



Annual Report

2025

Protecting progress for kids with cancer

Caroline, Ewing
Sarcoma survivor

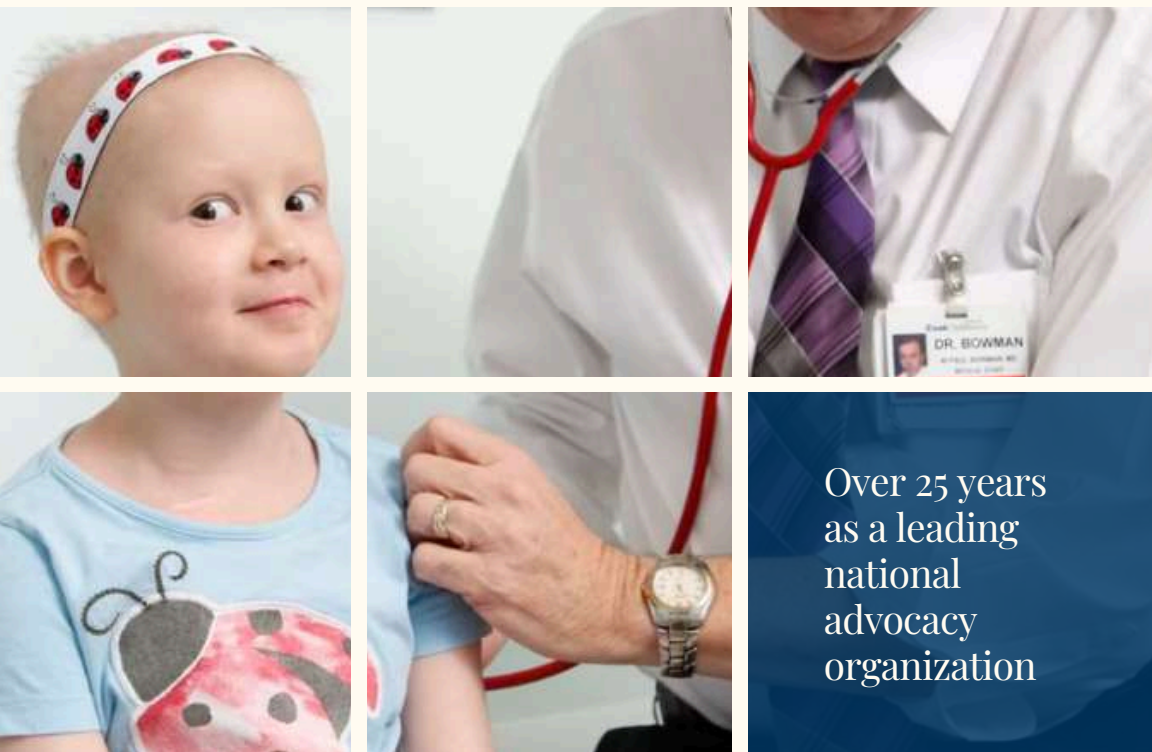


Our mission is to champion policies and programs that improve the lives of children with cancer and survivors.



*Our
Vision*

*A long, healthy life for
every child with cancer*



Over 25 years
as a leading
national
advocacy
organization

Children's Cancer Cause promotes policies and programs that aim to accelerate the development of safer, more effective cancer therapies for children – and better address the unique needs and lifelong health challenges experienced by childhood cancer survivors and their families.



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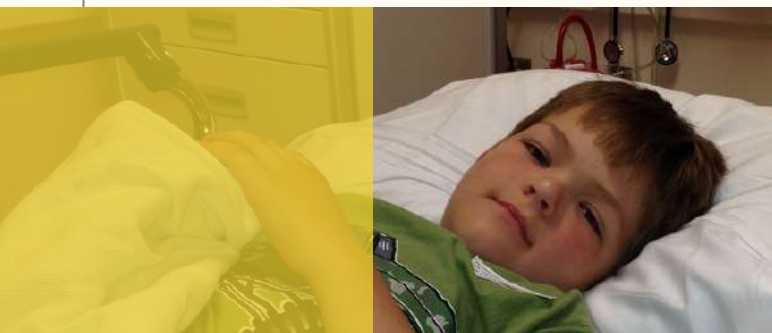


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New address!

