

COMPASS TO CARE
ANNUAL REPORT



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The Mike & Sandy Ernsdorff
Childhood Cancer Foundation

Compass to Care funds life-saving access to childhood cancer treatment.

Dear Compass to Care Supporter,

When you work with children with cancer, it can be very easy to become overwhelmed by the sorrow. But the past year, everywhere we looked we saw hope.



Norah

I was sitting at dinner with my family when another family sat down next to us. Immediately, they looked familiar. I said to my husband, "I think that is a Compass to Care family." I had not seen them since the little girl's remission party in 2013. I went over and asked, "Are you Norah?" When she said yes, I was so excited! Norah was a Compass to Care child and is now 10 years post remission. She is an 8th grader and no longer has to go for follow up care.



Gabriel

We got a note from Gabriel's mom via email. We had supported Gabriel for three years during his very long leukemia treatment. Gabriel was now celebrating his 10th birthday! His mom sent us a heartfelt message about the impact Compass to Care had made in their lives.

We hosted our "An Evening of Hope" event in Chicago in November. We were honored to have Ally Peek's parents join us. Their daughter had gone through six months of treatment for synovial sarcoma when she was 12 years old. Compass to Care funded over 40 trips to the hospital. Ally is now healthy and in her sophomore year of college studying neuroscience and social policy.



Ally

When we see children, whose cancer journeys Compass to Care has supported, growing up, smiling, and living healthy lives, we know that the Compass to Care donors have been an instrumental part of their journeys. You gave them hope for a cancer cure, and that hope has turned to reality over and over again. These are just three of the survivors whose lives you have impacted via your generosity. And there are so many more just like them.

Financial challenges make the childhood cancer journey much more difficult, especially when it impacts a child's ability to get to and from treatment. Thankfully, year after year, our donors, volunteers, sponsors, and friends offer reprieve for families during their time of need.

We are proud to present Compass to Care's impact report for 2023. This report represents how you removed all transportation barriers that stood in the way of a child accessing cancer care over the past year. Yes, there were still many days of sorrow for our children and families. Yet, during their journeys you gave them a place to turn. Regardless of where the road might lead, your gift gave them hope. We appreciate your generosity and compassion.

Sincerely,

Michelle Ernsdorff-May
Founder & Childhood Cancer Survivor



OUR vision

Compass to Care will be known for its transformative travel efforts that reduce the disparities in access to childhood cancer treatment and clinical trials.



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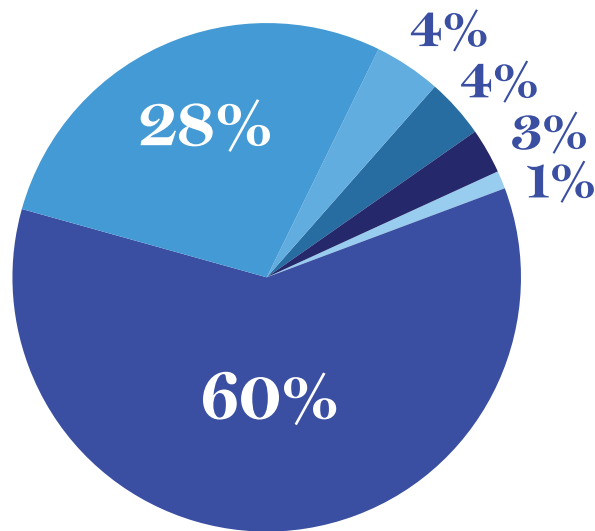
CHILDREN
SUPPORTED
IN 2023

By supporting families in financial distress and removing the transportation barriers to access cancer treatment, Compass to Care is focused on preventing missed medical appointments and thereby improving outcomes for children living in poverty or whose families are facing cancer-related financial toxicity.

The mission of Compass to Care is to provide a free non-emergency medical transportation (NEMT) solution to access life-saving cancer treatment and clinical trials for children fighting cancer and facing poverty or cancer-related financial toxicity (CRFT).

OUR mission

We have supported over
1,000 CHILDREN
and helped them travel over
4 MILLION MILES
to access cancer care.



Relief Provided

In 2023, Compass to Care funded non-emergency medical transportation by paying for the following expenses for our children and families.

