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THE CHILDREN'S CANCER FOUNDATION, INC.  
ANNUAL REPORT 2018





The Children's  
Cancer Foundation  
is committed to  
funding locally-based  
researchers, programs  
and facilities until  
every child is assured a  
healthy future.

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Left: Cade Wineke, Summer 2018, in-home Giant Food video shoot

# FROM THE PRESIDENT

2018 was an important year for The Children's Cancer Foundation, Inc. (CCF). Thanks to you, our supporters, patients, survivors, families and volunteers, many of our youngest warriors are making great progress with treatments.

Highlights from our year include:

- Investing \$1M to support facilities, research and programs in our community
- [Funding nine area researchers conducting life-saving investigations](#)
- The Children's Inn Respite Weekend that offers hope and respite for six families
- Emergency Fund to help repair a collapsed roof at The Children's Inn at NIH
- Education program to provide ongoing individual tutoring support for patients at Sinai Hospital
- Funding for five campers to attend Horizon Day Camp in Summer of 2019
- Providing roughly 45 wishes at the Magic Castle for patients receiving radiation treatment at the Maryland Proton Treatment Center
- Providing support to launch a Fertility Preservation Program at Children's National
- In partnership with Giant Food, shared Ambassador [Cade Wineke](#) with the community.

CCF's legacy, built upon the goals of [our founder Shirley Howard](#), hold true today as it did in 1983. We deeply value



our sense of community and our purpose in raising funds to help treat and cure pediatric cancer so that every child is assured a healthy future.

As the leader of [our dedicated Board of Directors](#), I am proud of the work we do each year.

Thank you for being a part of the CCF Family. Without you, there is no CCF. Every donation, every volunteer, every event, contributes to making a difference in the life of a child facing a diagnosis of cancer.

With continued gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dr. Jerrold C. Chadwick, Jr." The signature is fluid and cursive.

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

# FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

We continue to find our strength from those we serve, specifically children in our communities battling cancer. Their journeys motivate me to lead The Children's Cancer Foundation, Inc. to do better, every day.

As I conclude my fourth year as CCF's Executive Director, I continue to be inspired by the youngest warriors, who willingly share their stories with the hopes of sparing another child and family from the same treatment challenges; and by our donors, who provide us the means with which to invest in critical research.

I remain committed to serving the patients and families who deserve safe and effective treatments and cures. With the support of a strong Board of Directors, generous donors and devoted volunteers, CCF will continue to invest in local researchers until those treatments and cures are available for children battling all types of pediatric cancers.

CCF's success is a result of the hard work of so many -- too many to list in this letter, but whose names and faces you will see throughout this report. Each donation, no matter the size, makes a difference. Each hour of donated time saves dollars that would otherwise be spent on outsourcing. Each volunteer, no matter their role, contributes to helping CCF invest in cures.

With your commitment, CCF will continue to raise funds to invest in research, programs and facilities.

With endless appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tasha". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Tasha Museles



Courtesy of T. Museles

# BUILDING THE COMMUNITY

CCF stands by its focus on the local, the personal, and the relationships that are built through the common goal of better treatments and cures for children with cancer.

Corporations and individuals who plan fundraisers to benefit CCF come to know the CCF staff and board, know the local researchers we support and know the local families that have fought (or continue to fight) pediatric cancer.

CCF believes that there is a proud sense of community working together to make a critical impact on the way we fight pediatric cancer.

Once you put your time and dedication into raising funds to help CCF achieve its mission, you become part of this incredibly dynamic and supportive community.



Since the launch of the Maryland Governor's Cup Taekwondo Championship two years ago, Honorary Co-Chairs MD Governor and Mrs. Hogan have designated CCF to receive all proceeds from this dynamic tournament.



Courtesy of Mike Hugg Media

Both first responders and children's entertainers volunteered their time to participate in a day-long fair organized by two dedicated Anne Arundel County firefighters to raise awareness for childhood cancer and support for CCF programs.



Courtesy of NECA-Maryland Chapter

It was the inaugural year for the MD Chapter of the National Electrical Contractors Association's Golf Classic in May, bringing together dozens of area sponsors together to raise funds for CCF.



