

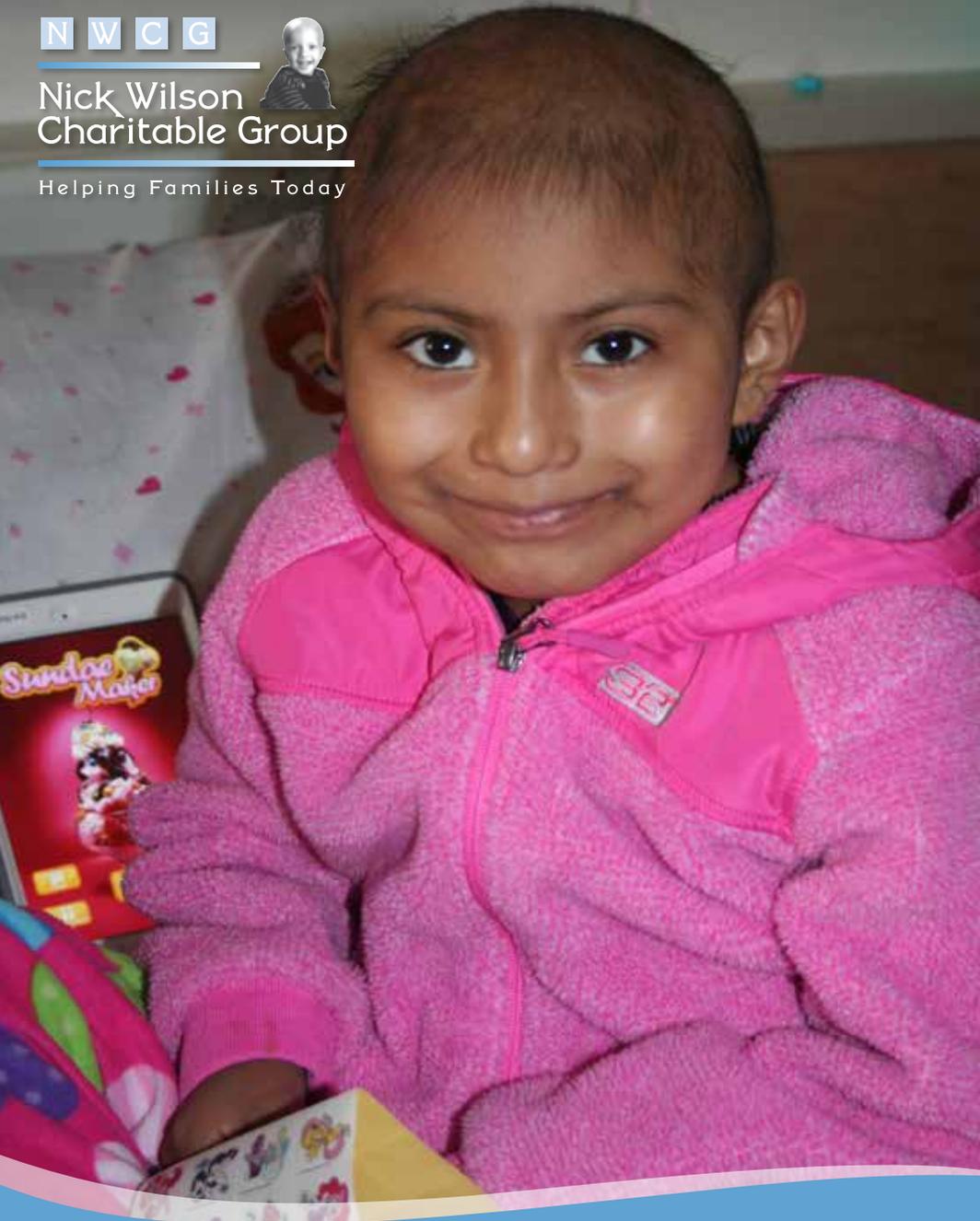
Annual Report 2017-2018

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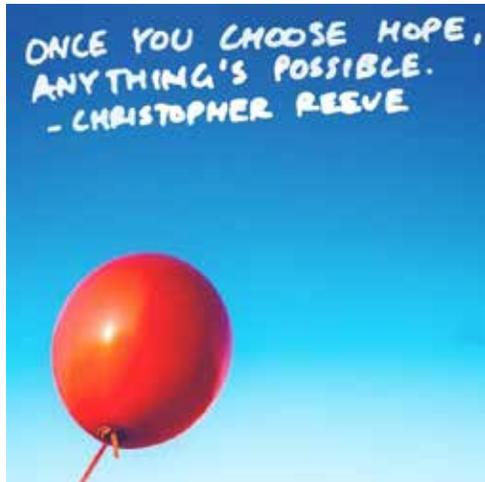
Nick Wilson
Charitable Group

Helping Families Today



nickwilsoncg.org

The power of storytelling is immense. It has the potential to illuminate, enlighten, heal, empower and provide hope to so many. Later in this newsletter we share the incredible story of Macy, a 17-year-old from Alaska, who shares her experience being diagnosed with a rare illness that led her to bone marrow transplantation and full recovery. I hope it inspires you.



The past year at NWCG has been one of positive change and gratitude. We've instituted a new fundraising event to great success (see Topgolf pg. 8-9) whose proceeds allow us to continue our support of families with children undergoing cancer treatment and bone marrow transplantation locally. NWCG provided nearly \$52,000 (see program impact pg. 13) in compassionate financial support to 43 families including costs associated with housing, medications, fertility preservation procedures, utility expenses, central line protective vests, care kits, transportation, food and groceries, insurance premiums and funeral expenses.

Our hearts are full of gratitude for you, our generous donors who make this important support possible. We are thankful to be able to impact the families whom we serve during such a uniquely stressful time in their lives. As a family shared with us recently: "We cannot thank you and your team enough for all of your support through our son's stay at the hospital. May you all be blessed beyond measure today and always".

