

2024-2025 IMPACT REPORT

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Everything We Do is **FOR THE KIDS**®

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*Four Diamonds' mission is to conquer childhood cancer by assisting children being treated at Golisano Children's Hospital at Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center and their families through superior care, comprehensive support and innovative research. We are committed to finding better, safer treatments and cures to help kids everywhere.*

### **FINDING COMMUNITY AND GRATITUDE WHILE FACING CANCER**

#### **A Pediatric Physician's Worst Fear**

Two years ago, Penelope ("Penny") was a typical first grader. She loved Broadway musicals and enjoyed taking piano and dance lessons.

Near the end of the school year, Penny began losing weight and getting fevers. Her symptoms worried Penny's dad, Rob, who is a pediatric physician at Penn State Health. He and his wife, Corinne, had Penny's blood tested, and the results showed their worst fear: Penny had leukemia.

#### **A Community of Care**

Despite the many uncertainties that come with caring for a child with cancer, Rob and Corinne learned one thing for sure: thanks to Four Diamonds, they would not have to face Penny's cancer alone. "As a parent, you don't ever expect to go through what we're going through. It's just an impossible situation," Rob said. "I can't imagine experiencing all of this and then having to figure out how we're going to pay for our daughter's medical care. We're so grateful Four Diamonds is taking care of that and for the supportive community that has surrounded us."

#### **Healing Through a Comprehensive Approach**

During her active treatment, Penny spent numerous hours at the hospital each month. Her favorite "person" to see during her hospital visits was Baron, one of the hospital's facility dogs, and his handler Devon, a Child Life specialist. Four Diamonds helps fund the Child Life program, making these moments of joy among her treatment possible.

Penny also looked forward to her music therapy sessions. During treatment, she was missing her piano and dance classes, and music therapy helped fill that void for her.



Four Diamonds pediatric music therapists aimed to reduce Penny's stress, helping her cope with pain and improve her mood during treatment through fun, interactive music experiences.

Penny is now in the maintenance phase of her treatment and is expected to have her last chemotherapy in August 2026. She and her family look forward with hopeful anticipation of the day when she is officially done with treatment and can live her life cancer-free. "My wife and I are so unbelievably grateful for the things Four Diamonds does. We are just so thankful for everything," said Rob.



**"There's no way we'd be able to navigate this journey without the endless support from this community."**

**ROB, FOUR DIAMONDS DAD TO PENNY**

Helping Kids to Survive and Thrive

GOLISANO CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

## Survivorship Clinic Wins Champion's Prize

The Childhood Cancer Survivorship Clinic at Golisano Children's Hospital received the Survivorship Champion's Prize. This national honor is awarded annually by Children's Cancer Cause to a group, institution or program for making significant advances in services to provide lifelong health maintenance for childhood cancer survivors.

The Childhood Cancer Survivorship Clinic, funded by Four Diamonds, empowers our survivors through education and comprehensive support. When a patient enters the survivorship clinic, they meet with a physician, social worker, neuropsychologist and cancer genetic counselor. They receive detailed and personalized information about possible long-term effects and other concerns as a result of their childhood cancer treatment.



The Childhood Cancer Survivorship Clinic team.

**"Our multidisciplinary team is centered around providing holistic, personalized care, and our mission is to empower our survivors with education and comprehensive support."**

**SMITA DANDEKAR, MD**  
DIRECTOR OF THE CHILDHOOD  
CANCER SURVIVORSHIP PROGRAM AT  
GOLISANO CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

### HOW DOES CANCER IMPACT THE LIFE GOALS AND DREAMS OF ADOLESCENT AND YOUNG ADULT (AYA) CANCER SURVIVORS?

Dr. Pooja Rao and colleagues at Penn State College of Medicine suspected that a cancer diagnosis for an adolescent or young adult impacted their educational choices and career path. They began a research study funded by Four Diamonds to prove if this is true.

Their recently published study shares quantitative proof that AYA survivors are often derailed from their educational

and occupational plans because of the disruption caused by their cancer treatment and its consequences.

