

MISSION AND GUIDELINES

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Mission Statement

The Kiwanis Children's Cancer Program will raise funds for pediatric hematology/oncology fellowships in partnering hospitals to find a cure for childhood cancer.

Vision Statement

A world where cancer is prevented in all children.

Program History

The Kiwanis Children's Cancer Program was founded by Past Governor Frank Morehouse on behalf of the Pacific Northwest District of Kiwanis International in 2010. His inspiration was a young cancer patient named Penny, who was treated at the hospital where he worked. Penny was diagnosed with a brain tumor that required surgery and radiation therapy. Past Governor Frank would visit and talk with her during hospital stays, but also became frustrated of how little was known and could be done about her disease. Penny eventually lost her battle with cancer, so the Kiwanis Children's Cancer Program was created in her memory.

Structure

Kiwanis Children's Cancer Program Committee

The Kiwanis Children's Cancer Program Committee will be led by the program chair and consist of partnering hospital committee chairs and other volunteers.

The Kiwanis Children's Cancer Program Committee will oversee the overall operations of the program, including but not limited to: setting goals for the program and strategies to achieve them; overseeing the program's growth, including expanding the program to other hospitals and districts; raising awareness of the program through the creation and distribution of promotional resources and other appropriate means; and coordinating district-wide campaigns and fundraising events. The Kiwanis Children's Cancer Program Committee will also function as a connection between partnering hospitals.

Partnering Hospital Committees

Each committee will ensure that the mission of the Kiwanis Children's Cancer Program is carried out in their respective partnering hospital. Each committee will communicate with their hospital to ensure that the program's operations are in accordance with the hospital's policies and raise funds and awareness for the program and its mission in the communities that their hospital serves.

Partnering Hospitals

Currently, the Kiwanis Children's Cancer Program is active in BC Children's Hospital in Vancouver, BC, Seattle Children's in Seattle, WA, and Doernbecher Children's Hospital in Portland, OR.