From all of us here on the NWCG Team, we wish you all the same. Love and blessings to you all-

Jill Metz, President & Founder

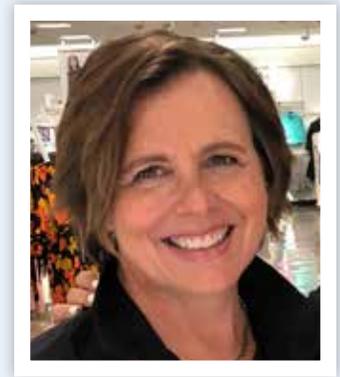


Board Member Spotlight

Kori Allen, Secretary

How did you learn about NWCG?

Jill Metz, one of the founders, was a best friend and tennis buddy beginning in 6th grade when we lived in Medford, Oregon. We've kept in touch over the years. When my family moved back to Portland in 1995, Jill and Addison helped us move in and we stayed in touch.



How did you first get involved as a NWCG supporter?

Not quite sure when I may have donated, but I think it was in 2010 when another Medford pal and I started hosting "The Marshmallow Hole" during the Annual Golf Tournament.

How many years have you been on the NWCG board?

I'm one of the new ones on the board and have been on for a little over 2 years.

What motivates you to serve on the NWCG board?

Besides loving Jill and her family for all these years, I am moved to serve because of the toll hospitalization can take on individuals and families. This is especially true with young families who often have other children to care for and responsibilities to juggle. NWCG helps to lessen some of the extraneous pressure so that the family may be better able to focus on one another and especially the child going through treatment.

How do you think NWCG makes a difference in the lives of the families whom they serve?

In the end, it's time together that really matters in our lives. With family grants and other support, I believe we create more opportunities for families to be together and more present than they may be otherwise.

