MISSION

The Children’s Cancer Foundation, Inc. (CCF) is dedicated to the treatment and curing of children’s cancer. We provide critical financial support in Maryland, the District of Columbia and Northern Virginia for:

- Cancer research
- Building facilities
- Improving the quality of care for pediatric cancer patients
Dear Friends,

Thank you for making 2017 a remarkable year for The Children’s Cancer Foundation, Inc. (CCF). With your help, CCF raised over $1 M, which we invested in research, programs and facilities to treat and cure pediatric cancer.

A few highlights from our year include:

- Supported nine researchers, representing four local hospitals and research institutions,
- Provided a weekend of fun and activities for six families staying at the Children’s Inn at NIH in September as part of the 4th Annual Shirley’s Kids Respite Weekend,
- Provided Support services for pediatric patients at Sinai Hospital,
- Provided 40 wishes for children receiving proton radiation at the Maryland Proton Treatment Center,
- Introduced Ava Daniels to the community, who has braved acute leukemia since 2010,
- Proudly shared Emma Miller from Westminster, MD, who was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic leukemia at 9 months as the Giant Food CCF Ambassador, and
- Hosted a holiday party for a dozen local families with children that are in active treatment or are cancer survivors.

At CCF, we deeply value our sense of community. As President and Executive Director, we take immense pride in our ability to help families facing the unthinkable, while knowing that the funds raised are making a difference in finding cures. We remain dedicated today, as our founder Shirley Howard did, in 1983, to funding treatments and finding cures for pediatric cancer.

Our ongoing goal is to keep our overhead low while increasing our investment in programs and research. CCF is stronger than ever, thanks to our generous donors, our focused Board of Directors that enables us to raise more dollars each year, and to an army of dedicated volunteers. Without this generous support and commitment, CCF would not be able to serve our community.

Thank you for wholeheartedly being a part of CCF’s mission. Together, we make a difference.

With endless appreciation,

Jerrold C. Chadwick, Jr., D.M.
President

Tasha Museles
Executive Director
HOW WE RAISE FUNDS

CCF is humbled to receive such generous support from our community. Through donations and sponsorships from local companies, schools, foundations, individuals and unions, CCF is the beneficiary of many incredible events. Our community partnerships enable CCF to invest in treatments and cures for pediatric cancer.

Maryland Governor Larry Hogan, a cancer survivor himself, designated the proceeds of the Inaugural Governor’s Cup Taekwondo Championship to CCF.

During Pediatric Cancer Awareness Month, Riviana Foods created ribbon-shaped pasta and distributed it through area Giant Foods. $.50 from each box purchased was donated to CCF.

The dedicated students and families of Mt. Airy Elementary School raised over $15,000 from local businesses for their Dance-A-Thon benefiting CCF.

Anne Arundel Co. Firefighters launched “Fired Up for Childhood Cancer Awareness Day,” where all county and City of Annapolis first responders brought both silent auction baskets and demonstration equipment to make for a fun and heartwarming day to benefit two local charities that included CCF.

At the 33rd Annual CCF Gala, mother of U.S. Olympian Michael Phelps, Debbie Phelps, awarded the Hero Award to Leah and Joe Offutt for their efforts honoring their son Jake, who lost his battle with cancer in 2015.
The following organizations received CCF grants in 2017:

THE JOHNS HOPKINS HOSPITAL
Michael Koldobskiy, M.D., Ph.D. $75,000
Research in DIPG, Pediatric Brain Tumor
Brian Ladle, M.D., Ph.D. $75,000
Research in Osteosarcoma
Eric Raabe, M.D., Ph.D. $75,000
Research in Medulloblastoma
Jeffrey Rubens, M.D. $75,000
Research in Atypical Teratoid/ Rhabdoid Tumors

$200,000 toward $1.5 M Pledge for The Children’s Cancer Foundation, Inc. Pediatric Oncology Outpatient Unit in the Bloomberg Children’s Tower

THE CHILDREN’S INN AT NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH
4th “Shirley’s Kids” Respite Weekend $8,000
Education and Instructional Support Program $25,000

CHILDREN’S NATIONAL HEALTH SYSTEM
Patrick Hanley, Ph.D. $75,000
Research in Immunotherapies

GEORGETOWN LOMBARDI COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CENTER
Jeffrey Toretsky, M.D. $100,000 (3rd Annual Force 3 Fellowship Award) Research in Ewing Sarcoma
Joanna Kitlinska, Ph.D. $75,000
Research in Ewing Sarcoma
Aykut Üren, M.D. $75,000
Research in Ewing Sarcoma