- GASOLINE 60%
- UBER/LYFT 28%
- LODGING 4%
- PARKING 4%
- AIRFARE 3%
- BUS FARE, CAR RENTAL, TOLLS, TRAIN 1%

1 in 5

children diagnosed with cancer in the United States lives in poverty.

While many of those children are living in poverty at the time of diagnosis, some cross into a poverty profile as a result of cancer-related financial toxicity (CRFT). CRFT refers to the detrimental effects of the excess financial strain caused by the diagnosis of cancer. For these children, financial instability is associated with higher rates of relapse and decreased overall survival.

How does financial instability impact a child's survival?

- Financial instability leads to transportation barriers.
- Transportation barriers lead to missed and delayed appointments.
- Missed and delayed appointments lead to higher rates of relapse and lower survival rates.

Our Impact: Empowering Parents, Saving Lives

Compass to Care empowers families enrolled in our programs to make timely decisions about getting their children to cancer care by removing transportation barriers. In addition, these families:

- Do not have to spend their own money on transportation
- Do not need a bank account or credit card to fund their travel
- Do not need a vehicle to get their children to treatment
- Can eliminate missed appointments due to transportation barriers
- Can choose to enroll their children in a clinical trial at a distant medical center
- Feel empowered to make decisions about getting their children to the best cancer care available
- Keep hope of survival in the realm of possibility for their precious children



Landen

COMPASS TO CARE'S LIFE-SAVING SOLUTION:

Compass to Care is proud to have three distinct, nationwide non-emergency medical transportation (NEMT) solutions. These programs directly and immediately remove the transportation barriers to access cancer treatment for children with cancer who are living in poverty. These solutions are ACCESS LIFE, CARE & BACK™, and FLIGHTS FOR HOPE.

Access Life

Compass to Care's Access Life program covers 100% of all transportation expenses for our beneficiary children and families, including gasoline, parking fees, and train fare.