Ways to Give



Fred Meyer Community Rewards

You can help NWCG earn donations with your Fred Meyer Rewards Card! Sign up for the Community Rewards Program by linking your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to NWCG. Search for us by our name or by our non-profit number #85025. Then, every time you shop and use your Rewards Card, you are helping NWCG earn a donation! You must re-affirm NWCG as your choice each year!



Amazon Smile Rewards

When you shop, Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization. Simply visit to smile.amazon.com, select a Nick Wilson Charitable Organization to receive donations from eligible purchases. Then, every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation to NWCG.



Employer Matching Program

Many corporations match donations made by you to a wide range of non-profit organizations like NWCG. Visit doublethedonation.com to check if your employer has a matching program. If your company is not listed, you can find out from your human resources office if your employer offers it. If you are eligible for an employer matching gift, we hope that you will request an application from your human resources office! Matching gifts often double, and sometimes even triple, your donation to NWCG.

Visit doublethedonation.com to check if employer has a matching program!

Words of Gratitude From NWCG Families

“Just a few minutes ago you stopped by my son’s room at Doernbecher and delivered a thoughtful bag of gifts. You have brightened his day and I thank you. Please know that your financial assistance and efforts have made a huge difference to our family.”

“Your support has been a great blessing. Thank you for helping when we really needed it. NWCG will always be in our hearts.”

“In this difficult year, your love and support has been a much needed encouragement to our family. Thank you for carrying us when we could not walk alone. We can never, ever, thank you enough.”

“Thank you for helping our family while going through such a difficult time. NWCG’s generosity has helped in so many ways.”

Kids Helping Kids

For the last several years, the Vacation Bible School and now the Confirmation Class from St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Portland, Oregon, has donated Build-A-Bears to the NWCG Care Kit Program. The children hear the story about Nick, his illness and his time in the hospital – all of which teaches the children about compassion and how one's spirit can be a driving force even in the face of difficulty. After hearing about Nick, the children thoughtfully create a special bear for a child they know may need a special friend to help them through their treatment. The children spend quite a bit of time selecting the perfect look and name for their bear; this year we had lots of Star Wars, Super Heroes and fancy dressed bears. The fun is so contagious that the adults and staff of Build-A-Bear get involved in the festivities as well. This year a dozen bears were donated and the kids were so proud knowing that they were helping to bring comfort to patients. As usual, the kids did a fantastic job!

A big NWCG thank you goes out to the St. Luke's Confirmation Class! Great job kids!



HALLOWEEN Bowl for Hope

The annual NWCG Bowl For Hope returned for another great afternoon for bowling, costumes and tons of fun and **nearly \$7,000 was raised!** Each year the costumes get better and more creative. NWCG moved to a new venue, Superplay, where they donated up to 20 lanes for NWCG supporters to help raise funds for the Care Kit Program. When a family is admitted into the Bone Marrow Unit at Doernbecher Children's Hospital, they are given a tote bag full of goodies, both for fun and practicality for their long stay, including a blanket made with love, toiletries, toys and gift cards for them to use. This year's Best Team Costume went to Team Lamson (AKA Willy Wonka and the Oompa Loompas) and Best Team Score went Team Page. This year we were joined not only by our wonderful supporters, but several families that NWCG supported this past year! Start thinking of your costume and plan to join NWCG next year!

A HUGE thank you to our volunteers and Superplay for their support! We hope to see you next year... **save the date for Oct 27, 2019!**

