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## SEPTEMBER IS CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH



*Danica,  
leukemia survivor*



*Griffin, Ewing  
sarcoma survivor*



*Dexter,  
neuroblastoma survivor*

**With you, we can stop childhood cancer.  
In the month of September alone, approximately:**

25,000 families around the world will get the horrible news that their child or teen has cancer, like Dexter's (page 4) and Nevaeh's (page 8) families did.

6,667 families will experience the loss of a child. That means every school day this month, nearly 250 families will have to live on without their children like Jocelyn's family (page 6).

These are the faces of childhood cancer. Together, we can create a world where this doesn't have to be the story anymore. Support our journey toward a cure by raising awareness this September — here's how.

### Learn the facts and share them.

We need to fund more research because cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among children in the United States.

- ✦ More children are being diagnosed with cancer today than ever before. And the causes of childhood cancer are largely unknown. We need to research the genetics behind cancer to figure out why it's happening.
- ✦ Current childhood cancer treatments can actually cause other cancers to occur.
- ✦ The effects of childhood cancer never go away. Post-treatment, survivors experience heart damage, lung damage, infertility, cognitive impairment, growth deficits, hearing loss and more.
- ✦ Even if a child has the same type of cancer as an adult, the causes and genes responsible for it could be completely different. That means we need specialized research just for kids.

### Join the conversation on social media.

Twitter: @childrencancer

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The average person has about 156 Facebook friends. If each of Children's Cancer Research Fund's Facebook followers shared a childhood cancer statistic, fact or story, over 9 million people could learn about this devastating disease. Our community has the power to educate a population larger than that of New York City.

## Participate in these great fundraising opportunities:

### BeautyKind

Visit BeautyKind during the month of September to buy brands you love and discover new favorites, all while supporting Children's Cancer Research Fund. Learn more by visiting [BeautyKind.us](http://BeautyKind.us) and entering the code BUTTERFLY.

### CRAVE Cares

From September 7 to October 4 you'll have the opportunity to "round up" your purchases at CRAVE restaurants to benefit Children's Cancer Research Fund. Visit [craveamerica.com/crave-cares](http://craveamerica.com/crave-cares) for more information.

### Macy's Thanks for Sharing

Give once, get more. Join Macy's Thanks For Sharing event happening August 31 through December 31. During this time, Macy's will donate \$10 out of each \$25 from the Thanks for Sharing Rewards Card enrollment fees to Children's Cancer Research Fund and other charitable organizations. For more details, visit [Macys.com/thanks](http://Macys.com/thanks).

### Punch Pizza

In celebration of Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, Punch Pizza is contributing 10 percent of all pizza sales to Children's Cancer Research Fund during the week of September 26-30. Visit [PunchPizza.com](http://PunchPizza.com) and click on "Where" for a list of locations.

### Zen Box Izakaya Ramen Attack 2016

On Sunday, September 25 at Mill City Museum in Minneapolis, Zen Box Izakaya will feature delicious bowls of ramen and ramen burgers from celebrated chefs around the country. Proceeds will benefit Children's Cancer Research Fund. Check out more details at [Facebook.com/ZenBoxIzakaya](http://Facebook.com/ZenBoxIzakaya).



*Caiah,  
leukemia survivor*



*Molly,  
neuroblastoma survivor*



*Jack, brain  
tumor survivor*



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## FACES OF CHILDHOOD CANCER: MEET THE FAMILIES

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### Dexter Neuroblastoma Survivor

We first met Dexter at Minneapolis' Ronald McDonald House. Eight years old at the time, he sat cross-legged on the living room couch prepared with his white, netted radiation mask and his long strings of Beads of Courage, beads used to commemorate the milestones he's achieved through his treatment.

That day, Dexter didn't just tell us how it was to have cancer — he showed us.

Thoughtful and articulate, he explained his treatment with each bead, holding them between his small fingers and explaining what they meant:

*Yellow for radiation.* He had to be in isolation for three days. "I was trapped in a box, and I had to talk to my parents through a camera," he said. The radiation was too dangerous for his mom and dad to be in his room for long.