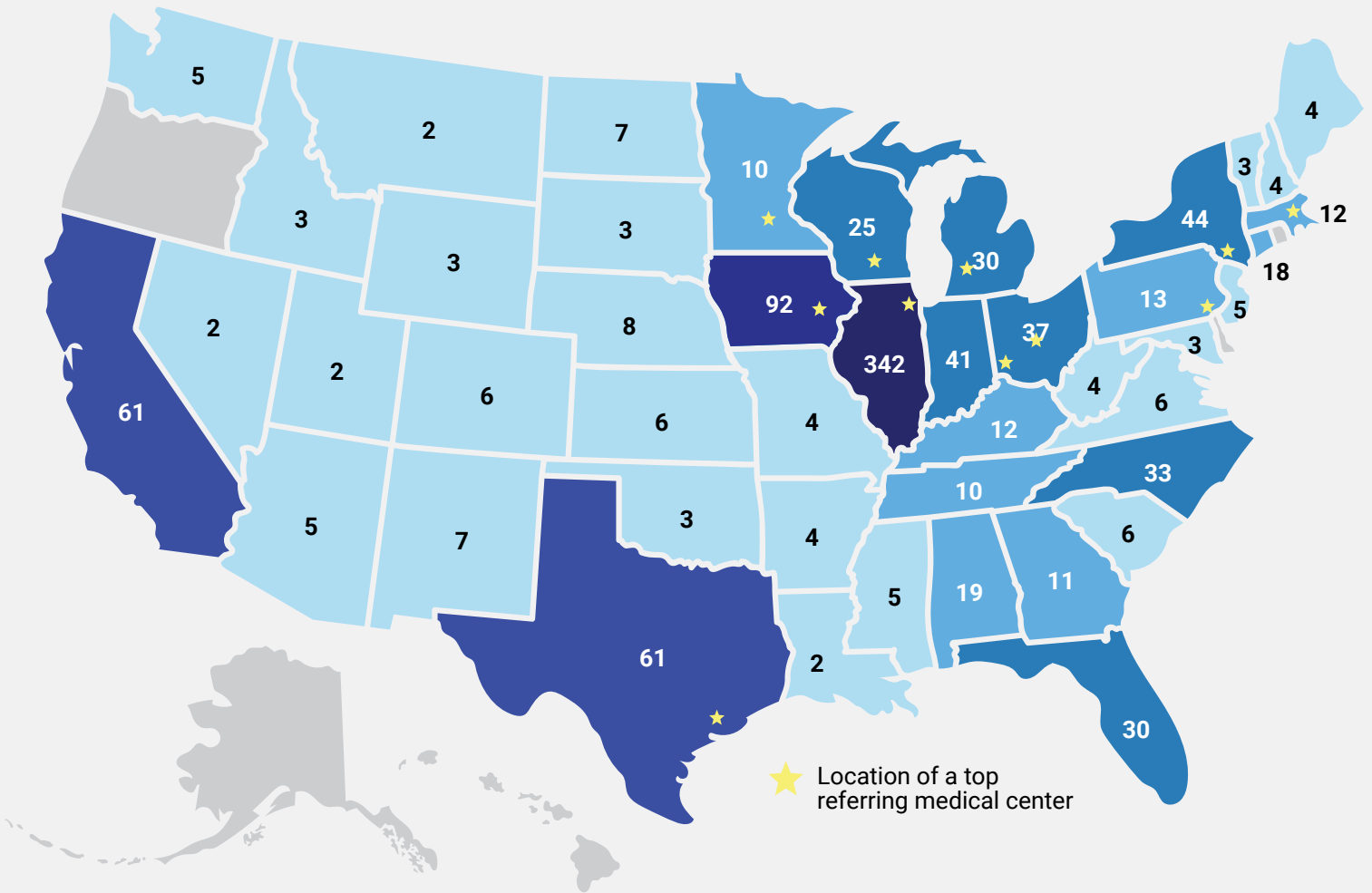
Care & Back™

Compass to Care's Care & Back™ program utilizes the Uber and Lyft transportation networks to secure safe, reliable, and readily-available transportation for families without access to a vehicle.

Flights for Hope

Compass to Care's Flights for Hope program fully funds airfare, lodging, and ground transportation so children living in poverty can access distant clinical trials or other life-saving cancer treatment.

**COMPASS TO CARE IS PROUD
TO BE FUNDING EQUITABLE
ACCESS TO CHILDHOOD CANCER
TREATMENT TO HELP SAVE LIVES.**



Our Top Referring Hospitals:

Compass to Care has become the premier nationwide leader in removing the transportation barriers for children to access cancer treatment. The numbers in the map indicate how many children we have helped in each state.



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milestones

Advocating for Transportation

During the Edison Park Chamber of Commerce Legislative Breakfast, we had the privilege of meeting Senator Robert Martwick and Senator Ram Villivalam. This gave us the opportunity to discuss Illinois' current Medicaid non-emergency medical transportation program and the challenges parents face in utilizing it to get their children to cancer care.

With over 65% of our children eligible for NEMT support from Medicaid, and the overwhelming demand for transportation assistance, we are moved to find a way to work with the Medicaid programs. We look forward to continue working with the Senators and their teams to give children timely and reliable access to cancer care.



An Evening of Hope

An Evening of Hope was an inspirational evening where we laughed, cried, celebrated our childhood cancer heroes and angels and raised over \$200,000! A special thank you to Todd and Beth Thomas and the entire planning committee for their commitment to the event's success.

Gold Ribbon Gala

We are grateful to our amazing Associate Board Members for hosting The Gold Ribbon Gala in Chicago, and other engaging events throughout the year. Their hard work and dedication to our mission makes the cancer journeys of our children a little bit easier.

Breakfast Benefit

2023 marked our 10th year of hosting our Breakfast Benefit in Dubuque, Iowa. As always, the morning was truly touching as Nicole Thulen shared her daughter Libby's cancer journey. She was amazing!!! We are always grateful for the generous people and companies in Dubuque that support our event and give to our organization. Our work is not possible without all of you.



Bubble Fun Run

We avoided the rain and had a wonderful, bubble-filled morning with 600 runners/walkers at our Bubble Fun Run! Thank you to all our participants, sponsors, and volunteers for helping us raise money for childhood cancer. Special thanks to our Race Hero, Riley, and her family and to our photographers, Sunny May and Wonder Studio, for capturing the special memories from the morning.



Shopping to Support

It is always fun to shop, but it is even better when it translates into funding to support Compass to Care's Children. Thank you to both Kendra Scott and CAS Candles for donating a portion of their sales to help children braving cancer get to life-saving treatments.



