



Our Story



Approximately **1 in 285 children in the U.S. will be diagnosed with cancer before their 20th Birthday.**

Globally there are more than 300,000 children diagnosed with cancer each year. Every 3 minutes, somewhere in the world a family hears the devastating words that their child has been diagnosed with cancer.

Our Foundation was formed in 2021 through the inspiration of someone we love whose son was fighting a battle of their own. Charlie Ward was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL) in August 2020, just around the time of his first birthday. A group of friends and former

classmates of Charlie's father rallied together to provide initial financial and emotional support for the family. Charlie is the epitome of a Champion and through many relapses, he has continued to fight and provide a level of inspiration to this group that became transformative. Although Charlie is currently Cancer Free, he still has a long battle ahead of him.

The exposure to Charlie's battle led this group to see the fight and challenges that so many children and their families were facing and that is when Charlie's Champions was formed. We knew that no family or child should have to fight alone and it became one of our founding principles that helped shape who we are today. Charlie's Champions Childhood Cancer Foundation exists to provide Hope and Love to these families as they face a battle they didn't willingly pursue. It is Our Mission to help these families with support in many ways. Through the gifts of our generous donors, we are continuing to do just that.

To our many donors and followers, you can expect to see this Foundation continue to serve in our current support areas and services for families as well as to expand our support to many more children and families who need our help.

We thank you so much for your support in our efforts to help those who are fighting as well as to be a voice of those that ultimately won their battle and gained their wings for eternity.