Our Mission

The St. Baldrick’s Foundation is a volunteer and donor powered charity committed to supporting the most promising research to find cures for childhood cancers and give survivors long and healthy lives.
About Us
What started as a challenge between three friends in 2000 has grown into the world's largest charity funder of childhood cancer research grants.

Since then, volunteers have held more than 16,663 events and more than 630,454 shaves have taken place to stand in solidarity with kids fighting cancer.

Childhood Cancer Treatments Require Childhood Cancer Research

How Big Is The Problem?

- Every 2 minutes a child is diagnosed with cancer worldwide.
- Before they turn 20, about 1 in 263 children in the U.S. will have cancer.
- Childhood cancer is the #1 disease killer of children in the U.S.
- Even when kids get cancers that adults get — like lymphoma — they must be treated differently. Children are not simply smaller adults!
- In the U.S., 1 in 5 kids with cancer won’t survive, and for those who do the battle still isn’t over.
- By age 50, 99% of survivors have had a chronic health problem, and 96% have experienced a severe or life-threatening conditions. With research, we can give kids being treated today a better outcome.

More than $342 million. 1819 grants. 31 countries.
How We Fundraise

**Fundraising**
Donations raised through St. Baldrick’s support the development of childhood cancer treatments to cure every child.

**Head-Shaving Events**
The St. Baldrick’s Foundation works with volunteers to coordinate signature head-shaving events worldwide, giving them the opportunity to stand in solidarity with kids fighting cancer and to raise funds to support the best childhood cancer research, wherever it takes place.

**TO DATE:**
- **630,454** Shaved Heads
- **42,207+** Volunteer Barbers
- **16,663+** Events Worldwide

In 2023, **21,513** volunteers, including **13,228** shavees, participated at more than **578** events.

**Do What You Want**
If going bald isn’t your thing, you can Do What You Want to raise funds. Let your creativity flow!

Find out how you can get involved at [StBaldricks.org/get-involved](http://StBaldricks.org/get-involved).
25 Years of Impact
A few highlights you’ve made possible for kids with cancer:

The St. Baldrick’s Foundation is created to make sure every donation goes to fund the best research.

St. Baldrick’s expands its range of grant types to fund more research, train the next generation of researchers, and give more kids access to clinical trials closer to home.

Two improvements to the funding program: A new Scientific Advisory Committee, and a new grant type to let medical school or college students spend a summer doing pediatric cancer research.

St. Baldrick’s has a record-breaking year for grants and fundraising, granting an unprecedented $27.2 million to childhood cancer research.

To fund “outside the box” research, a new 3-year $750,000 award is created in memory of renowned pediatric oncologist and St. Baldrick’s Scientific Advisory Committee chair, Dr. Robert Arceci.

Of the Pediatric MATCH study patients tested, 24% were eligible to receive a targeted therapy, much higher than the 10% scientists had predicted.

With St. Baldrick’s support, Data for the Common Good houses the world’s largest set of harmonized clinical data for pediatric cancer research, allowing scientists access to this diverse data.

In its first year as an independent foundation, St. Baldrick’s raises more than $5.3 million with proceeds going to the Children’s Oncology Group. The first St. Baldrick’s Fellow is also funded.

The first St. Baldrick’s Research Priorities Summit includes 16 of the most respected pediatric cancer researchers in the U.S., resulting in an even more well-rounded set of research priorities and funding types.

The first ever Pediatric Cancer Dream Team is formed, with $14.5 million from the St. Baldrick’s Foundation and Stand Up to Cancer, to find immunotherapies to cure some of the most hard-to-treat pediatric cancers.

The FDA approves a new childhood cancer drug as a result of research supported by St. Baldrick’s, increasing the survival of high-risk neuroblastoma from 30% to almost 50%.

The FDA approves Kymriah, the first gene therapy approved in the U.S., saving the lives of more than 80% of relapsed childhood leukemia patients who had no other hope.

In what some say is the biggest increase seen from a single clinical trial, the 5-year survival rate of children with high-risk group 3 medulloblastoma increases from 54% to 73%.

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The St. Baldrick’s Foundation EPICC Team observed success and high response rates in a CAR T cell clinical trial for one of the most difficult childhood brain tumors, diffuse midline gliomas (DMG).

The Next 25 Years
What does “accelerating the next 25 years of cures” mean? What do donations support to make it happen?

More Cures, Better Survivorship
Priority #1: Cures for all kids — and treatments that decrease the long-term health consequences faced by today’s survivors.