What Changed in 2025

-  Advanced the most comprehensive childhood cancer legislation in over a decade.
-  Defended federal cancer research funding from the threat of cuts that would have devastated the nation's research infrastructure.
-  Launched a national resource center to strengthen survivorship programs across the country.
-  Awarded more scholarships than ever before to childhood cancer survivors pursuing higher education.
-  Expanded access to survivorship education, reaching more young people nationwide.
-  Amplified the voices of children with cancer and the nation's 521,000 survivors.



From the desk of the CEO

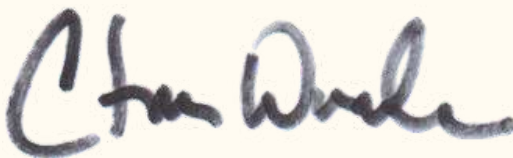
The story of 2025 is one of resilience, growth, and persistence.

Children's Cancer Cause continues to make meaningful strides toward our vision of a future where every child with cancer has the support and care they need to survive and thrive. From expanding survivorship programs to defending and advancing critical research and health policy, 2025 was marked by hard-won progress and tireless determination.

While we celebrated important victories this year, the childhood cancer community also encountered some of the biggest challenges we have ever faced.

With you in our corner, we met those challenges head-on, which you'll read more about in this report. Thank you for standing with us as we make meaningful progress in the fight against childhood cancer.

While significant challenges remain, 2026 brings with it legislative momentum and an energized community ready to keep fighting. Together, we are protecting critical investments in research – and laying the groundwork for what comes next.



**Steve
Wosahla**

Chief Executive
Officer

***Read on to
discover
how we
moved our
mission
forward.***



“I refuse to let my challenges define me. Instead, I embrace them as *opportunities to grow* and continue *my mission of helping others* through *advocacy, education, and my work in healthcare.*”

Thank you for supporting Alayna - lymphoma survivor, future nurse, and one of our 2025 College Scholars.

Turning Grassroots Power into *Policy Change*

2025 was a year of intense advocacy, backed by a **highly mobilized grassroots network** and **strategic engagement** with policymakers.

We kicked off the year with an interactive policy webinar, equipping advocates to navigate a **rapidly changing landscape** with the start of a new Congress and Administration. Throughout the year, we participated in and mobilized advocates for **multiple Capitol Hill lobby days**, bringing childhood cancer families face to face with lawmakers and reinforcing the **human impact of policy decisions**.

In December, the House of Representatives unanimously passed the **Mikaela Naylor Give Kids a Chance Act**, the most comprehensive childhood cancer legislation in more than a decade.



2,448

messages sent to Congress by our advocates on **just these two bills**.

The House passed the **Accelerating Kids' Access to Care Act** in the summer of 2025, legislation that removes red tape that prevents children with cancer from accessing the specialized care they need.



Protecting Progress in Medical Research

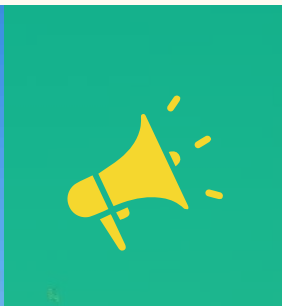
In March, the White House called for an unprecedented 40% cut to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and for eliminating cancer prevention efforts at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

These proposals followed dramatic cuts and terminations at the CDC, NIH, and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) due to a sweeping restructuring of the Department of Health and Human Services.

In response, we spent much of 2025 **pushing back** against these harmful cuts, **rallying bipartisan Congressional support** for medical research funding, and **underscoring what's at stake** for children with cancer and survivors alike.

The combined efforts of the medical research and patient advocate communities **made a real difference**. Through appropriations committee work, lawmakers supported slight **increases** to NIH funding, reflecting continued bipartisan recognition of the importance of research.

With funding threatened,
advocates mobilized.

