

Cancer doesn't wait. Neither do we.

For 50 years, CURE Childhood Cancer has fought childhood cancer on two fronts: funding the research that will end it, and supporting the families living through it today.

CHILDHOOD CANCER TODAY: Research has transformed childhood cancer. Most children diagnosed today will survive — something that wasn't true a generation ago. But some cancers still have no effective treatment. And the treatments that do work are harsh enough to leave most survivors with lasting health problems.

CURE's Research Strategy



The cancers we can't yet cure.

We fund research aimed at childhood cancers without effective treatments — prioritizing work that can reach a child within two to three years, and the foundational science needed when the biology isn't yet understood.



Treatments that don't cost a child their future.

Today's treatments can save a child's life but, in the process, damage the growing body. We fund research aimed at developing treatments that are effective enough to cure and gentle enough on the body to leave a child's future intact.

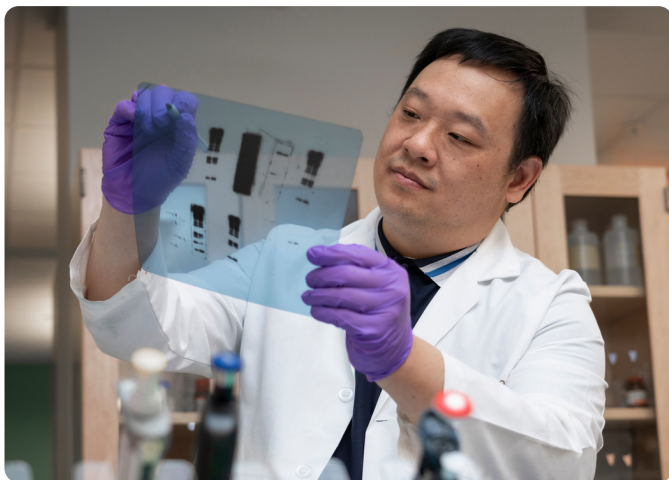
1 IN 7 CHILDREN



diagnosed with cancer
will not survive.

95% SURVIVORS

will have a chronic health condition by age 45,
caused by the treatment that saved them.



Advancing Precision Medicine

Chemotherapy and radiation attack cancer cells and healthy cells alike. That is what causes the lasting damage so many survivors carry.



Precision medicine works differently. Testing a child's tumor can reveal the specific genetic mutation driving the cancer. When it does, doctors may be able to use a drug that targets that mutation directly — hitting the cancer and sparing the rest of the child.

In 2017, CURE helped fund one of the country's first pediatric precision medicine programs, when it was still unknown whether this testing would change how children are treated. It did. Today, tumor testing is becoming standard practice.





No one prepares for cancer. *So we do.*

A childhood cancer diagnosis sets off a cascade of challenges far beyond the medical crisis.

A parent stops working to provide full-time care. Income falls as expenses climb.

And the emotional weight lands on everyone — the patient, the parents, siblings, and other family members.



1 IN 4

families lose more than 40% of their household income during their child's treatment.



1 IN 3

families struggle to afford food, housing, or utilities.



60%

of siblings experience moderate-to-severe post-traumatic stress.

How CURE Childhood Cancer Helps

CURE focuses on the most critical and urgent needs families face at every stage of the journey.



NEWLY DIAGNOSED SUPPORT

Resources, guidance, and practical help in the overwhelming days after diagnosis.



EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Help with basic needs — rent, utilities, groceries, gas, and lodging — when treatment takes a parent's income.



OPEN ARMS MEALS

Freshly prepared meals for hospitalized children and caregivers, three to four days each week, year-round.



COUNSELING

Licensed therapists for patients, survivors, parents, and siblings.



BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

Long-term care for families who lose a child.



For the 18th consecutive year, CURE has earned Charity Navigator's highest four-star rating — awarded to fewer than 1% of charities.