*Red for transfusions.* Each bead marked the needles inserted into Dexter's small blood vessels.

*White for chemotherapy.* A total of six long rounds. His mom, dad and older brother, Mat, sat close by his hospital bed, watching TV with him and holding his hands.

Strung together, the beads took up the width of the living room — a myriad of colors indicating Dexter's trials and triumphs: Surgeries to remove an 8-inch tumor by his kidney, a stem cell transplant to restore his immune system and a cocktail of medications to kill the cancer — 16 tumors that doctors found throughout his body.

Dexter was the fifth child at the University of Minnesota to receive a type of treatment called MIBG, a compound used in combination with radiation. This therapy destroys tumors while sparing normal, healthy tissue.

"Doctors had to come in with a Geiger counter to make sure his radiation levels were safe," said his dad, Manny. "They threw away all the toys in the room with him because they were too radioactive to be played with."

But not even Dexter's least favorite treatment — taking pills — diminished his smile or knack for funny faces. "You would be hard-pressed to find a more determined 8-year-old, and I am not just saying that because he's my child," said Manny.

The traditional neuroblastoma treatments didn't work effectively for Dexter. So this past winter, he was put on mix of pills, infusions and shots.

His prognosis was a 20 percent survival rate and doctors told Manny and Dexter's mom, Jenny, that the new treatment had a 20 to 50 percent chance of working. "The way I see it is that I have Dexter 100 percent today," Manny told us. He focuses on staying present and providing all the new experiences for his son that he can.

A few months after our meeting, Dexter finished up his treatment and reunited with his four cats and Newfoundland dog. A self-described "Star Wars nerd," one of his cats is named Jabba. "He's 27 pounds!" he told us, excitedly.

Though enjoying being home, Dexter has a high chance of the neuroblastoma coming back. "[It's] hard to swallow," said Jenny. "If it does come back, there is very, very little chance he'll survive."

This past spring Dexter had his first scans to see if the cancer had indeed come back. They came back clear: no evidence of disease.

Then this summer, Dexter and his family held their breath for the next set of scans. And again they came back clear.

"The radiologist said he will get some kind of cancer because of the treatments," said Jenny. "We'll fight if a different cancer comes. It's a hard adjustment getting back to normal life, but right now we're living in the bliss that is no evidence of disease! That's really all we can do. And we're having fun doing it!"



Dexter with  
his dad, Manny



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Jocelyn  
June 12, 2006 – July 6, 2013

One evening in July, Kayla ate at McDonald's with her husband and kids, Reid, Liam, Harper and Everleigh.

This might seem like a typical scene after a hot Fourth of July weekend, but for Kayla's family, it meant more: They were remembering their eldest daughter and sister on the third anniversary of her passing.

"Jocelyn always wanted to eat there on the way to and from chemo. Cheeseburger Happy Meal, plain," Kayla said, laughing through tears. Jocelyn would only take a couple bites because the chemotherapy made her feel nauseous.

"Jocelyn was the biggest personality around," she said. "She was in the hospital so much and around adults, so her vocabulary exploded." By the time she was two, she was more articulate than some 5 year olds and could understand procedures easily. "And she told you her opinion about it," said Kayla. "She'd speak her mind."

She had a generous heart, too. For her birthdays, Jocelyn would ask for donations for the local childhood cancer research foundation.

And it's research that gives Kayla hope.

**"There are kids who can be with their families longer because of the research being done," Kayla said. "As time went on and Jocelyn relapsed, we were able to find more options."**

When Jocelyn was 13 months old, doctors diagnosed a lump on her tailbone as primitive neuroectodermal tumor (PNET). Two and a half weeks into treatment for PNET, they discovered the disease was actually rhabdomyosarcoma, a cancer that forms in muscle tissue. This misdiagnosis slightly changed the typical treatment used for Jocelyn's disease, pushing her outpatient chemotherapy to the end of her regimen.

She was also sent to New York City for surgery where she could receive intraoperative radiation. "While she was in surgery, her tumor bed was radiated to better target it," said Kayla. Jocelyn endured six more months of chemotherapy treatment, and, in September 2008, she had her port removed. She had no evidence of disease for two full years.

