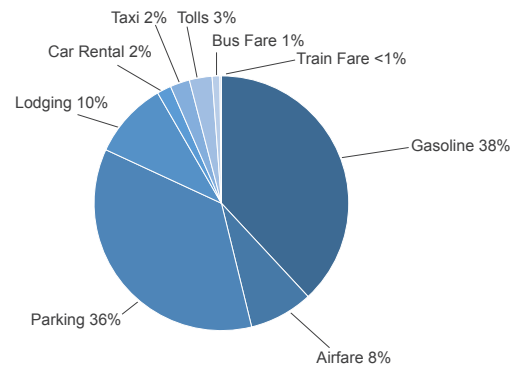
CHILDREN SUPPORTED (2010 - 2016)



TRIPS FUNDED (2010 - 2016)



TRAVEL EXPENSES 2016



See a full view of our Audited 2016 Financials online: www.CompassToCare.org/childhood-cancer-commitment

Groundswell Coffee Roasters
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St. Joseph School
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Debbie Wolff

Please visit our website to see an
entire list of our donors:
www.CompassToCare.org/2016

MEMORIAL GIFTS

*Gifts have been made in
memory of the following
individuals...*

Isaac Akers
Pierce Thomas Broe
Bud & Jeff
Charles E. Callahan Sr.
John Fasselius
Jannine Givray
Irene Graves
Tayden Grohs
Ethan Matthew Hallmark
Jerry & Adeline Hammes
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LeeAnn Murray
Travis Pataska
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Jennifer Taylor
Donald Weisbord

HONOR GIFTS

*Gifts have been made
in honor of the following
individuals...*

Khrystin Andrews
Claudia Beck
Aiden Chacko
Stan Davis
Michelle Ernsdorff-May
Jackson Fisher
Judy Kintzle
Ethan Kramer
Michelle & Matt May
Georgekuty Muricken
Sam Ott
Ally Peek
Linda St. Myers
Eastyn Skala
Briana Josephine Smith
Ilse Stritzke
United by Morgan
Tom & Emma Verdun
Zach White



JAMELA

is 6 years old and fighting a brain tumor. With six weeks of daily proton therapy treatment, followed by weekly trips for chemotherapy, Jamela's mother had to reduce her time working.

Compass to Care has provided support during her proton therapy treatment and now lends a hand during the trips for chemotherapy to provide relief for her mom and hope for Jamela's cure.



The Mike & Sandy Ernsdorff
Childhood Cancer Foundation

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We carry out our mission by scheduling and paying for airfare, bus fare, car rental, gasoline, parking, taxi fees, train fare, & tolls.

Helping kids fight cancer, one trip at a time.

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ON THE FRONT COVER: **DIXON**

is just 4 years old and fighting a rare form of leukemia. Her local doctors have sent her for treatment 744 miles away from the family's home.

Compass to Care funds each of her trips, which last a minimum of 30 days each, to provide relief for her parents and hope for Dixon's cure.