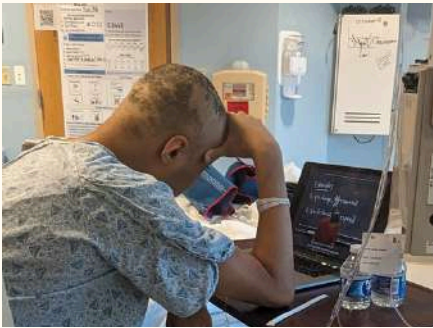


337 MEETINGS

on Capitol Hill during February
and March through the Alliance
for Childhood Cancer Action Day
& OVAC Grassroots Lobby Day

A Record 22 Cancer Survivors Received Scholarships in 2025

Thanks to a generous survivorship program grant from Hyundai Hope On Wheels, Children's Cancer Cause awarded twenty-two academic scholarships to childhood cancer survivors in 2025.



Dustin, leukemia survivor & 2025 Stewart Scholar

Our **Stewart Scholarship** is presented annually to a survivor who demonstrates exceptional potential to make **a positive difference in the world.**

It is named in honor of John and Nancy Stewart, founders of our Stewart Initiative for Childhood Cancer Survivors.



“My *ultimate goal* is to help ensure that future cancer survivors can live *full and healthier lives*. Survivorship can and should be *a time of thriving*, not just surviving.”

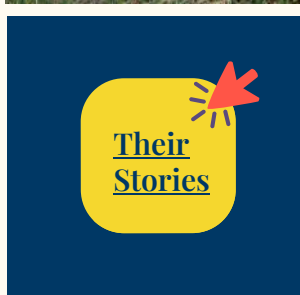


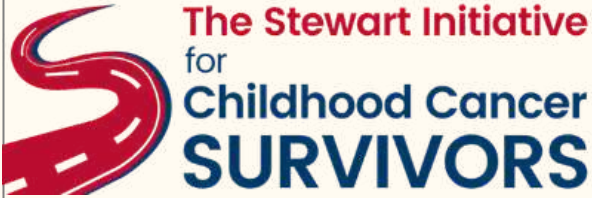


68
scholarships
awarded
since 2018



Our 2025 Scholars are leading initiatives ranging from community bone marrow drives, global support for children with cancer, campus-based survivor groups, and more.





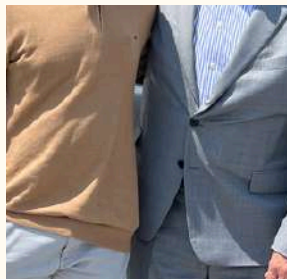
*Disponible ahora
en español!*

Expanding access to survivorship education

In 2025, we added new content to our Stewart Initiative for Childhood Cancer Survivors educational site and turned it into a bilingual resource, allowing Spanish-speaking survivors to engage with our mobile-friendly courses.

This work is resonating. Survivors are visiting our Stewart site in record numbers — evidence that these young people are actively seeking credible, accessible information to support their long-term health.

Thanks to the support of partners like **Hyundai Hope on Wheels**, we're making a real and lasting impact on the lives of childhood cancer survivors in 2025 & beyond.



Designed for childhood cancer survivors ages 15–30, the Stewart Initiative for Childhood Cancer Survivors site provides educational modules on survivorship care plans, late effects, disability rights, insurance access, and more.
www.childhoodcancersurvivorship.org



“I have a *real opportunity* to bring happiness to children experiencing a critical need and hopefully *creating a ripple effect* that inspires other youth to get involved.”



Our **College Scholars Program** includes a cancer-related **volunteer project** of the student's choice.

For Grace's project, she **donated supplies to kids with cancer in Ethiopia** in the summer of 2025.



1 in 5

survivors
reported delaying
or avoiding care
due to cost.

1 in 3

identified mental
health as the most
critical support
that is lacking.

Listening to survivors remains central to our approach.

Our 2025 survey of childhood cancer survivors revealed deep frustrations related to barriers to quality care, gaps in provider knowledge, and a perceived lack of support from policymakers.

“Pediatric patients are ***too often left behind*** when it comes to research and support, and so I would urge lawmakers to learn more about these issues and ***support their young constituents.***”

“Just because we become adults, we don’t stop being a childhood cancer survivor. ***We still need help navigating our health.*** With little research into after effects for rarer cancers like mine, we are flying blind.”

“My ***premium increased dramatically*** in 2025 and ***my coverage has gotten worse*** (same plan). I’m stressed my plan will continue to get more expensive for worse coverage in the coming years.”