Train the Next Generation
One of the best investments we can make is to train young researchers who will bring fresh new ideas and spend decades discovering new cures for kids.

Cures Closer to Home
Support of clinical trials across the country means fewer kids must travel to be part of a clinical trial, often their best hope for a cure.

International Impact
Children in developing countries rarely survive cancer. By continuing to train researchers in those countries, we can change that.
Advocacy

Collaboration is essential in bringing about change for kids with cancer. Our advocacy efforts on Capitol Hill are most effective when we are unified as one voice with our coalition partners in our quest to make childhood cancer a higher national priority.

Through our work, including community partners, accomplishments include:

- The creation and full funding of the Childhood Cancer Data Initiative, a new program at the National Cancer Institute to enhance data collection for childhood cancers and incentivize the cancer research community to develop new treatments for children with cancer.
- Empowering St. Baldrick’s advocates through education, training, and advocacy events to speak up for kids with cancer and grow our legion of congressional childhood cancer champions.

St. Baldrick’s advocates have been nominated and placed on committees at the Department of Defense, NCI, FDA and other key committees that ensure the voices of kids with cancer are at the table.

Learn more about Advocacy at StBaldricks.org/advocacy.
Scott, 15, Cary, NC, acute lymphoblastic leukemia
Scott was just 3 years old when he was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia. He endured 3 1/2 years of countless spinal taps and blood transfusions, received 40 bitter nebulized antibiotic treatments for immunosuppression, and spent more than half of his life on chemo. Now 12 years in remission, Scott is enjoying the 9th grade and is a passionate advocate for childhood cancer research.

Aaron, 16, Coral Springs, FL, Ewing sarcoma
Aaron suddenly stopped walking at 4 years old and an MRI showed he had Ewing sarcoma, a rare bone and soft tissue cancer. Aaron endured more than any child should - two surgeries and physical therapy, he underwent 14 rounds of chemotherapy and 28 rounds of proton beam radiation. 11 years since his diagnosis, Aaron is now an accomplished guitar player and athlete.

Julianna, 5, Mandeville, LA, neuroblastoma
The Jack Sparrow loving 5-year-old Julianna (a.k.a., Juju), who also enjoys swimming, dancing, and baby dolls, was diagnosed with stage L2 neuroblastoma in January 2022. Over the course of treatment, chemotherapy was able to reduce the tumor by more than 96%. Early the next year, the same week Juju received her initial diagnosis, she relapsed with stage 3 neuroblastoma. Determined and headstrong, Juju endured additional chemotherapy, radiation, a 12-hour surgery, and a stem cell harvest. Through it all, Juju maintained her kindness and beautiful heart.

Sam, 20, Studio City, CA, acute promyelocytic leukemia
Sam is an accomplished musician, pilot and philanthropist who had fundraised for St. Baldrick’s prior to his acute promyelocytic leukemia diagnosis as a teen. His treatment caused dangerous bleeds and resulted in him being paralyzed from the waist down. Thanks in large part to the treatments of a clinical trial partly funded by St. Baldrick’s, Sam is now a sophomore at San Diego State University where he excels as a musician and continues to give back to fund childhood cancer research.

Camden, Forever 9, Orinda, CA, acute lymphoblastic leukemia and acute myeloid leukemia
Camden (a.k.a., Cam) was 3 years old when he was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia in February 2017. The following September, he was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia, likely caused by the chemotherapy used to treat his initial diagnosis. Cam faced four challenging years of rigorous treatments, but it wasn’t enough. On December 16, 2022, Cam passed away. Throughout his life, he inspired others with the courage he showed during the hardest times in his cancer fight – none of which could bring down his beautiful spirit. Honoring Cam’s memory is how his family celebrates the permanent mark he left on us all. And that, ultimately, is his everlasting story.

St. Baldrick’s Ambassadors represent the more than 400,000 kids worldwide who are diagnosed with cancer each year. Ambassadors come from diverse geographic areas, ages, diseases, and treatment statuses. Their stories highlight the importance of supporting the best childhood cancer research so all kids diagnosed can live long, healthy, productive, and happy lives.

Every child is so much more than a cancer diagnosis. Each has their own unique personality, gifts, and talents. Read on to learn more about these remarkable kids.
Other Ways to Get Involved

Donate, volunteer, involve your business, give a matching gift, make a tribute or memorial gift, create a Hero Fund or spread the word!

Media Contact

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Reach out to our media team, Media@StBaldricks.org

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