Then in April 2010, Jocelyn relapsed at age 4.

Kayla recalls one night when Jocelyn crawled into bed with her. "She said, 'You hope I get to stay with you forever, right mom?' and 'I really

hope Jesus doesn't take me away from you.' She was already questioning mortality," said Kayla.

After Jocelyn relapsed for the second time, Kayla said, "The hardest part was when we were told that treatment was never going to cure her, and that it would only prolong her life. Knowing she would never grow up to graduate, go to college, date, get married — knowing her siblings would have to live without her."

They continued treatment anyway. "What if they were wrong? Doctors had gotten things wrong for her before and miracles do happen," said Kayla. "We were praying for one."

While in the hospital, Jocelyn would go for walks in the hospital hallway and talk to other kids and even teenagers. She wouldn't let her mom brush her bedhead, but would let fellow childhood cancer patients comb her hair for her. She also loved to ride the tricycle from the fifth floor down to her radiation appointments.

Weeks before she died, Jocelyn had her seventh birthday party. Students from the local cosmetology school did mani/pedis for her and her friends. And she saw a preview of "Despicable Me II," flown to her straight from Hollywood, so she could see it before she passed.

After battling cancer for most of her life, Jocelyn passed on July 6, 2013.

"I'm not super religious, but I do know that she is up in heaven, whole, healthy and at peace. I know that because moments after she died, I could have sworn I saw a smile on her face," said Kayla. "She had more guts than I ever had. She was braver than I will ever be."



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### Nevaeh Medulloblastoma Survivor



Eight-year-old Nevaeh wears a gold cape in the grocery store. Her hair up in a pony-tail, she's ready to get to work bagging groceries to fund brain cancer research through her fundraiser, Superkids Never Quit.

Though Nevaeh has always had a tender, compassionate heart, her medulloblastoma diagnosis gave her focus: to defeat the disease so other kids don't have to go through it.

"Caring for people is 100 percent of who she is. She never wanted to see us sad when she was in treatment. You couldn't cry in front of her," said Tessa, Nevaeh's mom. "She sees the good in things."

At age 4, doctors discovered a tumor in Nevaeh's brain after she had consistent, painful headaches and vomiting. "We were in the ER — I can picture the room still. Just talking about it gives me a pit in my stomach," said Tessa. "You see the doctors walking outside, and you think *they know something*."

After finding the brain tumor, doctors made a hole in Nevaeh's skull to drain excess fluid from her brain and diagnosed the tumor as medulloblastoma. "She never questioned why she was put through this. She'd pray, and she wasn't angry," said Tessa.



Nevaeh then endured chemotherapy and, shortly thereafter, proton therapy. Proton therapy is a radiation treatment that uses protons rather than x-rays to treat cancer — and she received it almost 1,500 miles away from home in Jacksonville, Florida.

Finishing up treatment and returning to Minnesota, it seemed the therapy had worked. But routine scans revealed 10 more tumors in her spine and brain stem.

The risks were high for the next treatment including radiation sessions that were close together. This could cause headaches, seizures and even another brain cancer. Nevaeh responded remarkably well to the radiation and the additional six rounds of chemotherapy to kill any floating cancer cells.

Today she wears a brace, has cataracts in both eyes, needs growth hormone therapy as she has no thyroid and has hearing aids from hearing loss.

"Sometimes, people think you're done with cancer once treatment is done, and it's like if you only knew," said Tessa. "I just want her to be able to do what she loves to do because there's a lot she can't do. I want her to know that if she has a dream and believes in something, she can follow that dream."



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## FACES OF CHILDHOOD CANCER: MEET THE RESEARCHERS

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### Megan Voss, DNP, RN

With only 4 percent of government funding dedicated to childhood cancer research, the impact on kids and doctors is visible. Funding gaps slow down or halt potentially life-saving projects. Kids are left with 40-50 year-old toxic treatments that leave them emotionally and physically spent. And grant writing to get that small portion of government funding can take up to 50 percent of a researcher's time in a year. That means less time in the lab and snail-pace results.

