



Annual Report 2021

The Children's Cancer Foundation, Inc.



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



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Pictured on cover: Top, Danielle Hankey with mom Wendy; Bottom, Grace Callwood.

Welcome



As the leader of our dedicated Board of Directors, I am proud of what CCF accomplished in 2021. We began another year with uncertainty—how would COVID-19 impact our ability to fundraise and how can we ensure that critical pediatric cancer research continue? I am proud that CCF was able to host both our annual Research Symposium

and our 37th Annual Gala, where we honored Giant Food with the Gift of Life Award, the Kahlert Foundation as our Fighter Honoree and Jean Kettell as our Hero Honoree.

Through the generosity of our donors, CCF ensures that local research and programs remain funded. Childhood cancer research receives less than 4% of the annual National Institutes of Health budget which means funding from CCF is vital to ensure that critical research continues. In 2021,

CCF granted \$1.2M to local researchers and programs leading to life saving advances and discoveries. Bringing hope and survivorship to kids battling cancer, means we are doing our job. Some of these incredible heroes share their stories here. It is this community that sets us apart. We will not rest until every child is assured a healthy future.

From the Gala volunteers, to my fellow board members, from the nurse treating the youngest patient to the researcher in the lab working to find better treatments and cures, we all make a difference.

Thank you for being a part of the CCF Family. Together, we are a stronger community. Cancer did not stop for a pandemic. And, I am proud to say, neither did CCF.

With continued gratitude,

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

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

Chairman



Excellence in serving our community is an ongoing journey. Whether I am visiting with a family, meeting with a donor or ensuring that CCF is raising critical funds to support local research, I am always focused on achieving excellence in all that we do.

This report highlights the progress The Children's Cancer Foundation, Inc. (CCF) made in 2021- doing

all we can to see that critical pediatric cancer research continues and investing in programs and screenings for our community's youngest patients. How do we do that? With the generosity of our incredible family of support.

As the President of The Children's Cancer Foundation, Inc. (CCF), I recognize that our mission is challenging. Investing in research and programs that treat cancer, extending the life

of a child and reducing side effects from grueling treatments is not something we talk about enough or that receives the funding it should. Yet, most of us know a child, or a family, who has endured such devastation. It is for these families that we are committed to advancing treatments and cures.

CCF is grateful to the donors that believed in us, grateful to the volunteers who lent their time, and grateful to the researchers who advanced cures and treated the youngest patients. Finally, we are grateful to our community partners, making a difference through holding events, spreading awareness, donating toys, or simply by showing compassion to a cancer patient.

With heartfelt appreciation,

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

Tasha Museles

President

2021 Year in Review



JANUARY - WeCare Safeway Foundation Grant

CCF received its first WeCare Safeway Foundation Grant, a grant awarded to local non-profits that are funded by, sponsored by, and selected by Safeway associates. Safeway has supported CCF since its founding.

MAY - NECA - MD Golf Tournament

Hosted by Maryland NECA and led by CCF board member William Yull, local NECA contractors raised over \$30,000 to benefit CCF.

JUNE - 5th Annual CCF Research Symposium

The 5th Annual CCF Research Symposium, a first-ever hybrid meeting, focused on “Research Breakthroughs through Early Funding Support” on June 2, 2021. Esteemed speakers included three recent awardees of the CCF Giant Food NextGen Grant, awarded to researchers early in their careers to support both promising research and career advancement.



JUNE - Recitals at Jean Kettell Studio of Dance

Jean Kettell, a former Rockette, founded the Jean Kettell Studio of Dance in 1953 and was an original CCF supporter and dear friend of CCF founder Shirley Howard. Every year since 1997, proceeds raised from recitals have been donated to CCF, totaling nearly \$130,000. In June 2021, Jean Kettell was able to hold their recital in-person with 22 shows at three venues. Jean and her studio were later recognized with the Hero Award at the 2021 Gala.

JULY - Bowie Baysox/AA Fire Department

Launched from a partnership in 2017 with the Anne Arundel County (AA Co.) Fire Department, CCF received proceeds from Heroes Day with the Bowie Baysox on July 25. The day finished with AA Co. Fire Department beating the Mid-Atlantic Fire Department in a charity softball game. CCF President Tasha Museles threw out the opening pitch!





[Profess Multimedia]

AUGUST - Grant Awardees Announced

The review of grant proposals is conducted every June by an independent review panel, who for 2021, recommended that 11 local research projects to be funded. Nine outstanding local programs, providing a range of services and supports, also received funding. Grants were distributed at the annual CCF Gala.