The Childhood Cancer Survivorship Clinic, funded by Four Diamonds, provides ongoing care that helps AYA survivors return to school, work and their life goals. One of the few programs of its kind, it supports long-term success and well-being in addition to medical recovery.

## After the Bell: Hope Rewritten—Together

For those facing cancer, the ringing of the bell signifies triumph with a joyful sound celebrating closure and cure.

However, many young survivors learn that the end of treatment does not mark the end of cancer's influence in their lives. Survivorship is not an ending; instead, it is a new beginning. That new beginning can come with its own complex set of emotional, mental, spiritual and physical needs for continued healing.

Four Diamonds supported a project called Photo Voice at Golisano Children's Hospital to bring together a group of young adult childhood cancer survivors. The project offered an opportunity for survivors to connect with one another, reflect honestly on life after cancer and use creative arts



Four Diamonds survivor, Shelly, communicates the passage of time through a poignant photo of the prosthetic limbs she has outgrown since losing her leg during childhood cancer treatment.

as a means of expression and healing. The group met remotely for several weeks, using photography and personal writing to explore their own survivorship experience.

Their stories—each deeply personal—were interconnected through themes of loss, identity, and resilience. They shared honestly how even after treatment ended, the weight of what had been lost remained. Through Photo Voice, they transformed their experiences into art and connection.

Their courageous honesty is a reminder that healing does not happen in isolation. It happens when stories are shared. When voices are heard. As Gabriela, who was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma at 17, said, "These photos are proof that even in the most brutal battles, we can rise again and continue forward."

### Hope Rewritten—Together

"They are no longer just survivors of childhood cancer," said Dr. Smita Dandekar. "They are artists, writers, educators, researchers and dreamers. They are builders of a new narrative—one that tells the whole truth, holds space for grief and makes room for joy."



Left: Kayla, Four Diamonds survivor, shares her survivorship journey through photos and essays.

Four Diamonds survivors together find strength, community and connection.

# Accelerating Hope

Penn State's Bold Push in Pediatric Cancer Research

Dr. Giselle Sholler, director of pediatric oncology research at Penn State College of Medicine and division chief of pediatric hematology and oncology at Golisano Children's Hospital, leads the research efforts funded by Four Diamonds.



This research focuses on three areas: Understanding why cancers relapse and how to prevent it, understanding genetics biology through precision medicine, and harnessing the immune system to fight cancer.

Through leadership and membership in national and international research consortiums, the team is partnering with hundreds of universities and hospitals, propelling us in the discovery of new therapies and cures for kids around the world.

## NEW CHAPTER IN THE FIGHT TO CONQUER CHILDHOOD CANCER UNFOLDS

Powered by collaboration, innovation, and compassion, researchers at Penn State College of Medicine are boldly stepping into a new era creating and leading Phase 1 clinical trials to improve outcomes for children facing high-risk cancers.

This effort brings together every part of the care and research process—from lab discoveries and precision diagnostics to clinical trials and patient support. The goal is to create treatments designed specifically for children, rather than adapting adult therapies.

Through the launch of groundbreaking clinical trials, the team is testing a new combination therapy for children and young adults with relapsed or hard-to-treat cancers like neuroblastoma, central nervous system tumors and sarcomas.

## A LEGACY OF HOPE

When Four Diamonds child Riley was 13 years old, he had been battling stage 4 neuroblastoma for more than eight years.

After enduring a year-and-a-half of grueling treatments, Riley and his family were so excited when he was declared to be in remission in late 2018. Finally, he was cancer free.

But routine scans in 2019 showed the cancer was back, and he began treatment once again.

Riley's dad, Greg, said, "I was laying with him one night after his first relapse, and I was just looking at him. I started to get sad thinking about how he was going to have to fight all over again. But if you know Riley, you know he is always smiling and always trying to make the best of every situation. He looked at me and asked if I was all right. I told him I was sad because I didn't want him to have to fight again. He turned to me and said, 'I'm not worried about it.' That's become his motto, and he has lived up to that motto ever since."