65%

of surveyed
survivors do not
believe lawmakers
understand and
respond to their
needs “at all.”

These findings make clear that **survivorship is a lifelong journey**. Too many survivors are falling through the cracks of our healthcare and policy systems, and they are asking us to ***listen.***

**Survey
Results**



A National Hub for *Survivorship Excellence*

To help strengthen survivorship care nationwide, we launched the **Survivorship Program Resource Center** in 2025.

This new hub highlights U.S. survivorship programs recognized in recent years for excellence through the Children's Cancer Cause Survivorship Champion's Prize.

The Resource Center serves as a **practical guide** for institutions seeking to **build, expand, or improve** survivorship care models.

Together, we're helping ensure survivors receive lifelong, high-quality follow-up care, no matter where they live.

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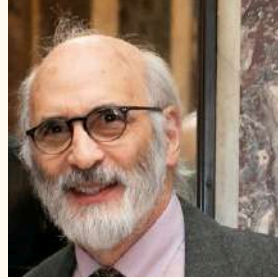
awarded to prestigious survivorship programs across the country through our **Survivorship Champion's Prize**.



**Resource
Center**



10th Annual Rosen Award Honors Michael Link, MD

20
25

*Dr. Link is the
Lydia J. Lee
Professor in
Pediatric Oncology
at the Stanford
University School
of Medicine.*

Dr. Link, pictured with our founder Susan Weiner, is a longtime board member of Children's Cancer Cause, chair of the organization's Policy Committee, and co-chair of the Alliance for Childhood Cancer.



“Advocacy has become *more important than ever* for our patients and our families.

In our current environment, there are **multiple challenges facing us**: devastating cuts to research, a less predictable regulatory environment, and an assault on science with **head-spinning consequences.**”

- Dr. Michael Link, accepting the Children's Cancer Cause **Leonard M. Rosen Memorial Research Award** in November



A decade of recognizing research pioneers

The Rosen Award is presented annually to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to childhood cancer policy and advocacy.



2025: Michael Link, MD



2024: Pamela Hinds, RN, PhD, FAAN



2023: Steven Joffe, MD, MPH



2022: Malcolm Smith, MD



2021: Rep. Jackie Speier



2020: Gilles Vassal, MD, PhD



2019: David Poplack, MD



2018: Julia Rowland, PhD



2017: Aaron Kesselheim,
MD, JD, MPH



2016: Mary McCabe, RN, MA



The Rosen Award honors Leonard Rosen's many years of service on our Board of Directors as chairman and founding member. Leonard was the proud grandfather of a child treated successfully for cancer.



Thank you for
being a *champion*
for children with
cancer.



Visit our website for recognition of
our ***Champion's Circle*** community -
those who gave \$250 or more in 2025.

childrenscancercause.org/championscircle

Financial Report

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Our work is supported by corporate and foundation grants, and by caring friends and families. We are committed to using donations in the most effective and prudent manner and to maximizing the impact of every dollar we receive.



76 cents
from every
dollar raised
supported
mission
programs.

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

Without Donor
Restrictions With Donor
Restrictions **Total**

REVENUE

Contributions and grants:

<i>Cash, other financial asset contributions, grants</i>	615,781	435,300	1,051,081
<i>In-kind contributions</i>	31,918		31,918
Investment return	97,273		97,273
Net assets released from restrictions	154,681	(154,681)	

Total Revenue	\$	899,653	280,619	1,180,272
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EXPENSES

Program services	714,444		714,444
Management and general	73,550		73,550
Fundraising	204,302		204,302

Total Expenses	\$	992,296		992,296
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CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(92,643)	280,619	187,976
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	726,810	197,707	924,517
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	634,167	478,326	1,112,493

Our most recent audited financials and IRS Form 990 are available at
childrenscancercause.org/governance.

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*Above: Adam Rosen,
Board Chair*

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Photography

*Below, l-r: Michael
Link, Susan Weiner,
Greg Reaman*

Thank you to all of our committed volunteers who lend their extraordinary skills and experience to our work of lightening the burden of childhood cancer for all.



←
*(l-r) Mary McCabe,
Dan Wechsler, Beth
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Eric Kobrick →







Thank You

Together, we're creating a **brighter future** for children with cancer, survivors, and their families.

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