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**GIVING HOPE
PROVIDING RELIEF**
for kids with cancer & their parents



The Mike & Sandy Ernsdorff
Childhood Cancer Foundation

COMPASS TO CARE CHILDHOOD CANCER FOUNDATION
2017 Annual Report

YOU GAVE HOPE & RELIEF

for these kids & their parents
and many more in 2017

The life of each child is truly precious. Keeping them safe and healthy is the goal of every parent. When children are diagnosed with cancer, parents often have to lean on others as they work desperately to get their children healthy again.

Your support of Compass to Care has made it possible for these parents to lean on you. The difference you have made is truly important and it is felt by each parent and child who have benefited from your generosity. Here are just a few....



"Thank you. The fact that we do not have to worry about gas and parking is amazing."
Courtney, Samuel's mom



"We are so thankful for everything Compass to Care has done for Karter. We cannot imagine our extraordinary journey without your help."
Alyssa, Karter's Mom



"We are very thankful for the help with fuel. I don't know how I would have done it without Compass to Care's help."
Christina, Vincent's mom



"We want you to know how very much appreciated you all are. We don't know how to say thank you enough!"
Erin & Nate,
Haley's parents



FAITH

is 6 years old and was braving a Wilm’s tumor. In February of 2017, we received the following message....

“I’m happy to inform you that Faith is cured! Her CT scan came back with no trace of disease! Thank you for all your help. Your organization has truly been a blessing to our family. This would’ve been a great burden on us and you alleviated that! God bless you all!”

Faith’s Mom, Juanita



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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, lodging, parking, taxi fees, train fare, and tolls.

Compass to Care’s ability to help children with cancer get to treatment is only possible because of your generosity. When you donated, volunteered, attended our events, and helped us raise money, YOU were giving these kids hope for a cure, while providing a little relief for their parents.

For all that you have made possible in 2017, I, along with the Compass to Care Board of Directors, extend my sincere gratitude.

With appreciation,

Michelle Ernsdorff-May, MBA
Founder & Childhood Cancer Survivor

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BREAKFAST BENEFIT

We were honored to welcome Dr. Nicholas Wetjen as our guest speaker at our 2017 Breakfast Benefit. Dr. Wetjen is a graduate of Dubuque Wahlert Catholic High School, Loras College, and the University of Iowa. He spent over 9 years at the Mayo Clinic as a pediatric neurosurgeon.



Dr. Wetjen shared information about the children who travel to Mayo Clinic to seek treatment from their team of brain tumor experts. Several of those children have been supported by Compass to Care.



Our donors truly opened their hearts to support our children on this special morning in May. Along with the event sponsorships, Compass to Care raised over \$65,000!!!



We are so grateful to have the community of Dubuque standing by our side to help these children on their cancer journeys.



5K & 1 mile walk/run to help kids fight cancer

5K & 1 MILE RUN

Our 2nd Annual 5K and 1 Mile Run was held on September 30th, the last day of Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. Runners and walkers from across Chicago came to Park Ridge to spend this morning supporting Compass to Care. With 140 runners, we raised over \$14,000!

This year we set up a Wall of Honor to recognize all children who have braved cancer. In addition, we had several cancer fighters and survivors, like Zoe, Savannah, and Dylan, who joined us and showed us what a true hero looks like.



SAVANNAH

DYLAN

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ASSOCIATE BOARD

Each year, Compass to Care's Associate Board invests time and energy to raise funds to support Compass to Care's children. This dedicated group of young professionals hosted two events to support Compass to Care this year, including a pre-Cubs game Happy Hour and the 2nd Annual Gold Ribbon Gala.



Each event brought out young professionals from across Chicago to learn about and support Compass to Care's children, all while having a lot of fun! Collectively, the Associate Board raised \$10,500 to help Compass to Care's children travel to cancer treatment.



FASHION SHOW

A night of fashion and cars took center stage at Compass to Care's 6th Annual Fashion Show.

This year, Fletcher Jones Audi opened their new showroom in Chicago to host our event. The night kicked off with the parents of Samm Granda and Abrielle Ramos sharing their heartfelt stories about the challenges they have faced as their children have bravely fought cancer. Then our *Lord & Taylor Fashion Show*, featuring Police Officers and Firefighters from around Chicago, brought fun and laughter for our guests.

We are so grateful for all who supported and attended our event, which raised over \$60,000!!



VOLUNTEERS & FUNDRAISERS

Our volunteers never cease to amaze us! These individuals always answer our call for help, regardless of the task.

Some of our volunteers take on huge commitments, like Anna Polyak who coordinates our entire 5K, or Jennifer Rutledge, who has helped plan our Fashion Show for six years. Some set aside entire mornings to stuff envelopes, like the individuals at Hills & Dales, or work late at night, after school and sports practice, like the Parisi brothers.

In 2017, we had 147 individuals give us their time and talent to support Compass to Care. We could not be more grateful.

Volunteers make the work we do possible. They dedicate their time and their talent to support our organization so funds raised can be used for our children, instead of paying personnel to complete these tasks.

We also have individuals that set up entire events to help us raise money. For several years, Tim Flynn has coordinated Savannah's Ride in honor of his daughter who is a cancer survivor. Tim donates all funds raised at this event to support our kids. This year, we had several additional individuals and groups who created events to support our kids, including Dubuque Bank & Trust, the Voo Doo Kings Kustom Car Club, the Chicago Latin Vibes, Midframe Theater, and DuTrac Community Credit Union, just to name a few!

Whether you gave a few hours or several months to support the mission of Compass to Care, we are truly grateful.