But each researcher we meet reminds us that the bright ideas are there. And thanks to you, we can move treatments from the lab to the bedside quickly. Peter Gordon, MD, PhD (page 11) and Megan Voss, DNP, RN are just a couple of the brilliant researchers whose ideas you are helping turn into life-saving and healing realities.

**What she does:** Megan Voss uses healing touch, essential oils, music and other integrative therapies to help heal a child even if they can't be cured. Used to complement a child's treatment protocol, integrative therapy helps a child feel in control of their healing.

**Why she does it:** "After my first year of being a nurse on the adult hematology/oncology floor, I was thinking, there's got to be more. I left work completely drained and I was wondering what I could do other than leave the profession. I found integrative nursing. It was the first time that I felt like my professional and personal passions were in alignment. There's a lot of emotional turmoil and suffering you see as a nurse that affects the physical, mental and emotional or spiritual dimensions. Integrative nursing acknowledges human beings as whole, and those dimensions can't be separated. It also acknowledges that as a nurse, you can be an intervention and help in a way that drugs cannot. Families and patients teach me as much as I do them. I've learned many lessons through these tremendous little people."

**How you help:** "It's always a battle to get funding. Without Children's Cancer Research Fund, this program wouldn't be possible. Insurance won't cover integrative therapies, and it's not part of hospital budgets."

Out of approximately 90 patients who were offered integrative therapies in its first year, 52 percent took the opportunity. Because of you, more than half of the children and teenagers on the floor received therapies they otherwise wouldn't have had access to.



## FACES OF CHILDHOOD CANCER: OUR SUPPORTERS

### Meet Tania Kibble



Tania is a childhood cancer survivor. She was diagnosed with Ewing sarcoma when she was 4 years old. Now she's applying to medical schools and recently took the MCAT. Her parents have been long-time donors of Children's Cancer Research Fund.

#### What do you remember about your cancer experience?

Honestly, the only part I remember is happiness. My parents never lied to me, but were always very positive. I remember my mom brushing my hair and it falling out in clumps. I also remember my mom and I taking a pee cup at the hospital during treatment. We'd go outside and collect caterpillars which she let me bring into the hospital room. The nurses screamed for us to get it out of there!

#### What would you tell other childhood cancer survivors?

Learn to love yourself. Growing up, I tried so hard to be normal. I couldn't accept my limitations. Going to college taught me that people will like you despite those limitations.

### Meet Kaitlyn Schoenbauer



Kaitlyn is the sibling of childhood cancer survivor, Luke. He was diagnosed with osteosarcoma, bone cancer, when he was 8 years old. Kaitlyn is the oldest of four siblings and is pursuing a career in child family life.

#### What was the hardest thing to watch your brother endure?

Right at the beginning, he was in a body cast and couldn't move on his own. My mom told me not to cry in front of him. It was hard to feel so sad and not be able to show it.

#### How did your family get through it together?

My parents put Luke's big bed in the front living room. After school, we'd all pile on the bed with him and play Xbox or watch a movie. We also had a Korean exchange student at the time who was awesome and hysterical. He'd rub the top of Luke's head.

#### What would you say to other siblings going through a cancer diagnosis right now?

It's not always fun, and it's usually really, really scary, but it's important not to drop the things you love: playing sports, making friends — it all helps make life feel normal. Don't feel guilty, because ultimately you have to take care of yourself just as much as your sibling.

### Meet Russ Swansen



Russ is a current Children's Cancer Research Fund board member. He and his employer, Thrivent Financial, are long-time supporters of Children's Cancer Research Fund.

#### Why is childhood cancer research a big part of your life?

My younger sister, Janice, died of Hodgkin lymphoma in 1990. She was the youngest of five and the only girl, which made it all the more tragic. She was diagnosed in high school and passed away when she was in college.

#### What is it about research that excites you, and where do you hope it leads?

I'm naturally drawn to it as a curious and science-oriented person. There's satisfaction in knowing I can make a difference as a donor in a lot of lives. One of the things about research is that there's the potential for an investment with a lot of potential return in the future. I hope in the future that we won't need research anymore. I'd like to see cancer research doctors be put out of a job so they could work on something else.

