LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

It’s a problem we’ve wanted for a long time. Back when we started The Cure Starts Now in 2007, research on these homerun cancers was scarce. Experts were even harder to find. And all we wanted were options, hope and a cure for these families. We always knew that one day it would grow — in fact — so much that we wouldn’t be able to keep up. That time has now come.

In this year’s grant cycle we funded our largest ever grant round: a staggering $4.5 million over 19 grants in 9 countries, along with our incredible chapters, ambassador families, partners in the CONNECT funding group and the DIPG/DMG Collaborative. That’s a remarkable amount, and it’s thanks to your dedicated support that The Cure Starts Now has grown by nearly 60% to respond to this need.

Still, as I write this letter, there are four grants that we cannot fund. To me it means four opportunities to cure cancer. And while I am beyond proud that we helped build a community that boasts 81 trials for children fighting today, I desperately also want to be able to respond to every opportunity with the funding it needs.

Like I said, it is a problem we’ve wanted for a long time and it means progress is being made. Life expectancies for children diagnosed with these cancers today are double what they were when my daughter Elena fought this 10 years ago, but it is not enough. We need that cure and we are grateful to have your help in this fight. And with any luck, maybe we might be able to even add a few grant fundings to the list.

Brooke Desserich
Co-Founder, Executive Director

PUTTING OUR KIDS FIRST

Giving Tuesday comes after Black Friday, Small Business Saturday, and Cyber Monday, leaving so little left over to support important causes. More than 4,000 children are diagnosed with brain cancer each year, and they deserve more than leftovers. The Cure Starts Now believes those kids should come first.

Over 100 families came together on November 15th for Giving First, an entire two weeks before Giving Tuesday, to fundraise for pediatric brain cancer research. It was a day filled with the unique stories of each family being shared across Facebook and Instagram, spreading hope and perseverance.

“Thankful doesn’t even begin to describe how we feel about our supporters that donate to The Cure Starts Now because to our family, donations mean hope. Hope for vital research to be funded. Vital research that can save Addison’s life and so many other children. No donation is too small. Every penny matters. Just like every child matters.”

– The Varns Family, for DIPG warrior Addison

At the same time, The Cure Starts Now headquarters went live for 8 hours on Facebook to interview these families and talk about their hardships, the research that donations would help fund, and the importance of collaboration on every level. At the end of November the supporters of these families raised enough to fund nearly 5,000 hours of research.

There is still time to help fund more research! To donate go to give-first.org

OVER $500,000 RAISED AND GROWING!
THE ARMY BEHIND THE GIRL

A LITTLE GIRL WITH A BIG IMPACT
When your family faces a diagnosis like DIPG, the world can feel like it’s crashing down around you. But that’s when the world surprises you and sends you people to help shoulder the load. For the Slivkas, they found an entire army ready to follow their daughter Ayla into battle.

Ayla was 5 years old when she was diagnosed with DIPG at Nationwide Children’s Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. The Slivkas moved frequently and had unintentionally created a nationwide network of people motivated to battle alongside Ayla. After Ayla’s diagnosis, she rallied her banners and the army charged into battle alongside her, fundraising for the cure and outpouring support for their little warrior. This community was dubbed “Ayla’s Army.”

“The Cure Starts Now is an incredible organization I knew nothing about before, and now I will stick with this organization for the long haul so that one day we can find the cure.”
– Tim Slivka, Ayla’s father

It was easy to rally behind a girl like Ayla. With her big personality, vibrant light, and creative soul, her sassiness brought so much joy to her family and she lit up the lives of everyone she knew. She was the first to grab the microphone and get on stage, the first to keep you in check, and the first to make you laugh. Ayla always had happy dreams thanks to her mom filling her head with stories of unicorns, sunshine, and candy. Her creative spirit first appeared with her love of sticker books before it spread to loving art through painting, drawing, coloring books. That love then evolved to creating performances such as movies or dances with her friends. Ayla was outgoing, sassy, smart, and sweet. She was larger than life and a beast of a little girl. Ayla wasn’t just in the spotlight; she was the spotlight. She wasn’t show stopping, she was the show.

FAMILY NEVER FIGHTS ALONE
Ayla passed in June, 2022 after battling for almost a year. In that year, she turned 6, welcomed a new baby sister Aspen (who she nicknamed Penny), and lived a life of joy and love. Ayla was an inspiration to so many and left a lasting impact on us all — an impact felt to this day. Ayla’s Army gathered around Ayla to support her and her family during her battle, and has continued to do so since her passing.