HERMAN & WALTER SAMULESON CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL AT SINAI
Adolescent and Young Adult Support Group Program $20,000

NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE
Haneen Shalabi, D.O. $100,000 (5th Annual Giant Food NextGen Award) Research in Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia and B-cell Lymphoma

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND MEDICAL CENTER
$32,000 toward $200,000 pledge for The Children’s Cancer Foundation, Inc. Magic Castle in the Maryland Proton Treatment Center

TOTAL GRANTS AWARDED IN 2017: $1,010,000.00

CCF is proud of the fact that nearly every dollar raised annually is invested in researchers and programs that improve the lives of children facing a diagnosis of cancer. In 2017, CCF granted over $1 million.
John Eric Bartels was born two months early on June 18, 2006 to Alisha and Jay Bartels. They brought John Eric to Sinai’s emergency room on September 7 thinking their son was constipated. After many tests, it was determined that John Eric had a mass—a tumor that had to be removed immediately.

Within a day of the surgery, John Eric had been diagnosed with neuroblastoma, a cancer of the nervous system. Over the course of his treatment, John Eric underwent aggressive chemotherapy, radiation, stem cell harvest, multiple blood transfusions, surgeries and a stem cell transplant.

Despite heroic efforts to provide treatment, the neuroblastoma returned numerous times. John Eric returned home under the care of an incredible hospice team and earned his angel wings on May 16, 2008, surrounded by loved ones, just shy of his second birthday.

Alisha continues to spread awareness and was on hand at CCF’s Children’s Holiday Party helping other families feel some sense of normalcy.

Ava Daniels

Shortly before Ava’s second birthday, she began crying out and complaining of pains almost daily. Many doctors visits and tests later, Ava was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia. One year later to the exact date of her diagnosis, Ava stopped breathing in her mother’s arms. Once stabilized, the family took Ava to Dr. Pat Brown at Johns Hopkins.

Ava endured several relapses from 2010 until 2015, when Ava was given weeks to live and was placed on hospice. The Daniels instead tried some holistic therapies and Ava once again achieved a full remission until her fourth relapse in August of 2016.

Ava’s body responded to intermittent chemotherapy and after Dr. Brown fought for Ava to be part of a trial, she was accepted into the CAR Tcell Trial at Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. By April 2017, Ava received her own, genetically-engineered Tcells. Today, she remains in full remission. The Daniels live day by day knowing that life can change in one single breath. Watch The Daniels Family’s story here: https://youtu.be/KaROnvmz5gM.
The importance of keeping it local

Businesses, groups and individuals often choose to make donations to a charity doing work within their community. However, our "community" is also one of the leading areas for cancer-fighting research in the world. CCF recognizes how valuable it can be to strengthen the connection between businesses, families, practitioners and researchers living and working in the MD, D.C. and Northern VA area.

Through the 2nd Annual CCF Research Symposium, held June 7, 2017, at Giant Food Headquarters, CCF again put into practice the idea that small local dialogue between these groups allows for more informed and innovative approaches to finding better treatments and cures for pediatric cancer on a global scale.

In the Maryland, D.C. and Northern Virginia region, there are:

1. largest hospital in the U.S. totally dedicated to research (NIH), which has received grants from CCF for 20+ years

2. Top 10 Best Children’s Cancer Hospitals in U.S.* that continue close partnerships with CCF

8. pediatric oncology research facilities, 6 with CCF-funded researchers

* U.S. News and World Report

Eileen’s research led her to Jeff Toretsky, M.D. at Georgetown Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center, who was instrumental in organizing a consortium of oncologists in the greater Washington-Baltimore area to provide guidance on the best treatment for Eileen. The researchers and oncologists on Eileen’s team all had one thing in common: their institutions received all had received funding from CCF to advance research.

An aggressive nine-month chemotherapy and radiation regimen was prescribed. One of the oncologists on "Team Eileen" suggested that she would be an ideal candidate for proton radiation. Given the location of the cancer and the many sensitive nerves and organs surrounding the spine, the precision of proton therapy would minimize damage to healthy tissue. The Maryland Proton Treatment Center at the University of Maryland-School of Medicine would open just in time for Eileen to be part of their first round of patients.

Following proton treatment, Eileen returned home to finish her chemo treatment. She graduated from Virginia Tech in May 2017 and is pursuing a career as a Physician Assistant at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. She expects to graduate in 2019. "I have always been interested in a career in medicine," Eileen says. "I feel so lucky to be here, continuing my dream. After my experience, I know that every day is a blessing."

She is now cancer-free. Eileen’s advice for other young adults fighting cancer is: "Stay positive – negativity is not an option!"
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