#### What do you think of the researchers behind childhood cancer research?

They're amazing people doing amazing work. They work on the most desperate cases, and very often the cases don't end how they wish they would. I don't know how they do it, because I don't think I could.

## FACES OF CHILDHOOD CANCER: MEET THE RESEARCHERS

### Peter Gordon, MD, PhD



**What he does:** Dr. Gordon uses tiny particles to deliver drugs directly to cancer cells. He's already discovered how to deliver drugs to leukemia cells using nanoparticles. Typically, these tiny particles are about 20-100 nanometers. To put that in perspective, a sheet of newspaper is about 100,000 nanometers thick. This innovative delivery system may help cancer drugs be more effective while making a patient less sick, because the targeted treatment avoids healthy cells and directly activates the drug in cancer cells.

hepatoblastoma. I left his room knowing it was the right thing to be doing. I had no idea what I was going to do next, but I knew [pediatric oncology] was the right choice. It's the combination of the medicine and science. You get to know your families incredibly well. Having kids made it even more real. I remember getting a call from the ER with a new patient who had come in. He was 3 months old and had the same birthday as my son. I remember thinking, 'This could be my kid.' Whenever I deliver bad news, I can go to the lab as an outlet and try to come up with a solution."

**How you help:** Because of donors like you, Dr. Gordon will further test his nanoparticle delivery system on Ewing sarcoma and neuroblastoma cells with a drug used to treat many childhood cancers. If successful, Dr. Gordon's idea could impact patients with a variety of cancers around the world.

**Why he does it:** "The first moment I knew pediatric oncology was right for me was my first clinic in 2006. There was a little boy who had



### Time to Fly

More than 1,000 participants joined volunteers, vendors, sponsors and spectators on June 25 for Time to Fly 2016 at Phalen Park in St. Paul, Minnesota. The sunny morning was spent celebrating children and families affected by childhood cancer. Our dedicated supporters rallied together and raised nearly \$200,000 to benefit childhood cancer research at the Masonic Cancer Center, University of Minnesota.

**Congratulations to the outstanding 2016 team and individual award recipients:**

**Top Fundraising Teams:**

Jack Attack (\$20,851.90)  
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# GREAT CYCLE CHALLENGE



Arden with Mary's warrior stick



Over \$3 million raised!

In June, more than 26,000 participants from across the country came together to fight childhood cancer. Participants rode more than 2 million miles total and raised more than \$3 million for Children's Cancer Research Fund with the support of their family, friends and community.

Many riders chose to ride on behalf of or in memory of someone they know, like our top fundraiser, Arden Virnig, who totaled over 900 miles in memory of his daughter, Mary.

Mary passed away from ganglioneuroblastoma in 2010. During Great Cycle Challenge 2015, Arden pedaled on a tandem bike with one empty seat to symbolize his daughter's absence. This year, he carried the warrior stick that Mary held onto throughout her fight with cancer. "I know these kids have put up a huge battle. I just hope we can somehow make that easier, better. There has to be a way," he said in a Fox 9 interview.

Thanks to the generosity of Great Cycle Challenge riders and sponsors, funds raised will help provide a brighter future for kids with cancer. In addition to supporting research at the University of Minnesota, grants of \$20,000 each were awarded to the following Children's Oncology Group hospitals for clinical trials research:

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To participate next year, check out [GreatCycleChallenge.com](http://GreatCycleChallenge.com).