Courtesy of John Carver

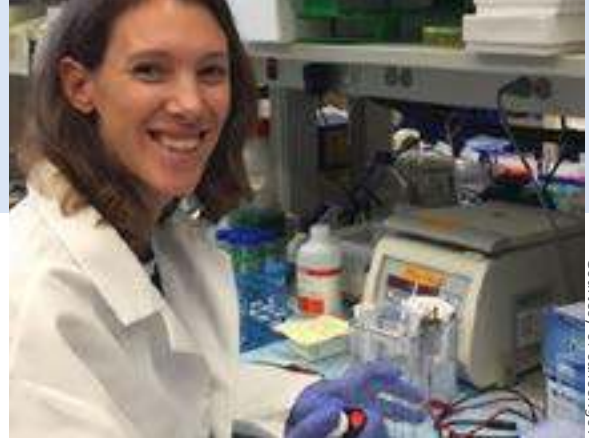
Force 3 celebrates survivor families and researchers. 2018 marked the 20th year of support from Force 3. Originally a golf tournament, and now a crab feast, Force 3 has raised over \$1M for CCF.

# REINFORCING THE RESOURCES

Even though cancer remains the number one cause of disease-related death for children in the U.S., approximately 5% of federal dollars for cancer research are allocated for pediatric cancer.

Since 1983, CCF has continued its commitment to directly fund pediatric cancer researchers, those making tremendous progress, and those young researchers that need seed money to develop theories into larger, more fundable, projects.

In 2018, CCF granted \$1 million to nine researchers representing four institutions and to vital local programs.



Courtesy of cancer.gov

Christine Heske, M.D. of the National Cancer Institute at NIH, received her first CCF grant this year, to further her research in Ewing's Sarcoma.

## 2018 CCF GRANT AWARDEES

### Johns Hopkins Medicine

- \$75,000 Charles Eberhart, M.D., Ph.D. Retinoblastoma
- \$100,000 Micah Maxwell, M.D., Ph.D. Rhabdomyosarcoma
- \$75,000 Eric Raabe, M.D., Ph.D. Medulloblastoma
- \$75,000 Jeffrey Rubens, M.D. Atypical Teratoid/Rhabdoid Tumors

### The Children's Inn at National Institutes of Health

- \$8,000 5th Annual "Shirley's Kids" Respite Weekend
- \$25,000 Education and Instructional Support Program
- \$40,000 Emergency Funding for repairs to the Inn

### Children's National Health System

- \$75,000 Patrick Hanley, Ph.D. transplantable cancers
- \$75,000 Brian Rood, M.D. Medulloblastoma
- \$25,000 Fertility Preservation Program

### Georgetown University Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center

- \$75,000 Joanna Kitlinska, Ph.D. Ewing's sarcoma
- \$100,000 Jeffrey Toretsky, M.D. Ewing's sarcoma

### Herman & Walter Samuelson Children's Hospital at Sinai

- \$20,000 Adolescent and Young Adult Support Group

### Horizon Day Camp

- \$25,000 Tuition for five children to attend camp for seven weeks during the summer of 2019

### National Cancer Institute/National Institutes of Health

- \$75,000 Christine Heske, M.D. Ewing's sarcoma

### University of Maryland Medical Center

- \$32,000 Honoring ongoing support for the Magic Castle at the Maryland Proton Treatment Center



Courtesy of childrensin.org

CCF allocated additional funds to The Children's Inn to assist with the impact of unexpected storm damage, which included extensive relocation of families and costly repairs.



Micah Maxwell, M.D., Ph.D. (2nd from L) received the CCF Giant Food Next Gen Award at the 34th Annual CCF Gala.

# FACILITATING COLLABORATION

Funded through a generous grant from The Kahlert Foundation, the CCF Research Symposium, "Today's Research to Tomorrow's Clinical Trials," hosted nearly 100 local researchers, advocates, survivors, practitioners, donors, and others to discuss the latest research in pediatric oncology.

The symposium keynote, Catherine Bollard, M.D., of Children's National, addressed the promise of immunotherapy. A unique feature of the day was a mid-day poster session --an opportunity to share lessons learned and receive a new perspective on one's own research. A gathering of local participants lends itself to collaboration and professional development.

"Having CCF be part of this community is so rich and such a strong asset for researchers in the..area. We have a unique opportunity to filter through and collaborate with people in your neighborhood and try and come up with greater ideas to propel the field forward."