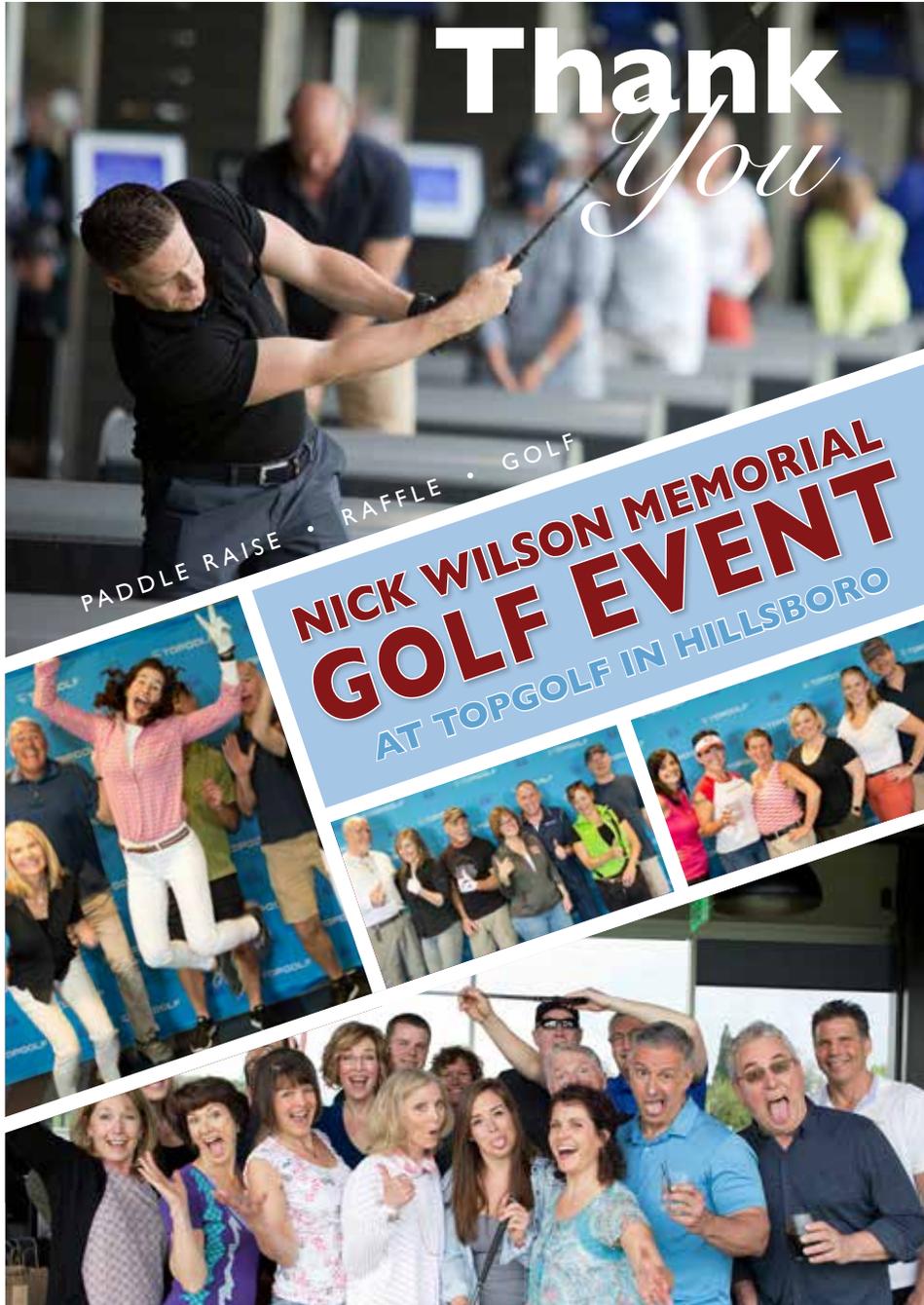


Best Team Score - Team Page



Best Team Costume - Team Lamson





Nick Wilson Memorial Golf Event **\$45,000 RAISED TO HELP FAMILIES**

What a fantastic day we had at the Nick Wilson Memorial Golf Event on May 6, 2018 at Topgolf in Hillsboro!

Over 100 attendees competed in six person teams to raise funds to help support families with children undergoing blood and marrow transplantation at Doernbecher Children's Hospital in Portland. Congratulations to the team of Jesse Franco, Jeremy Barkley, Blane Jordan, Tyler Austin and Allison Franco for taking the top spot as the winning team.