Ayla’s Army has fundraised hundreds of thousands of dollars in Ayla’s name for The Cure Starts Now, and they have no intention of stopping. Ayla’s father Tim says, “To just give up after we watched that fight and watched that support doesn’t feel at all like the right thing to do. We want to stay in this. I don’t want to see other families have to go through what we went through. I want to see treatments improve. I want to see options improve. I want to see access to medication improve. I think that’s what’s fair for families that are in this fight. Families that are in this fight battling cancer don’t deserve to go through it and have the ending that we just had.”

Ayla’s Army will keep fighting in Ayla’s name, and The Cure Starts Now is proud to be part of the cavalry.

To donate go to donate2csn.org/Ayla
All journeys start with a map. For the Homerun Cure™ and DIPG/DMG, that map is the collective knowledge of patient data. Knowing this, in 2011, The Cure Starts Now worked with Dr. Maryam Fouladi, previously at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center and Dr. Dannis van Vuurden previously at VU University Medical Center.

Incomplete data was a problem, and not just within pediatric brain tumors. What Keith Desserich and others found was that nearly all registries were unlinked, relational datasets that only told part of the picture. Each dataset was often limited to just a few patients and questions, which when combined with other datasets, often delivered false conclusions to researchers.

“… the most effective databases are often those with strong data integrity and a full patient record. This way, not only can we see patterns between patients, but we can also sometimes understand why these patterns occur because we have the history of each case.”

– Dr. Lindsey Hoffman of Phoenix Children’s Hospital, Chair of the International DIPG/DMG Registry

But it’s even more beneficial than that for the patient. In a recent study published in “Neuro-Oncology” magazine, it was discovered that central radiological analysis by the International DIPG/DMG Registry identified a nearly 20% incidence of abnormalities not otherwise identified at diagnosis. Nearly 8% of diagnoses might have even been another type of brain tumor. This means that through the Registry and the free central review of MRIs, patients may actually have improved options to customized care to help them beat their cancers. And this is in addition to over 400+ free consults by the Registry team since 2012.

Today, the International DIPG/DMG Registry is a worldwide effort. In association with the European SIOPe, the DIPG/DMG Registry (also funded by The Cure Starts Now) reaches over 17 countries and 219 hospitals and contains full records on nearly 2,000 patients. No longer just a necessity for impactful funding decisions, the Registry now serves as a model for many other cancer registries as one of the first linked and organic databases in existence for cancer.

An investment of nearly $4 million since 2012 by not only The Cure Starts Now, but also with initial partnerships by the Reflections of Grace Foundation and the Jeffrey Thomas Hayden Foundation, today the Registry has grown into a much larger partnership with all 22+ members of the DIPG/DMG Collaborative. But most importantly – it is also a tribute to families united to bring clarity and strategy to the cure we all desire.

Learn more at dipgregistry.org

THE CURE STARTS NOW CLINIC OF CINCINNATI CHILDREN’S MEDICAL HOSPITAL

In 2020, Cincinnati Children’s Hospital announced the naming of The Cure Starts Now Foundation Brain Tumor Center as part of a multimillion-dollar donation to fund pediatric brain cancer research.

“It is a promise to support breakthrough strategies that will fundamentally change how we fight all cancers. We call this a ‘homerun cure’ and are proud to help partner with Cincinnati Children’s,” said Brooke Desserich, Elena’s mom.

The Cure Starts Now Foundation has generously funded millions of dollars in brain tumor research as well as the DIPG/DMG Registry at Cincinnati Children’s since 2008. The naming of the center not only recognizes the current partnership but also a collaboration for future innovative research. Your donations make this important work possible.

“This is about creating a new and different way to attack DIPG and other rare, lethal cancers. By working together, we can move this important work forward and one day lead us toward a cure.”

– Dr. Perentesis, Head of Oncology
OUR GLOBAL REACH

The Cure Starts Now has had tremendous growth over the past year and has 39 chapters in 3 countries including The United States, Australia, and Canada.