AUGUST - Giant Food Pediatric Cancer Fundraising Campaign

Since CCF's inception in 1983, Giant Food has been raising funds supporting CCF. For the last seven years, Giant Food has mobilized a regional fundraising drive for pediatric cancer research at checkout in Giant Food's 163 local stores. Despite many shoppers who were financially impacted by the pandemic, the campaign again raised more than \$2M, with a portion allocated to CCF. We are grateful to Madelyn Smith, and her family, for serving as CCF's 2021 Giant Food Ambassador.



[Paul Saval]

Saval Foodservice Golf Tournament

On September 20, at Whiskey Creek Golf Course, Saval Foodservice raised \$30,000 at its 17th Annual Golf Tournament to benefit CCF. Saval Foodservice has loyally supported CCF, raising over \$285,000 since its first Golf Tournament in 2003. CCF is grateful to the Saval Family.

NOVEMBER - CCF's 37th Annual Gala

On November 6, with more than 500 in-person guests and more viewing the livestream, CCF honored Giant Food and President Ira Kress (pictured, at right with Tasha Museles and Jerry Chadwick) for its longstanding support of childhood cancer research. Also recognized was Jean Kettell and Greg Kahlert, of The Kahlert Foundation. Hosted for the fourth time by Mark Viviano of WJZ-TV, the Gala featured survivor Noah Kabia on the drums for several songs with the band.



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2021 CCF Research Awardees

Although the types of cancer are vastly different, each CCF funded awardee seeks better, more targeted, and less toxic treatments of cancer in children. CCF is proud to support these innovators as we push ahead to cancer treatment tailored to the individual and eradicating the cancer cells exclusively, without the long, devastating treatments children typically receive.



Miriam Bornhorst, M.D.
Children's National Hospital
Brain Tumors



Miranda Clements, Ph.D.
National Cancer Institute at NIH
Chordoma



Liny John, M.D.



Charles Eberhart, M.D., Ph.D.
Johns Hopkins Medicine
Retinoblastoma



Nicolas Llosa, M.D.
Johns Hopkins Medicine
Malignant Peripheral Nerve Sheath Tumors



Christine A. Pratilas, M.D.



Patience Odeniyide, M.D.
Johns Hopkins Medicine
Juliana Carver Research Honoree
Rhabdomyosarcoma



Jeffrey Rubens, M.D.
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Atypical Teratoid
Rhabdoid Tumors (AT/RT)



Keri Toner, M.D.
Children's National Hospital
CCF Giant Food NextGen Award
Acute Myeloid Leukemia



Aykut Üren, M.D.
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Osteosarcoma



Todd Waldman, M.D., Ph.D.
Georgetown Lombardi
Comprehensive Cancer Center
Ewing sarcoma



Kristen Wessel, M.D.
National Cancer Institute at NIH
Osteosarcoma

Treating the Whole Child

CCF was pleased with the diverse approaches that hospitals and non-profits around the region developed to support the strength and recovery of children fighting cancer. A few programs addressed the opportunity for early cancer screening. CCF is proud to support these inspiring and promising programs that enable patients the opportunity to “just be children”, provide life skills to heal from within, help them thrive as students, or help navigate a cancer diagnosis.

Launching the Hospital Education Liaison Program (HELP)



For over 75 years, the Kennedy Krieger Institute (KKI) has been a leader in addressing brain disorders in children through a combination of medical care, physical therapy and special needs education.

It is widely known in the pediatric cancer community that many cancer treatments lead to cognitive impacts, including difficulty sustaining attention, behavioral challenges, learning delays, hearing loss and processing disorders.

When parents are considering treatment to save the child’s life, the side effects of cognitive impacts become secondary. However, when the child is ready to transition to in-person learning in a traditional classroom, communication between the child and the school often does not include details that could be critical to successful learning.

CCF is proud to fund the Hospital Education Liaison Program (HELP), which provides families a Special Education and Instructional Technology Specialist, who serves as a liaison between the child’s family, the medical team and their school, to ensure there is communication and appropriate support for the childhood cancer patient or survivor. Cancer patients who live in Maryland and are referred by a local hospital are eligible for this support.

Lisa Carey, Ph.D. took on this role to ensure that the child’s medical condition is known to their school, that the parent understands available services and how to access them, and likewise, that the medical team is aware of the child’s needs and behaviors taking place at school.