Riley and his family would go through this excruciating pattern two more times, in 2021 and 2024. Each time Riley bravely faced years of treatments with his "I'm not worried about it" mindset, reached remission, and then relapsed. Sadly, Riley died in late December 2025.



Four Diamonds child Riley with Dr. Giselle Sholler.

With each relapse, a patient's options for an effective treatment grew slimmer. But Dr. Giselle Sholler's 20-year quest to find ways to treat pediatric neuroblastoma has provided patients like Riley with a new option. Last year, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved a breakthrough neuroblastoma drug based on Dr. Sholler's work, which has been shown to reduce the risk of relapse by more than 50% for certain pediatric high-risk neuroblastoma patients. Riley's brave and courageous story demonstrates why continued research and discovery is so important.

Thanks to support from Four Diamonds, researchers at the College of Medicine and Golisano Children's Hospital can continue pursuing new treatments and sharing discoveries to help kids everywhere.

Our Quest to Find New Treatments Continues as

**FOUR DIAMONDS RESEARCHERS LEAD**

# New Clinical Trial



**“The knowledge we gain from this trial has the potential to pave the way for improvements in immune therapies that can impact children across the country and the world.”**

**DR. GISELLE SHOLLER**, DIVISION CHIEF OF PEDIATRIC HEMATOLOGY/ONCOLOGY, GOLISANO CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, DIRECTOR OF PEDIATRIC ONCOLOGY RESEARCH AT THE PENN STATE COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

In a significant advancement in the fight against childhood cancer, Penn State College of Medicine opened a clinical trial with the help of Four Diamonds to treat neuroblastoma that has relapsed or has not responded to treatment.

Four Diamonds-funded researchers Dr. H.G. Wang, the Lois High Berstler professor of pediatrics and pharmacology at the College of Medicine, and Dr. Valerie Brown, professor of pediatrics at the College of Medicine, are the national chairs for this study to test a new drug combination. Their goal is

to gain new insights into how neuroblastoma, a rare and challenging pediatric cancer, behaves on the molecular level.

“This drug combination helps the immune system fight neuroblastoma in children, particularly in addressing tumor cells that can evade standard treatments,” Dr. Wang said. “Early studies show that the trial drug can reduce the tumor’s ability to weaken the patient’s immune system and make a type of immunotherapy work more effectively.”

**“This work is very rewarding. The environment, mentors and collaborators that I worked with during my early years also inspired me to continue to work on projects that have clinical application in near future.”**



