HELPING KIDS FIGHT CANCER
one trip at a time

GABRIEL, age 6
Braving Leukemia

The Mike & Sandy Ernsdorff
Childhood Cancer Foundation

COMPASS TO CARE CHILDHOOD CANCER FOUNDATION
2018 Annual Report
ELLIE, age 2
Braving Retinoblastoma
Traveling 393 miles to treatment
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.

WHY WE EXIST

Compass to Care works every day to support the cancer journeys of children. By lending a hand during this time of need, we impact the lives of these children and their families by:

- **ELIMINATING** the monetary burden of cancer-related travel costs
- **REMOVING** the stress of planning medically-necessary travel
- **PROVIDING** access to the best cancer treatment available
- **GIVING HOPE** for a child’s cure from cancer

By helping children get to their treatment each time it is scheduled, we are also ensuring **RESEARCHERS** can complete their clinical trials. Our hope is to be a partner in finding a cure for our children and all of the children with cancer who will follow in their footsteps.
The average family of four, at the time they apply for assistance from Compass to Care, is facing tremendous financial hardship. On average, these families have:

- A Monthly Household INCOME of $1,938.00
- BANK ACCOUNT Balances of $250.00
  - 27% of our families have $0 in the bank
- MEDICAL DEBT as high as $300,000

For the children Compass to Care supported in 2018, our resources were allocated to the following travel expenditures.

- Airfare 21%
- Car Rental 2%
- Lodging 5%
- Taxi 8%
- Tolls 4%
- Gasoline 30%
- Parking 29%
- Train Fare <1%
- Bus Fare <1%

Since 2010, the impact we’ve made includes:

- 391 Children
- 10,708 Trips funded
- 21,799 Treatment days received
- 1,548,027 Miles traveled
ITZEL, age 5
IN REMISSION

"We are really grateful. A special thank you for everyone that helps Compass to Care, because that lets Compass to Care help us.”
Karen, Alexa’s mom

"Every little help is a big help right now.”
Tiffany, Dahvie’s mom

"Your help keeps us from worrying about paying for gas and parking.”
Sarah, Lauren’s mom

"Thank you – your help just makes life that much easier during this.”
Chris, Cade’s dad

"You are such a blessing. Thank you for being there when we have needed it the most.”
Elizabeth, Lily’s mom
Parents struggle to make ends meet when their children are braving cancer. After general household expenses are paid, most have no money left for travel or medical costs.

We conducted a research study with the Children’s Oncology Group and found that 30% of all children diagnosed with cancer do not live within 60 miles of the closest pediatric oncologist. This brings on overwhelming financial challenges for families fighting childhood cancer.

The support provided by Compass to Care ensures parents have the financial means to get their children to the hospital for cancer treatment.

Though we will never truly know what it means for these families to receive our support, a note like the one to the left gives us a glimpse at just how important our mission and our donors are in their lives.
HOPING FOR A HEALTHY FUTURE

Ultimately, Compass to Care fights every day so that children with cancer have hope for a healthy future. We make it absolutely certain that a parent’s inability to cover the costs to get their child to treatment does not stand in the way of that hope.

Jordyn Gourley shared her personal cancer journey at Compass to Care’s Breakfast Benefit in Dubuque, IA and at our 7th Annual Fashion Show in Chicago, IL in 2018. She told our supporters how at 3 years old she was diagnosed with rhabdomyosarcoma and that the best treatment for her cancer was over 1,000 miles away from her family’s home. After her aunt, Amy Harris, reached out to Compass to Care, she was soon on a flight to receive that treatment.

Today, Jordyn is a healthy 11-year-old who is a living example of the impact Compass to Care’s donors make in the lives of children with cancer. Without Compass to Care’s support during her treatment, Jordyn said her parents “would have stayed at our local hospital and I would have had the standard treatment that guaranteed no more than a 15% prognosis….not because they wanted to, because they didn’t know how,” Jordyn explained.

This is the hope we hold for all of our children. Regardless as to how far away the medical center is that offers the right treatment, we ensure children, whose families are facing financial difficulties, can get there so they have the best chance to share their stories of survival and live healthy lives, well beyond cancer.
Doctors spend their days caring for patients. When we called to ask, “will you spend your night caring for kids with cancer as our runway models,” they said yes!

On Saturday, November 11th, donning clothing from Lord & Taylor, Chicagoland Doctors walked the runway to help our kids on their cancer journeys. With our Presenting Sponsors, CIBC, the Richard & Diane Templer Family Foundation, and Leadership’s Calling®, we raised over $160,000 to support our mission! **This was our biggest event ever!!**
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. We have received requests to assist children and families associated with 68 medical centers across the United States.

ALABAMA
Children’s Hospital of Alabama

ARIZONA
Phoenix Children’s Hospital

CALIFORNIA
Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital Stanford
Rady Children’s Proton Therapy Program
Ventura County Medical

COLORADO
Children’s Hospital of Colorado

FLORIDA
All Children’s Hospital
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UF Health Shands Children’s Hospital
UF Proton Therapy Institute

GEORGIA
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ILLINOIS
Advocate Children’s Hospital
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University of Illinois at Chicago

IOWA
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INDIANA
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Memorial Hospital of South Bend
Riley Hospital for Children

KANSAS
Children’s Mercy Hospitals & Clinics

LOUISIANA
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MAINE
The Barbara Bush Children’s Hospital

MARYLAND
University of Maryland Medical Center

MASSACHUSETTS
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Dana Farber Cancer Institute
Massachusetts General Hospital

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MINNESOTA
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MISSOURI
S. Lee Kling Proton Therapy Center
St. Louis Children’s Hospital

NEBRASKA
The Buffett Early Childhood Institute

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Procure Proton Therapy Center

NEW YORK
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
Strong Memorial Hospital
University of Rochester Medical Center
Upstate Golisano Children’s Hospital
Weill Cornell Medical College

NORTH CAROLINA
Duke Children’s Hospital
Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center

OHIO
Cincinnati Children’s Hospital
Cleveland Clinic
Nationwide Children’s Hospital
Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center
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OKLAHOMA
The Oklahoma Proton Center

PENNSYLVANIA
Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia
Roberts Proton Therapy Center
UPMC Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh
Wills Eye Institute

SOUTH CAROLINA
MUSC Children’s Hospital

SOUTH DAKOTA
Sanford Children’s Hospital

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WASHINGTON
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WEST VIRGINIA
Cabell Huntington Hospital

WISCONSIN
American Family Children’s Hospital
Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin

STATES WHERE OUR CHILDREN RESIDE (in blue)
Though the majority of our support has been extended to children in the Midwest, we receive requests for assistance from across the United States. When possible we say “yes” to any family in need.
THANK YOU TO OUR 2018 DONORS FOR HELPING OUR KIDS FIGHT CANCER

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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
As of December 31, 2018

REVENUE
Endowment Income
Investment Income
Fundraising Income
Businesses & Foundations
Individual & Others
Sales Income
Interest Income

EXPENSES
Program 84%
Management & General 8%
Fundraising 8%

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
December 31, 2018
Current Assets
Cash & Equivalents
Inventory
Total Current Assets

Other Assets
Endowment
TOTAL ASSETS

TOTAL LIABILITIES
Due on Credit Card

NET ASSETS

Haley, age 11
Braving Leukemia
Traveling 66 miles to treatment

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Compass to Care, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, ensures children, whose parents have a financial need, can 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, & tolls.

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[Image of Andrew, age 12, Braving a Brain Tumor]