The post-golf awards program was emceed by Tony Martinez from KPTV Fox 12. This was Tony's 9th year, and as always, added fantastic energy to the evening. AJ Santiago, a patient whom NWCG supported this past year, spoke about the challenges facing patients and their families while undergoing treatment. AJ's father, Angel, also spoke about how meaningful it was to have NWCG support their family as well as bring awareness to the financial needs that families face during these times. The event raised over \$45,000 to help bridge the financial gap families encounter when they have a child that is critically ill.

We cannot thank our participants, sponsors and donors enough for their loyal support of our annual event – your generous support makes our mission possible!

SAVE THE DATE **APRIL 28** 3-7PM
2019

NICK WILSON MEMORIAL GOLF EVENT
AT TOPGOLF IN HILLSBORO

Program Support & Impact

Meet just a few of the many children your generous support has helped....



"Try to be
a RAINBOW
in somebody's
CLOUD."

— Maya Angelou

Your donations enable us to keep fulfilling our mission – we couldn't do this without your support!



"Sometimes the
SMALLEST things
take up the MOST
ROOM in your
HEART."

— Winnie The Pooh/A.A. Milne

In addition to helping families with children undergoing bone marrow transplantation, NWCG is committed to continuing to help families with children undergoing the newly approved CAR-T cell transplantation



NWCG is the only non-profit organization in Oregon that provides compassionate financial support exclusively to pediatric blood and marrow transplant patients in the Pacific Northwest.



"To the world you may
be ONE PERSON;
but to one person,
you may
BE THE WORLD."

— Dr. Seuss



Each year, NWCG helps support hope for the future for patients by providing financial assistance for fertility preservation procedures.

How Your Donations Offer Hope

\$50 - Helps to fill a family's gas tank so they can drive to and from the hospital for treatment or buys a week's worth of groceries for a patient's siblings.

\$100 - Pays for one Care Kit – a customized tote bag full of goodies, gift cards and supplies to help the child and family pass the time during the long hospital stay for bone marrow transplantation.

\$250 - Assists families with monthly phone or utility bills.

\$500 - Covers the cost of lab procedures that may, for instance, help preserve a child's fertility.

\$1,000 - Contributes to a family's rent, mortgage or hotel costs while a child is undergoing cancer treatment.

\$5,000 - Helps multiple families navigating their child's cancer treatment and/or bone marrow or cord blood transplant.

A Little About Nick

At just 18 months old, Nick Wilson was diagnosed with leukemia. Nick endured two years of treatments - chemotherapy, radiation, blood and marrow transplants, and many other procedures - while always seizing an opportunity to play, laugh and smile. Despite the tremendous effort by Nick and his doctors, he succumbed to the disease in 2001. After receiving incredible love and support during his treatment, Nick's family vowed to give back. In 2005, the Nick Wilson Charitable Group was created - keeping his spirit and compassion alive by helping other children and their families going through difficult times.



Our Mission

The mission of The Nick Wilson Charitable Group is to support these families by providing immediate and compassionate financial support for:

- ♥ Outpatient housing costs
- ♥ Medication
- ♥ Meal and food assistance
- ♥ Medical supplies
- ♥ Grief support
- ♥ Other urgent needs encountered by families

2017-2018 Program Impact

Total Family Support: \$45,271

FAMILY GRANTS

Helping families to cover the many expenses they encounter while their child is undergoing cancer treatment and blood & marrow transplantation is our primary goal. Support for mortgage, rent, hotel costs, car payments, utility bills, child care, and insurance premiums are just some of the ways we help families financially.

- ▶ 27 families received up to \$1500 each in Family Grant financial support and 8 families received up to \$750 each in Bereavement Grant financial support to help with their child's funeral expenses.

Financial support provided: \$35,578

LAB WORK

This program helps families pay for lab expenses that aren't covered by health insurance. The two procedures that are typically requested, and for which we provide support, are fertility preservation procedures and bone marrow typing.