As the saying goes, *many hands make light work...* our work is much easier and more fun when we see people walking through the door offering to lend a hand, or presenting us with a check!!



...when you attended our events

...when you bought a Dina Doll

...when you ran in our 5K

...when you Replaced The Lace

...when you raised money

...when you volunteered

...when you donated



DINA DOLL

The Dina Doll was named in honor of Dina Bright. She is the sister of our founder, Michelle Ernsdorff-May. Since 2011, donors have purchased this special doll as a way to support Compass to Care.

But the impact of the Dina Doll does not stop there. For each doll that was purchased by our donors, we sent a doll to a child who is braving cancer, to bring the same amount of happiness that Dina brought to Michelle when she was in cancer treatment.

In 2017, 278 dolls were purchased and 310 dolls were donated to our kids!



REPLACE THE LACE

Change your shoelaces to gold for Childhood Cancer Awareness Month! That is the request we send out to people across the U.S. each year. In 2017, this request was answered by companies, teams, and over 3,000 individuals who Replaced The Lace for kids with cancer!

Not only does our Replace The Lace campaign bring awareness to kids with cancer, it also helps Compass to Care raise funds so that we can support more children as they travel to cancer treatment. It is a fun! It is easy! And when you Replace The Lace you make a difference!



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QUINN



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DEVYN



MAYA



CHEYONNAH



ALYSSA



THANK YOU
for supporting our kids.

SILVER PHILANTHROPIST \$25,000 - \$49,999

Max and Sunny Howard Memorial Foundation

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

Abra Prentice Foundation
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Carolyn Burke
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Susan & Jason Hughes
Intel Corporation
Judge, James, Hoban & Fisher
Rebecca Kitanovski

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

As of December 31, 2018

REVENUE

Endowment Income	17,251
Fundraising Income	154,871
Businesses & Foundations	55,700
Individual & Others	80,356
Sales Income	16,386
Interest Income	7
TOTAL REVENUE	324,571

EXPENSES

Program 90%	305,187
Management & General 5%	17,501
Fundraising 5%	17,273
TOTAL EXPENSES	339,961

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS (15,390)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

December 31, 2017

Current Assets

Cash & Equivalents	188,974
Inventory	6,611
Total Current Assets	195,585

Other Assets

Endowment	32,731
TOTAL ASSETS	228,316

TOTAL LIABILITIES

Due on Credit Card	25
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NET ASSETS

228,291



KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2017

153 Children supported 2,923 Trips funded

147 Volunteers 1100 Donors

1.3 MILLION MILES TRAVELED
WITH FUNDS BY OUR DONORS SINCE 2010

TRAVEL EXPENDITURES FOR OUR KIDS IN 2017

airfare 8%	parking 37%
bus fare 1%	taxi 5%
car rental 2%	train fare <1%
gasoline 31%	tolls 4%
lodging 12%	

See a full view of our Audited 2017 Financials online: www.CompassToCare.org/childhood-cancer-commitment

Scott & Kraus, LLC
Brendan Lyden
Marathon Petroleum Corporation
Becky & Mark Mather
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Jill & Kevin McDonnell
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CompassToCare.org/2017Donors

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Tucker Bauman
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Diana Cook
Adrianna Davis
Michael Dolatowski
Jannine Givray
Ethan Matthew Hallmark
Jerry & Adeline Hammes
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Mia
Jacob Pinto
Raul T Soto
Dex Stanley
Erin Welch Stastny
Blake & Bridget Tashner
Vincent Villacci

HONOR GIFTS

Abdalridha Alasadi
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The Benoit Family
Blaze
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Stephanie Incandela
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John & Pam Short
Kaylin Silva
Hannah Smith
Susan Jane Sutton
Zoey
Tommy Thompson
Troop 40202

ZOE

At just 6 years old, supergirl, Zoe became a cancer survivor! For one year, Compass to Care stood by her side as she traveled to the hospital for lymphoma treatment.

“Thanks so much for all you do for the pediatric cancer community and, specifically, for helping my husband and I take care of our beautiful daughter.”

Sarah, Zoe’s Mom



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Helping kids fight cancer, one trip at a time.

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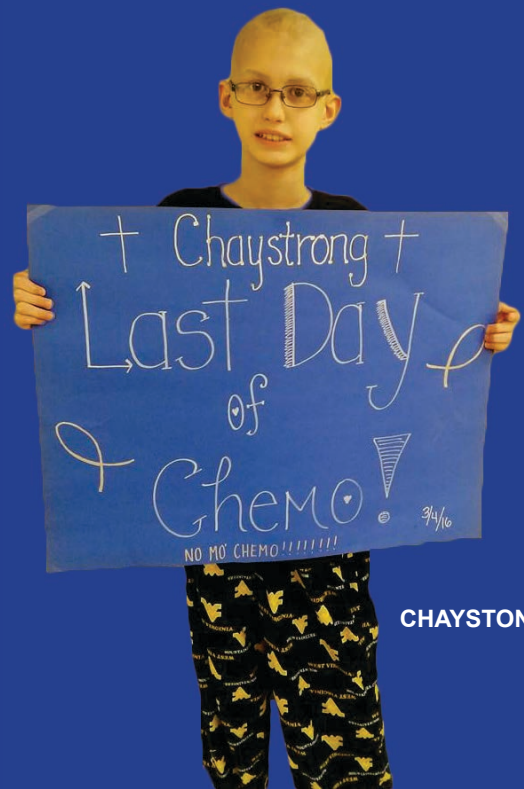
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