CCF is proud to support HELP and partner with the Kennedy Krieger Institute. For more information about this service, visit <https://bit.ly/KKIHELP>

Other 2021 Non-Research Grant Awardees



Claire Marie Foundation for free skin cancer screening days throughout Maryland.



Children’s Inn for a Family Support program.



The Herman Walter Samuelson Children’s Hospital at Sinai for a Meditation Program.



Children’s National for providing gene testing, at no charge, to children with a possible cancer predisposition.



Hopecam for technology to connect patients with their classrooms.



Horizon Day Camp for enrolling 5 campers fighting cancer, or their siblings, at no cost for the summer of 2022.



Nigel’s Neighborhood to help young people enjoy the joys of youth—like prom—that they may have been denied due to cancer.

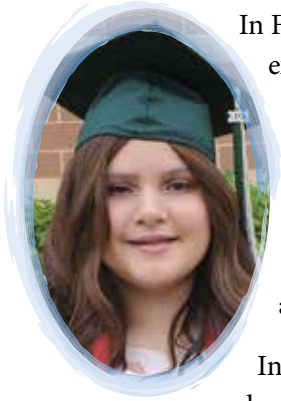


Magic Castle program at the Maryland Proton Treatment Center, which rewards young patients with one of their “wishes” at the end of their treatment.

Keeping Focused on the Fighters

CCF continues to meet with local families who have heard the unimaginable words “Your child has cancer.” These young survivors, and their families, continue to inform and inspire CCF with their determination, optimism, and resilience. We strive to “do right” by these, and all cancer families, by raising funds that will ultimately offer safer and brighter futures for children fighting cancer locally and globally.

Danielle



In February 2019, Frederick native and high school athlete Danielle Hankey, learned that her extremely painful elbow was due a mass, which an MRI, surgery and a biopsy confirmed to be cancer. Ultimately, the doctors were able to define the type of cancer in Danielle’s arm—Ewing Sarcoma. After 12 weeks of chemotherapy, Danielle learned that her cancer was not responding to the treatment as well as the doctors anticipated, so they added radiation to the protocol. While treatment was brutal on her body, Danielle kept her spirits high by staying connected to her field hockey teammates and supported by her family—mother Wendy, father Kurt, and siblings Steven and Allison.

In the fall of 2019, Danielle underwent an extensive surgery to remove the tumor and a portion of her ulna, and replacing it with a cadaver bone. After eight rounds of chemotherapy and 21 days of radiation treatment, her scans showed she was cancer free in February 2020. But the scans at the end of 2020 dashed their hopes when doctors discovered a mass on her left lung. Surgery confirmed that the Ewing Sarcoma had metastasized Danielle and received chemotherapy and radiation. Dedicated to press on, Danielle celebrated at her prom and graduated high school in 2021. She is currently studying at the University of South Carolina and her scans remain clear.

Eileen

In November 2015, college junior Eileen Fauteux was hit with terrible back pain. After unsuccessfully being treated for bronchitis, Eileen’s pain expanded to numbness and tingling in her legs and toes and walking became extremely painful. Finally, Eileen received an MRI that confirmed the pain was caused by a mass on her spine. She was rushed to undergo emergency spinal surgery. Doctors found a tumor along four of her vertebrae that was compressing her spinal cord. Three and a half hours later, the tumor was successfully removed and sent for testing. Two weeks after Eileen’s surgery, she was diagnosed with Ewing Sarcoma.

Eileen connected Jeff Toretsky, M.D. at Georgetown Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center. Dr. Toretsky was instrumental in organizing a consortium of local oncologists to provide guidance on the best treatment for Eileen. The researchers and oncologists on Eileen’s team all had one thing in common: all of their institutions 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 Eileen 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. Eileen was referred to Young Kwok, M.D., at the newly opened Maryland Proton Treatment Center (MPTC).



Following proton treatment, Eileen returned home to finish treatment. She graduated from Virginia Tech in May 2017, and then enrolled to become a certified Physician’s Assistant (PA). Eileen has been working as a PA for the Virginia Spine Institute since November 2019. CCF interviewed her in 2021 for a 5 year look back at her experience.

The video is available on the CCF website.



Noah

Noah Henry Kabia was diagnosed January 2016 with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL) at the age of 6. After a 3 1/2 year chemotherapy treatment regimen at Johns Hopkins Hospital, Noah finished his treatments in April of 2019. Noah is a gifted percussionist and believes that music is what helped him get through his cancer treatments. While performing remains his number one priority, he also makes time for football and hanging out with friends and family. He resides in Catonsville, Maryland with his parents and big sister. Everyone who has attended the 2019, 2020, or 2021 CCF Gala has had the honor to see Noah as a guest drummer and to share in his joy of having “Beat Cancer.”