- Haneen Shalabi, D.O., National Cancer Institute and 2017 recipient of the CCF Giant Food Next Gen Award



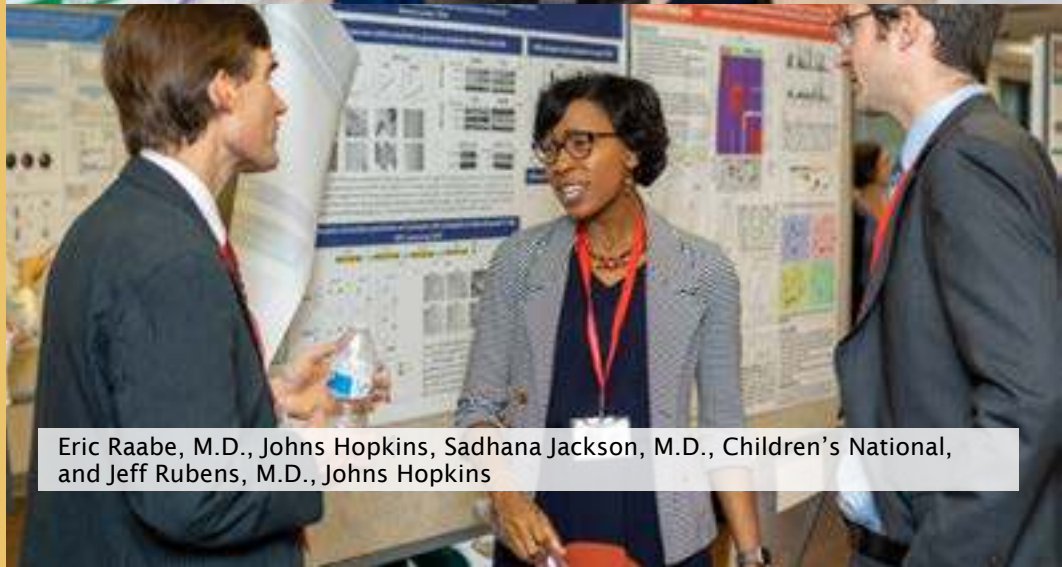
[Haneen Shalabi, D.O.](#), National Cancer Institute/NIH



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[Eric Raabe, M.D.](#), Johns Hopkins, [Sadhana Jackson, M.D.](#), Children's National, and [Jeff Rubens, M.D.](#), Johns Hopkins

# FINDING INSPIRATION

It is unacceptable that so many local families have a child fighting cancer. However, their bravery and resilience help remind all of us why we must continue to do everything possible to find better treatments and cures. Meet three inspiring heroes:



Courtesy of Caroline Oberle

## ANDREW

In July of 2014, Caroline Oberle took her four-year-old son Andrew to the pediatrician with swollen lymph nodes. Concerning blood test results led them to Sinai Hospital, where Joe Wiley, M.D. confirmed that Andrew had Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia (ALL). Although ALL is a common pediatric cancer, and has a high recovery rate, Andrew's form of ALL was rarer and more aggressive. It was caught early, so chemotherapy began the next day, and continued for the next three and a half years.

Through that time, Andrew received crucial support from his parents and older sisters, his Sinai care team, and many in the community, including Orioles players, and fellow cancer survivor Maryland Governor Larry Hogan.

Caroline believes Andrew's experience has given him compassion and appreciation beyond his years. As of February 2018, Andrew was declared cancer-free. Read more and watch the 2018 CCF video that features the Oberle's journey.



## KALANI

With what initially felt like terrible seasonal allergies in April 2017, Kalani Looper received a very different diagnosis once transferred to Georgetown University Hospital: Acute Myoblastic Leukemia.

At 18, Kalani could make her own treatment decisions, and chose to work closely with her mom as she began four months of aggressive chemotherapy. She was treated in the pediatric unit, but Kalani always felt listened to and respected by her care team as an older pediatric patient.

"Chemo has affected me physically but has never changed my drive and passion to live life," reflects Kalani. "It may have blocked my shot at living a normal life at 18, but I had an entire team who were, and continue to be, dedicated to grabbing the rebound and passing me my life back — giving me another shot at life's game."