ALABAMA (BIRMINGHAM)
Director: Elizabeth Adams
Inspiration: Madeline

COLORADO (WARRIORS FOR PRINCESS PIPER)
Director: Carrina Waneka
Inspiration: Piper

CONNECTICUT
Director: Robyn Staub
Inspiration: Lea

CONNECTICUT (MILFORD)
Director: Stacey Arisian
Inspiration: Serena

FLORIDA (EAST CENTRAL)
Director: Jamie Franzini
Inspiration: Anthony

ILLINOIS
Director: Sarah Carlton
Inspiration: Makanda

INDIANA (FRANKLIN)
Director: Zach & Kate Jessen
Inspiration: Adalynn

INDIANA (LAUREN HILL)
Director: Lisa Hill
Inspiration: Lauren

INDIANA (RYLIE STRONG)
Director: Elizabeth Bennett
Inspiration: Rylie

KENTUCKY (LEXINGTON)
Director: Robin Dodd
Inspiration: Bruce

MASSACHUSETTS
Director: Lisa & John Mackintosh
Inspiration: Nicole

MASSACHUSETTS (CENTRAL)
Director: Abby Arpano
Inspiration: Kate

MASSACHUSETTS (SOMERSET)
Director: Ken & Michelle Oehmen
Inspiration: Selina

MARYLAND
Director: Bonnie Corcoran
Inspiration: Brenna

NEBRASKA
Director: Jesse Shumaker
Inspiration: Madelyn

NEW HAMPSHIRE (NORTH)
Director: Jesse Thompson
Inspiration: John

NEW YORK
Director: Kim Kuck
Inspiration: Mandy

NEW YORK (CENTRAL)
Director: Mark Newmiller
Inspiration: Ella

NEVER (CONNOR’S CURESADERS)
Director: Brooke George
Inspiration: Connor

OHIO (ORTF)
Director: Tim Hayden
Inspiration: Jeffrey

OHIO (NORTHEAST)
Director: Jane Midgley
Inspiration: Kasey

OHIO (SOUTHWEST)
Director: Brooke & Keith Desserich
Inspiration: Elena

PENNSYLVANIA (WESTERN)
Director: Alyssa Hawranko
Inspiration: Alyson

TEXAS (AUSTIN/ROUND ROCK)
Directors: Melissa & James Fleming
Inspiration: Brock, Katelyn, Alexis

TEXAS (CEDAR HILL)
Director: Tanika Pierce
Inspiration: Sarai

TEXAS (CENTRAL)
Director: Vicky Bridier
Inspiration: Jade

TEXAS (ELIANA’S LOVE)
Director: Kariny Flores
Inspiration: Eliana

TEXAS (HEARTS FOR MK)
Directors: Gena & Harrison Keller
Inspiration: Mary Katherine

TEXAS (HOUSTON)
Director: Althea Lee
Inspiration: Nicole

TEXAS (NORTH)
Director: Michelle Bjornberg
Inspiration: Sydney

TEXAS (PARKER COUNTY)
Director: Cassy Ballinger
Inspiration: Robert

TEXAS (TEXAS)
Director: Ginny Pritchett
Inspiration: Morgan

TEXAS (VIRGINIA)
Director: Julie Caplan
Inspiration: Victor

TEXAS (WASHINGTON)
Director: Neely Agin
Inspiration: Alexis

TEXAS (WISCONSIN)
Director: Tricia Verhaalen
Inspiration: Alison

INTERNATIONAL CHAPTERS

AUSTRALIA
Director: Eleni Millios-Hullick
Inspiration: Amy

CANADA (EDMONTON)
Director: Amanda Nevesley
Inspiration: Naomi

CANADA (VICTORIA)
Director: Cari Comboye
Inspiration: Liam

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CHAPTER? CONTACT US AT INFO@THECURESTARTSNOW.ORG
## 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

### 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

#### BALANCE SHEET

*For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2021*

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**TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS:** $3,425,049

All listed amounts include Australia and Canadian operations

#### STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES & CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

*For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2021*

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#### IN 2021

- **Program Expenses & Research Funded:** 77.65%
- **Overhead:** 2.23%
- **Fundraising Expenses:** 20.12%

**raised in research and support since 2007 in conjunction with our DIPG/DMG Collaborative Partners**

$29,506,047

**Raised in Research and Support Since 2007**

In conjunction with our DIPG/DMG Collaborative Partners
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OVER $29.5 MILLION* IN RESEARCH AND SUPPORT FUNDED

See grants funded prior to 2021 at thecurestartstnow.org/grants

2021-2022 CYCLE
University of Queensland Diamantina Institute: $100,000
Erasmus University Medical Center: $432,354
Cincinnati Children’s Hospital: $50,000
Cincinnati Children’s Hospital: $153,867*
Hunter Medical Research Institute: $232,932*
Sonalense: $198,436*
UPMC Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh: $100,000*

CONNECT Consortium/Widestride’s Hospital: $1,370,177
Pediatric Brain Tumor Consortium: $25,000
Massachusetts General Hospital: $50,000

* Denotes grants funded with our DIPG/DMG Collaborative partners. All numbers reflect financial data accurate at time of print.