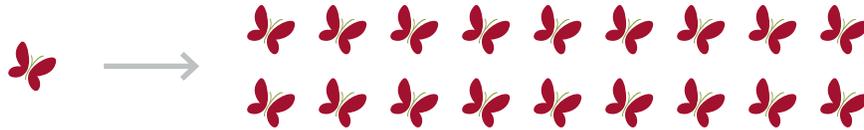


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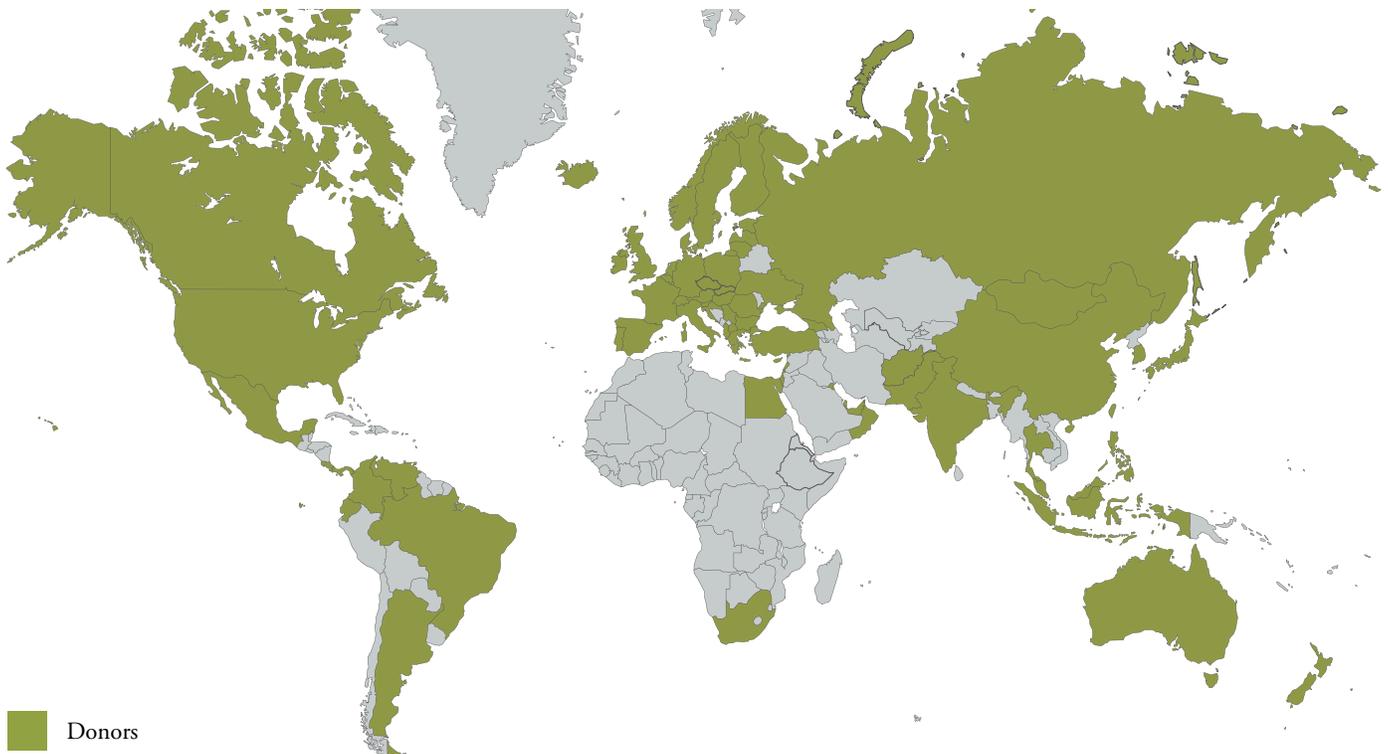


You've also helped train the next generation of leaders in the fight against childhood cancer. **Over 90 fellows have gone on to change the landscape of childhood cancer because of you.** And you're helping fund brilliant, emerging scientists at the University of Minnesota.



Their research discoveries are being shared with 9,000 childhood cancer experts around the world. **We are so grateful to have donors from around the globe willing to tackle childhood cancer.** Because of you, kids know we're in this with them. We won't stop until there's a cure and only healthy survivors.

Thank you!



## FACES OF CHILDHOOD CANCER: OUR SUPPORTERS

### 26th Annual Benefactors Circle

The Benefactors Circle members enjoyed a wonderful dinner, hosted by founders Sharon and Joel Waller, along with their son and daughter-in-law Jon and Jill Halper, on May 22 at Café Lurcat in Minneapolis.