- ▶ 13 patients were supported with up to \$500 fertility preservation.

Financial support provided: \$4,740

CARE KITS

Patients and their families receive a Care Kit upon their child's admission for bone or marrow transplantation. A Care Kit is a large tote bag containing comforting and useful items for the entire family with the goal of providing comfort and diversion during their long hospital stay. Each Care Kit includes a snuggly blanket, toys, gift cards, toiletries, games, snacks, music, books, art supplies, and resource materials.

- ▶ 29 Care Kits were distributed.

Financial support provided: \$2,900 plus \$1,740 in gift cards

CENTRAL LINE PROTECTIVE VESTS

These vests are worn by babies and toddlers to help protect their central line catheters (a port to deliver chemotherapy) to prevent them from being jostled and damaged.

- ▶ 5 patients received vests

Financial support provided: \$133

MEMORIALS

A modest memorial acknowledgment is sent to families in the unfortunate event that their child passes away.

Financial support provided: \$180

Meet Macy - Her Incredible Journey



Nearly two years ago, in a small Alaskan village, Macy was not recovering from a virus that was leaving her exhausted and sleeping more than a normal teenager. However, for Macy, she just couldn't drive into town for a check-up, she had to take a one hour plane ride to a larger town. The clinic there was unable to run the types of tests needed to diagnose her, so she needed to take yet another hour long flight to a hospital in Anchorage. Once in Anchorage, she learned that her illness, Epstein Barr Virus, had caused a rare, and life threatening infection that needed a bone marrow transplant to completely replace her immune system. If not treated, this infection could lead to specific types of cancers that are very difficult to treat. Macy, along with her doctors and parents, decided that she needed to come to Portland

to get her bone marrow transplant at Doernbecher Children's hospital, one of the only hospitals in the Pacific Northwest to perform bone marrow transplants. None of Macy's six siblings were a match as finding a donor when you are a minority can be very difficult, but luckily, Macy's father was a match.

Her journey to Portland was delayed for a bit as she was selected by lottery to participate in a moose hunt, but as Macy put it, she was too stubborn and tired from her illness to take part when the day came. Macy spent over 6 months in Portland undergoing treatment and her transplant. Her grandmother, father, mother and aunt all took turns coming to Portland to be with Macy. After her transplant, while remaining near Doernbecher as required, Macy relied on NWCG's Family Grant program to assist with providing groceries as she needed to follow very strict guidelines with what she could eat and how it was prepared until her immune system had recovered.

Macy is now back in her village, going to school and resuming her life. She returned



to Doernbecher for a short stay after going home to Alaska because she developed pneumonia but she is now doing well and feeling great.! She and her family are so thankful for the support from NWCG. In addition to groceries, she and her family used the family grant to help defray the costs of everyday needs and expenses. She still needs to take four-hour round trip flights to Anchorage for her monthly checkups and this has taken a toll on her family financially. Thanks to you, our generous donors, NWCG is able to continue providing significant financial support to families like Macy's while going through treatment.



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Financials

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

August 31, 2018

ASSETS

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	105,087
Other - gift cards		-
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	105,087

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Liabilities	\$	-
Total Liabilities		-
Equity		
Net Assets in Excess of Liabilities	\$	105,087

NET ASSETS & LIABILITIES	\$	105,087
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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

September 1, 2017 - August 31, 2018

REVENUES

Direct Public Support	\$	47,957
Grants		10,000
Special Events Fundraising (net of costs)		39,618
TOTAL REVENUES	\$	97,575

EXPENSES

Program Expenses	\$	63,356
Administration and Operation		22,570
Fundraising Expenses		5,449
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	91,375
Change in Net Assets	\$	6,200
Net Assets at Beginning of Year		\$98,887

Net Assets at End of Year	\$	105,087
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Tributes



Many thanks for the donations in honor and memory of loved

In honor of Joyce Croucher & Nick Wilson

Ron Croucher

In memory of Brent Hillard

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