2021 TOP DONORS

$50,000+
Abstract Displays
Bob and Dawne Litter
Brooke Haley Foundation
Cincinnati Children’s Hospital
Facebook
Fidelity Charitable
Graeter’s Ice Cream Company
Melina Michelle Edenfield Foundation

$50,000-$9,999
Abby McNerny
Ajit and Hema Prasad
Alan and Anne Posnack
Alissa Hawranek and Nicholas Usher
Amanda and Brian Kilgore
Amy and Jamie Chu
Andrew and Jana Cottrell
Brent and Jessica Austin
Christie Clark
Citi Business Services
Cory Pustula
Courtney Ortner
Daryl and Tiffany Papp
David and Leslie Prothro
Deloitte
DMS Software
Eik’s Lodge #521
Galley Hatch Restaurant
Gavin and Fatima Baumgardner
GBA Girl’s Basketball Assoc Inc.
Glen and Dayna Osako
Global Payment
Health and Staci Pondexter
Honda Lemonade Gifts
Integrity BioFuels
Jackson Hewitt Tax Service
Jeffery Route
Jesse and Alison Thompson
Jesse and Corrie Shumaker
John and Alexandra Gillies
John Perentesis and Stella Davies
Katherine Brown
Keith and Brooke Desscher
Kim Bledsoe
Mark Evans
Mary and Russ Walter
McCormick Family Foundation
Melissa and James Fleming
Michael Mckiver
Midatech Ltd
Mikah and Evin Macaluso
Patricia Giffin
Patricia Trangetein
Perfect Pallets, Inc.
Pioneer Natural Resources
Raymond James Global Account
Ro and Charles “Shorty” Whittington
Robyn Kowalski
Thomas and Stephanie Hatfield
Tim and Sherri McFadden
Timothy Bratth
Todd Chapman
Tricia and Matthew Verhaalen
United Way Worldwide
Verna Donovan
William Dorsev

$1,500-$4,999
360 Plumbing and Gas Solutions LLC

FREE OF CHARGE
Alison Pearl was pure sunshine. Her love for life and for experiencing all that life had to offer was contagious. She had a huge heart and showed everyone she met exceptional kindness. Her sweet giggle was infectious and her smile could light up a room. She loved animals, art, and being with her family and friends the most.

Diagnosed in 2014, Ali passed away just short of her 10th birthday from a type of brain cancer called DIPG. During her battle against this cancer, she was a fierce warrior. Her legacy of kindness, love, and courage not only carried her through a brutal battle with a debilitating disease, but also started a legacy of giving with friends, family, and classmates from the community.

Alison’s mother, Tricia Verhaalen, started the Awesome Ali Shines On Wisconsin Chapter of The Cure Starts Now to continue Ali’s legacy, and her community has not forgotten Ali.

From socials and blanket sales to fun runs and golf tournaments, Tricia is not afraid to try whatever it takes to raise money for kids fighting cancer.

“I can no longer save my child but I can help save yours. There is no doubt in my mind that there will be a cure found in my lifetime. We need funding though. The research cannot happen without the funding. I have met the brilliant researchers face to face and feel their drive and passion. It’s inspiring to be a part of an organization that WILL find the Homerun Cure”.

– Tricia Verhaalen, Alison’s Mother

The Cure Starts Now is so blessed to fight alongside the Verhaalens to find the cure for all cancers and make sure that Awesome Ali forever shines on!

To donate go to donate2csn.org/wi-awesomeali
A ‘SOLE’FUL PARTNERSHIP

Australia and Seattle-based designer footwear company FRANKIE4 put their best foot forward towards helping fund the Homerun Cure™ with their Socks for a Cause campaign earlier in 2022. The Cure Starts Now was selected as their national charity because of their dedication to kids fighting cancer.

Pink and red hearts decorated the socks of families in the fight during Valentine’s Day as FRANKIE4 donated pairs to cancer families to show that they are loved, and that they are not alone. Known for their comfort in footwear, FRANKIE4 will continue to comfort our families with their support of critical research that donations through their campaign will help to fund.

Learn more at us.frankie4.com

“Our partnership with The Cure Starts Now has emotional beginnings. Seeing the plight of families and children diagnosed with brain cancer firsthand—and knowing that a child is diagnosed with cancer every three minutes—inspired us to do everything we can to help.”

– Caroline McCulloch, Founder of FRANKIE4

STEAK, SUSHI, & SUPPORTING THE CURE

In the world of fundraising, ‘dine out’ events are the easiest way for a restaurant to help support a local cause. For the second year in a row, Fujiyama Steakhouse in Franklin, Indiana, has gone above and beyond to help fund pediatric brain cancer research in honor of Addie Mae Jessen.