Starting with a small group of dedicated friends and family, the Circle was born in the spring of 1991. Each year, members donate at least \$1,000 to the Benefactors Circle and receive an invitation to the annual dinner. Research funded by donations from the Benefactors Circle — more than \$3 million since 1991 — has gone on to support childhood cancer research. This year's event is funding efforts to improve recovery and reduce infection risks for kids who have received a stem cell transplant, as John Wagner, M.D. explained at the dinner.

Thank you to all of our Benefactors Circle members. If you would like to be part of this group and dinner next year, please contact Amy Polski Larson at [apolskilarson@childrenscancer.org](mailto:apolskilarson@childrenscancer.org) or (952) 224-8486.

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DAWN OF A DREAM 2016

### Dawn of a Dream

Join us on November 5, 2016, for the 36th annual Dawn of a Dream presented by Thrivent Mutual Funds. Be part of creating a limitless tomorrow for children facing cancer.

The night will include an exciting dinner program, interactive experiences and a live auction, all held at The Depot in Minneapolis. We hope you'll join us for this black tie evening.

You can be the catalyst for a cure. For ticket or sponsorship information, please contact Jessica Ruth at [jruth@childrenscancer.org](mailto:jruth@childrenscancer.org) or 952-224-8497.

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### Remembering Marion Gray

Marion Gray, a bright and brilliant leader, passed away on March 24, 2016. Marion, also a talented vocalist, joined the Junior League of Minneapolis' LeagueAires. It was here that she met Diana Hageboeck. After Marion learned the news

that Diana's daughter, Katie, had been diagnosed with leukemia, she quickly grew passionate in the fight against childhood cancer. Marion helped the Hageboecks and others plan a fundraising gala to benefit research in childhood cancer at the University of Minnesota. This event, Dawn of a Dream, was the start of fundraising for Children's Cancer Research Fund. Marion was hired a few years later as CCRF's first employee. Her pioneering efforts and organizational skills made a large impact in establishing the presence of CCRF. Known to her friends as an energetic and loyal individual, Marion leaves us with many fond memories. We are grateful for her fearless leadership and dedication to a world without childhood cancer.



### Remembering Louise Engelke

Louise Engelke, past Dawn of a Dream chair (1989), passed away on June 26, 2016 due to complications from breast cancer. Louise and Bob Engelke and Sandy and Cal Simmons were the first and only couples to chair this event together.

Louise and Sandy also co-chaired the Children's Cancer Research Fund Fashion Show at International Market Square in 1987. An active volunteer and avid supporter, Louise was a piece of the CCRF heart. Hundreds of friends gathered at Mount Olivet Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, on July 14 to remember and celebrate Louise and her special grace, style and love of family and friends.

She will be deeply missed by many. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her husband Bob, daughter and son-in-law Cynthia and Philip, and grandchildren Serena, Winston and Millicent.

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The 13th Annual 140 Golf tournament was held at Oak Ridge Country Club on Saturday, August 20 with full deck of golfers and dinner guests. Thanks to Presenting sponsor Lubrication Technologies, Inc. and Platinum sponsors Luther Automotive and Ames Constructions and to our Titanium sponsors. The event raised \$200,000 this year!

### Concert for the Cure

A day full of fun festivities, Concert for the Cure has raised more than \$6,000 last year, and is back for a second year! This year, it will be held in Chisholm, Minnesota, on Saturday, September 24. The event will begin at 9 a.m. with a pancake breakfast, followed by a BBQ lunch at Jim's Sports Club culminating with a full line up that begins at 2 p.m. Thank you!

### Emma's Hope Walk

For the past 15 years, the Laehn family held this annual walk in honor of their daughter, Emma. She was diagnosed with neuroblastoma in 1999 and is now headed to college. This year, their family passed the torch to the German family who lost their daughter, Emma, to the same disease that Emma Laehn survived. We send a special thank you to both families for their efforts to organize this great community event and help raise money to support childhood cancer research.

And thank you to **Karl's Tourney, Knockout Childhood Cancer 5K, Nick Cisewski Memorial Golf Tournament, Schwan's USA Cup Kick Cancer Day!**

Go to [ChildrensCancer.org](http://ChildrensCancer.org) and visit our upcoming events page for more information!

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