Grace

On Grace Callwood’s 7th birthday, she was taken to her pediatrician for an enlarged lymph node behind her ear. On October 10, 2011, Grace was diagnosed with Stage IV Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma. Grace completed chemotherapy in April 2014, and is a healthy, vibrant and ambitious young woman. Through her pediatric cancer journey, Grace founded and helps run the youth-led charity We Cancerve Movement - wecancerve.org. Today, Grace is extremely active in her Harford County high school. She and her mother T’Jae Ellis offered their heartbreaking and inspiring story for the 2019 CCF Video. At the 2019 CCF Gala, Grace surprised CCF with her nonprofit’s donation to CCF. In October 2020, Grace was named in The Baltimore Sun’s 25 Women to Watch list and has to date received dozens of awards, from WBAL, AFRO Info, NAACP, State of Maryland, CNN and Nickelodeon, all recognizing the incredible impact Grace has had on her community.



Cade

In March 2016, 21-month-old Cade Wineke started randomly crossing his eyes. Within a week it escalated from a few times a day to a few times an hour. A brain tumor the size of a baseball was ultimately discovered. By that April, Cade underwent a nine-hour brain surgery to have the tumor resected. The initial pathology report confirmed that the tumor was brain cancer – medulloblastoma. Cade has faced numerous complications including hydrocephalus and hearing impairments, but continues to press ahead and making up for lost time. In 2021, Cade entered the first grade, celebrated his 7th birthday, played flag football and kept up with his two big brothers!

In Memoriam

In loving memory of those who battled fiercely.

John Eric Bartels

June 18, 2006 – May 16, 2008

Ava Sophia Daniels

January 23, 2007 – July 23, 2019

Juliana Irina Carver

December 4, 2001 – October 24, 2016

Cecilia Nguyen

January 2, 2003 – October 11, 2016

Jake Offutt

June 1, 2000 – July 13, 2015

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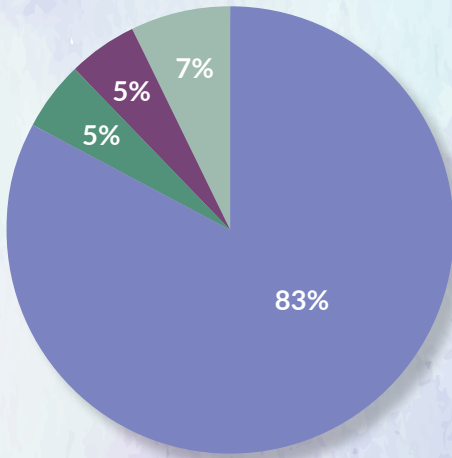
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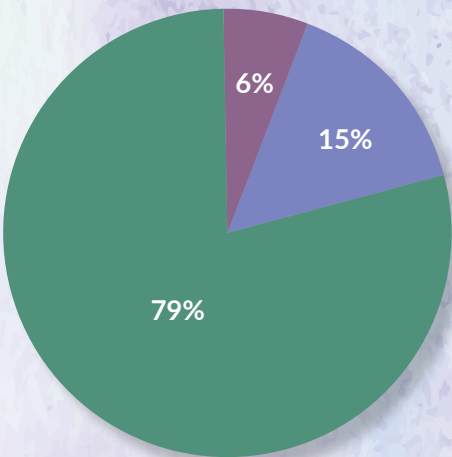
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*Amounts reflect both direct contributions and the facilitation of additional donations.

Financial Statement



Corporate	\$1,474,002
Foundation	\$93,389
Individual Giving	\$81,905
Other (Investments and Forgiven government loans)	\$135,294
Total Revenue	\$1,784,589



Programs (research and non-research Grants)	\$1,267,636
General/Administrative	\$103,470
Fundraising	\$240,239
Total Expenses	\$1,611,346

Total Revenue	\$1,784,589
Total Expenses	\$1,611,346
Expenses in Excess of Revenue	\$173,243
Beginning Net Assets	\$1,125,606
Net Revenue	\$173,243
Ending Net Assets	\$1,298,849
Total Liabilities	\$67,356
Total Assets	\$1,366,206

Numbers shown are unaudited.

The full 2021 financials will be available in October 2022.

The 2021 audited statements and IRS 990 can be obtained by visiting the website at www.childrenscancerfoundation.org or calling the CCF office at 443-546-4479.