Addie Mae was a beautiful, happy soul who fought DIPG for 10 months. To honor her, Addie Mae’s family has started the Adalynn Strong Chapter of The Cure Starts Now in Franklin, Indiana.

“We’re so humbled for all the love and support and can’t wait to keep our sweet girls fight and story alive and hopefully continue to change and save lives.”

– The Jessen Family

The annual Dine Out for the Cure features 50% of all proceeds from dine-in and carry-out sales, as well as 100% of all sales from their drink special on the event day. There was no mistaking members of the community who came out to support the Jessens as they sported cozy sweatshirts emblazoned with a rainbow on the back and ‘Adalynn Strong #choosejoy’ on the front.

Thanks to their incredible community and staff, Fujiyama Steakhouse has raised over $35,000 in Addie Mae’s honor through their Dine Out for the Cure events.

Learn more at donate2csn.org/AdalynnStrong
EVENTS AND FUNDRAISERS OF 2022

From races to bake sales, art auctions to regattas, work outs to video games, we’ve got a fundraiser and event for every flavor. Here are just a handful of some of the amazing events and fundraisers we’ve done in 2022!

RACES, WALKS, AND GOLF, OH MY!

- **Blast Cancer Brain Tumor Walk** — Connecticut Chapters
- **Cones for the Cure** — Ohio, Indiana, & Kentucky Chapters
- **Dine for a Cure** — Rylie Strong Indiana Chapter
- **Hearts Fore MK Golf** — Hearts for MK Texas Chapter
- **Ironwood Golf Event** — Awesome Ali Shines On (WI) Chapter
- **Race Against the Odds** — Nebraska Chapter
- **Pour for the Cure** — Connecticut Chapter
- **ORANGE THEORYFITNESS 24 Hour Event** — Austin/round Rock Texas Chapter
- **2022 HEART AUCTION**
- **Golden Out Games**
- **The Dad Gaming Minecraft** — Nerf Cancer
- **Greek Week** — Indiana Adalynn Strong Chapter

FOR THE FOODIES AND THE DRINKERS

- **Lemonade Stand** — East Florida Chapter
- **Pour for the Cure** — Connecticut Chapter
- **Dine for a Cure** — Rylie Strong Indiana Chapter
- **Cones for the Cure** — Ohio, Indiana, & Kentucky Chapters

INNOVATIVE AND CREATIVE
One of the pillars of finding the Homerun Cure™ is collaboration. This year saw two major mergers of foundations and families in Ohio dedicated to this cause combining their efforts with The Cure Starts Now and the Desserich family.

**THE ANGEL RUN**
Sophie’s Angel Run has been a staple of the West Side of Cincinnati. The Meinhardt Family originally started the event in 2007 after losing their daughter Sophie to a rare and aggressive brain tumor. The community rallied behind them in order to honor Sophie and raise money for medical research and educational scholarships. In 2021 the campaign was able to raise over $85,000 which benefitted Cincinnati Children’s Hospital and $5,000 in scholarships to students of several local catholic schools.

“Immediately after Sophie died it was so important for us to not only let everyone know what happened but to also celebrate her life. Anyone that knew Sophie knew she was full of life.”
– Mark & Missy Meinhardt, parents of Sophie

This year the race transitioned from the Meinhardt family to another family whose loss was equally as difficult. The event was renamed “The Angel Run” and event coordination turned over to the families of The Cure Starts Now to honor Elena Desserich as well as Sophie Meinhardt.

This year thanks to the efforts of both families and their combined communities, the event raised over $47,000.

**JTHF**
In September of 2004, 12-year-old Jeffrey Hayden lost his battle with brain cancer. Shortly after his death, his family established the Jeffrey Thomas Hayden Foundation with the purpose of raising money to fund research and help affected families.

JTHF has been a major contributor to the DIPG Registry, which is located within Cincinnati Children’s Hospital. The DIPG registry is funded by non-profit organizations similar to JTHF, with the united goal to find a cure for not only DIPG cancer, but for all pediatric cancers. To date, the foundation has collected over $650,000 in donations that have funded research projects at The Ohio State University and Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center.

This year JTHF merged with The Cure Starts Now for their annual Fall Golf Classic. Having been a core part of the DIPG/DMG Collaborative for many years alongside The Cure Starts Now, the joined efforts towards the same goal of finding the cure for all cancers just made sense. As of January 2023, JTHF will be an official chapter of The Cure Starts Now to continue Jeffrey’s legacy by funding promising research.

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This year thanks to the efforts of both families and their combined communities, the event raised over $47,000.