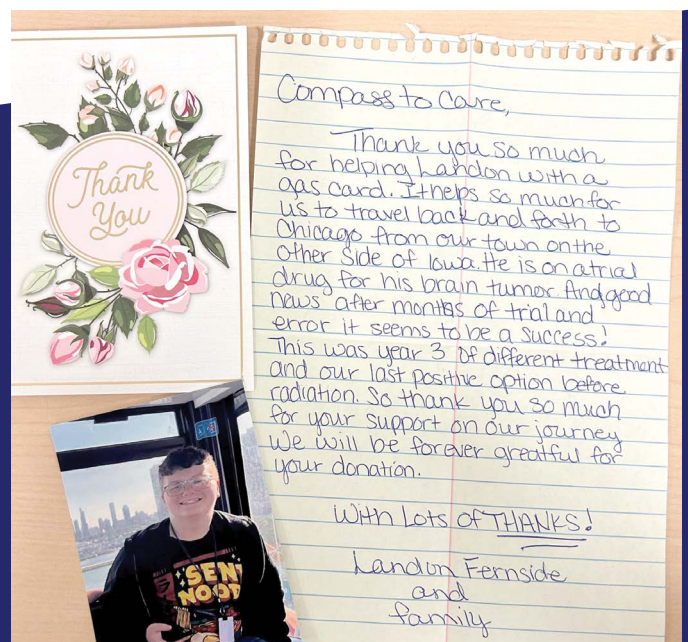
Dining To Help Kids Go the Distance

We were honored to have been chosen by BOKA and Pretty Cool Ice Cream in Chicago as the beneficiary of their community pop! Two amazing pastry chefs, Kim Mok and Dana Cree, created special desserts that were sold to help our children access cancer treatment.

We also had an extra reason to party on Mardi Gras when The Harp & Fiddle and Edin Hamzic with Farmers Insurance, both of Park Ridge, Illinois, hosted a special dinner to support our kids.

HOPE

Landon is 12 years old and was originally diagnosed with a brain tumor in 2015. He relapsed three times, which led his family to drive almost 500 miles from Iowa to Chicago for a treatment that they believe is working!





Board Members & Brews

Thank you to Sturdy Shelter Brewing and our generous Board Member, Borko Bozickovic, for hosting an event to benefit Compass to Care. Hops For Hope raised over \$1800 to support children traveling to cancer treatment.

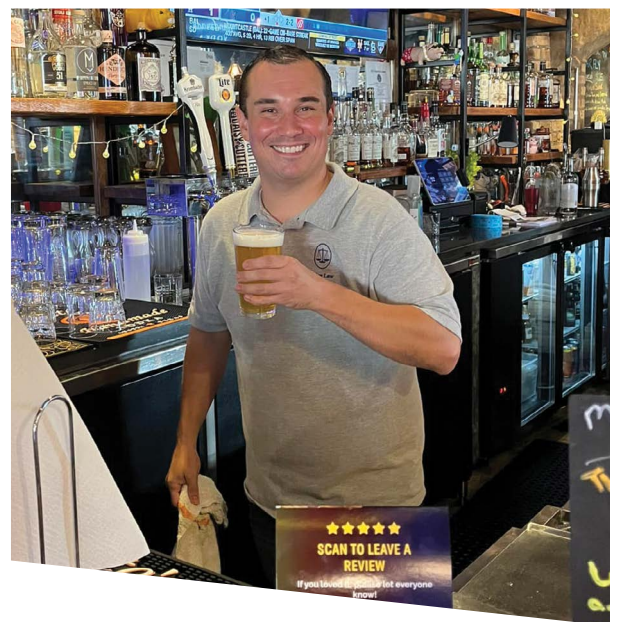


Celebrity Bartending for Our Kids

Body Fit Training and Steve Judge, from Judge Law, Ltd., both hosted a Celebrity Bartending Event at Mel's Craft BBQ in Park Ridge, Illinois, donating all tips to Compass to Care. We are grateful for our community partnerships that make an impact for our kids.

Conferencing for Our Children

There is no better opportunity to share our mission than among healthcare providers. This year, we were grateful to have been chosen by OPEN Health as the beneficiary of their professional conference charitable giving and by the Society of Surgical Oncology to exhibit at their annual conference.



In August of 2022 Maylin was diagnosed with DIPG, an inoperable brain stem tumor. For her cancer treatment Maylin and her mom either fly or drive 550 miles from Montana to Utah.