Courtesy of Giant Food

## CADE

In March 2016, when Cade Wineke was only 21 months old, his parents noticed a frequent eye crossing and took him to several ophthalmologists. One saw optic nerve paleness and ordered an MRI - a test that forever changed their lives. It showed a baseball-sized tumor, which took the surgeons at Johns Hopkins nine hours to remove.

Diagnosed with medullablastoma, Cade endured 42 chemo treatments to lessen the chance of relapse. The resulting illness and impact of the surgery made for a long, painful period that included 15 surgeries, 7 blood transfusions, 3 platelet transfusions, 10 ER visits, and 100 nights at Johns Hopkins.

Cade is now cancer-free, and adjusting to an active schedule in preschool. Despite Cade facing speech and other cognitive delays, the Winekes remain optimistic and have learned to never take a moment for granted.

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Melissa Kaufmann paints faces at the Annual CCF Kids Holiday Party.

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CCF thanks its volunteers who dedicate their time and effort, making our community stronger and our many activities possible.

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(L to R) At the Annual Gala, Board Member Steve Coomes, President Jerry Chadwick, Executive Director Tasha Museles, Gift of Life Honoree Tom Lofland of Safeway, and Board Member Matt Boyd.



Courtesy of Darlene Holmes

CCF President Jerry Chadwick and Board Members Darlene Holmes and Paul Schwab at the Saval Foodservice Golf Tournament.

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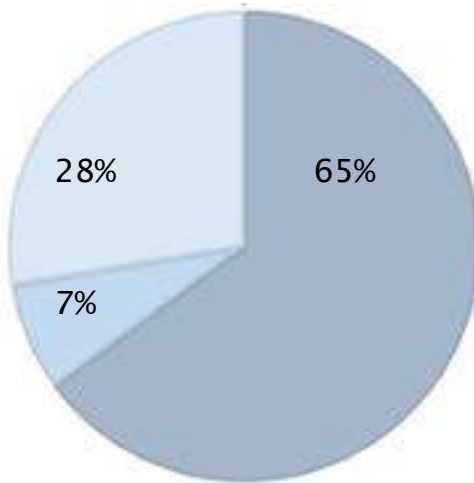
Courtesy of Force 3

Board Member Mike Greaney and Scientific Advisory Board Chair Jeff Toretsky, M.D. at Force 3's Crushin' Cancer Crab Feast benefitting CCF.

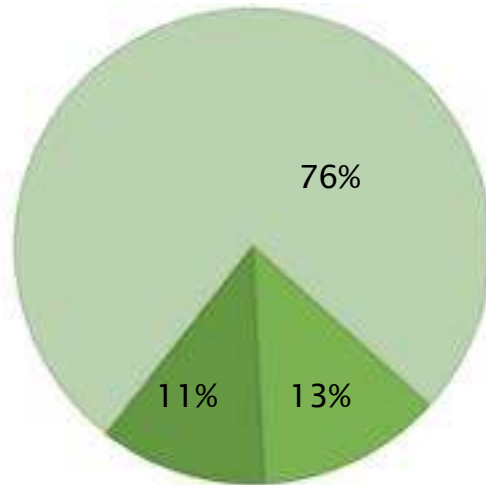
\*All lists reflected as of March 1, 2019

# FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

## REVENUE BY SOURCE



## EXPENSES BY CATEGORY



### Revenue

Corporate	\$955,970
Foundation	\$110,000
Individual Giving	\$407,746
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$1,437,716</b>

### Expenses

Programs (Research and non-research Grants)	\$1,042,640
General/Administrative	\$173,089
Fundraising	\$154,869
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$1,370,598</b>

Numbers shown are unaudited.  
 The full 2018 financials will be available in June 2019.  
[The 2018 audited statements and IRS 990](http://www.childrenscancerfoundation.org) can be obtained by visiting the website at [www.childrenscancerfoundation.org](http://www.childrenscancerfoundation.org) or calling the CCF office at 443-546-4479.



Courtesy of Madison Neary

Raegan, twin sister to survivor Logan, celebrates with her family at the CCF Kids Holiday Party.



Courtesy of Caroline Oberle

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Above: Andrew Oberle with his mother Caroline Oberle during treatment.

Front Cover: Kalani Looper catches up with her oncologist Helkha Peredo-Pinto, M.D. at the CCF Research Symposium.



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