The Dragonfly Foundation Chicago

Meet Dre and Dad

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2022 IMPACT REPORT

We Are Family

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to all our Chicago supporters

To say I am proud of what this community has been able to accomplish in the past three years would be an understatement.

From one partner hospital to now eight, a few patients supported to hundreds, one main fundraising event to three, countless partnerships, outings, and campaigns, the growth has been overwhelming in the most beautiful way.

Our mission is steadfast; to support pediatric cancer patients and their families by providing them with strength, courage, and joy. I continue to be honored and humbled by this work and am grateful to all of you, our supporters, for helping to fulfill our mission and vision daily.

I am thrilled to offer this, the Chicago chapter's second annual report, to our community. We have done some remarkable things, yet we still have work ahead. And none of this would be possible without YOU! Our goal is to expand awareness, increase funding, and provide more programming and support to those we serve. We're ready. Are you?

Sincerely,



Jessica Merar Director of Programs

2022 **SNAPSHOT**

- Increased to 8 partner hospitals.
- Served over 200 families.
- Doubled our impact throughout all campaigns since inception.
- Raised more than \$250,000 through generous donors, businesses, and fundraisers.
- Held our first successful Night of Courage, bringing in a grand total of \$105,000.
- Supported 75 families with Adopt A Family, with donors spending a combined \$38,000.

- Partnered with many other local nonprofits to offer more support opportunities to those we serve.
- Sent families to Chicago Bears and Northwestern University sporting events, Six Flags, Brookfield Zoo, the circus, and more.
- Spent over \$4,000 each quarter on Urgent Requests, providing families with grocery cards, household essentials, wigs, laptops, gas and Uber cards to help offset costs, and more.
- Became Dayhouse Coworking's nonprofit partner.

A Year In Review 2022 FINANCIALS

Administration

(For financial information regarding The Dragonfly Foundation, please see our audited financials and Form 990 at Dragonfly.org)



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FY 2022 Expenses Components (\$000)

WHAT WE DO...

Programatic Fundraising



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URGENT REQUESTS

Dragonfly fulfills incoming requests to support daily needs and finds ways to make things better every day.



PATIENTS & FAMILY EVENTS

There are many resources to help families find fun ways to spend time together.



I AM STILL ME

Our ISM booklet offers insight to patients experiencing hair loss from the perspective of peers who have endured it previously. It is paired with a soft pillow case and a gift card for a hat.



DISTRACTIONS IN THE HOSPITAL

Dragonfly provides fun ways to keep our patients connected and entertained while at the hospital.



ADOPT-A-FAMILY

Every holiday season, Dragonfly provides support to families in and outside of the hospital to make the holiday season bright.



STAFF SUPPORT

Dragonfly takes time to appreciate front-line staff at our partner hospitals to ensure that they take a moment to care for themselves as well.



CARING FOR THE FAMILY

Dragonfly helps to care for the whole family while focusing on the patient.



CHEMO DUCKS

Proud to be the sponsors of the Chemo Ducks initiative at Lurie Children's. This cuddly pal is a teaching tool that helps kids understand their treatment protocols and procedures.



SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL OUR DRAGONFLY FAMILIES & OUR CINCINNATI TEAM without whom the Chicago chapter would not be possible!

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