“In the last year we have had to travel to Salt Lake City, UT from Billings, MT monthly, sometimes weekly. A lot of our trips were unplanned and last minute. Compass to Care has been nothing short of amazing to our family. They came into our lives when funds were short, and we were having to travel most of the time. They were always so quick on booking our airline tickets to get Maylin (back and forth to receive) care.”

“Thank you Compass to Care for taking this journey along with us and being our saving grace.”



Maylin

Kids Helping Kids

For The Future Chicago was started by two Chicago high school students, Miles Heltzer and Enrique Toledo, with the goal of making philanthropy fun and engaging for other high school students. This year, they raised funds and provided volunteer hours to support Compass to Care's children.

Communities & Our Kids

We love to have businesses in the community who show their charitable hearts to support our kids. This year Silver Lining Chiropractic and Olson's Ace Hardware, both in Park Ridge, Illinois, created community events to raise awareness of the challenges our children face, and to raise funds to support their cancer journeys.



Getting Fit for the Fight

We are always excited about opportunities to combine fitness and fundraising! This year, B1 Yoga in Dubuque, Iowa hosted an outdoor yoga class and CrossTown Fitness in Chicago, Illinois held a crossfit training class to support our children.

"Today as we move our bodies we think of all the kids fighting cancer and in the hospital who can't be out moving theirs," Adrian Abonce, President of Compass to Care's Associate Board.

A HUGE thank you to all of the brave people who came to work out for a cause. You crushed it!

How to Help More

Volunteer, join a committee, be part of our Associate Board, sit on our Board of Directors, or find a role that fits you on our website: compasstocare.org/volunteer

HOPE

"The hardest thing that I had to endure while he was on treatment was the economical aspect. Michelle and her team supported us all the way. The fact that I did not have to worry about transportation was a breeze. Thank you for everything you did for us and continue to do for others, we think of you often. I thank God every day for the opportunity to see my baby growing older and for having people like you that helps total strangers when they need it the most." - Gabriel's mom



Gabriel

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**“I have
 seen the
 stress and
 worry wash
 away from
 parents’ faces**

when I tell them that Compass to Care can offer a means to get their child to treatment. When I put through a referral, I know that the dedicated staff will respond quickly and compassionately, always keeping the best interest of the patient and family in mind.”

- Tina Eisman, LCSW

Social Worker, Pediatric Hematology/Oncology
 Advocate Children's Hospital - Park Ridge



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See a full view of our audited 2023 financials online:

CompassToCare.org/financials

Statement of Activities

Revenue	
Endowment Income	\$122
Investment Income (Loss)	\$712
Unrealized Gain (Loss)	\$4,515
Sales Income	\$21,265
Interest Income	\$5,180
Total Revenue	\$31,794
Public Support	
Fundraising Income	\$324,189
Businesses & Foundation	\$199,000
Individuals & Others	\$113,950
Donations In Kind	\$4,155
Total Public Support	\$641,294
Net Assets Released From Time Restrictions	\$135,000
Total Revenue & Public Support	\$808,088
Expenses	
Program	\$578,901
Fundraising	\$78,194
Management & General	\$30,813
Total Expenses	\$687,908
Change in Net Assets	\$120,180
Net Assets	
January 1, 2023	\$565,363
December 1, 2023	\$685,543

Statement of Financial Position

Current Assets	
Cash & Equivalents	\$692,707
Accounts Receivable	-
Right of Use Asset - Short Term	\$17,814
Inventory	\$643
Total Current Assets	\$711,164
Other Assets	
Endowment Fund	\$39,313
Deposit	\$1,489
Right of Use Asset - Long Term	\$14,013
Total Other Assets	\$54,815
Total Assets	\$765,979
Current Liabilities	
Capital One Credit Card	\$2,525
PRCB Visa Community Card	\$3,058
Kaizen	\$11,516
Uber Health	\$1,510
Operating Lease Liability - Short Term	\$17,814
Total Current Liabilities	\$36,423
Long-Term Liabilities	
Operating Lease Liability - Long Term	\$14,013
Total Liabilities	\$50,436
Net Assets	
Without Donor Restriction	\$685,543
With Donor Restriction	\$30,000
Total Net Assets	\$715,543
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$765,979

Hope is ACCESS TO CANCER CARE.

Hope is *finishing treatment.*

Hope is *strength.*

Hope is *good health.*

Hope is *growing up.*

Hope is **Charvion**
*- a childhood
cancer survivor!*



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