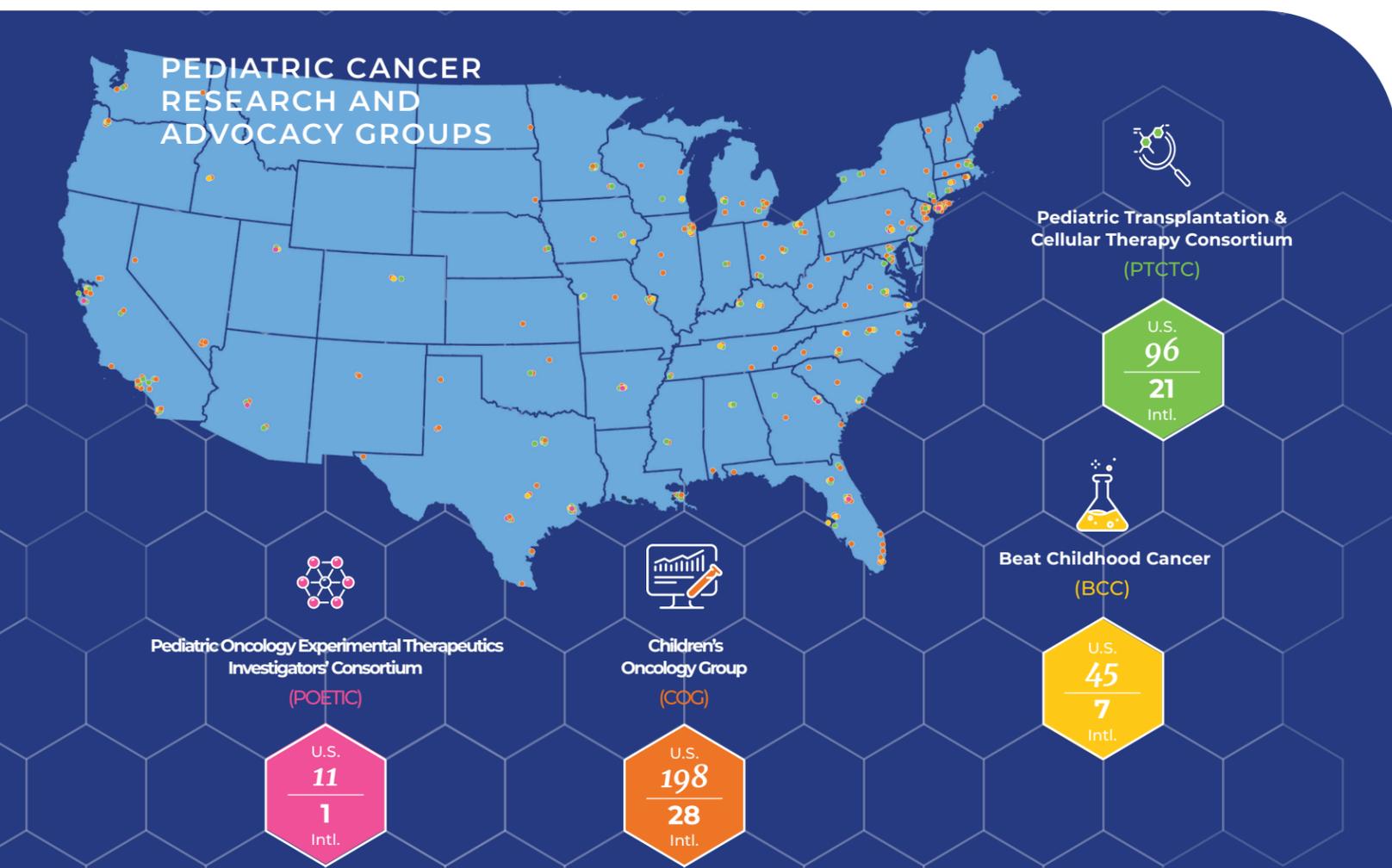
## CLINICAL TRIAL PROVIDES NEW HOPE FOR CHILDHOOD CANCER PATIENTS WITH SOLID TUMORS

Dr. Chandrika Behura, associate professor at Penn State College of Medicine, is a Four Diamonds-funded pediatric cancer researcher who has spent a significant portion of her career studying the role a particular enzyme (known as CK2) plays in cancer cell growth and survival. She has now brought her findings to a new experimental therapy to provide more hope to pediatric cancer patients with solid tumors.

Nearly 60% of pediatric cancers are solid tumors, which means the results of the Phase 1 clinical trial Dr. Behura opened in October 2024 could impact thousands of lives. This trial is testing the safety and tolerability of a drug that inhibits CK2 in patients with pediatric solid tumors, including neuroblastoma and Ewing sarcoma.

**“Everything we know about CK2 in these diseases, we learned at Penn State. No other groups are working on CK2 in neuroblastoma and Ewing sarcoma.”**

**DR. CHANDRIKA BEHURA**  
FOUR DIAMONDS-FUNDED RESEARCHER



## COMPREHENSIVE CARE

### *Integrative Medicine Tailored to Each Child's Needs*

Four Diamonds supports a holistic approach to childhood cancer treatment, treating the disease while also caring for the well-being of both the child and their family. The Pediatric Integrative Oncology Program at Golisano Children's Hospital is supported by Four Diamonds and combines best-in-practice cancer treatments with proven therapies like nutrition, mind-body support and lifestyle care. Our expert team is trained in both pediatric oncology and integrative medicine, ensuring safe, coordinated care to support every Four Diamonds child's comfort, healing and well-being.

Four Diamonds' commitment to comprehensive care makes it possible for every Four Diamonds child to receive care from specialists such as psychologists and Child Life specialists, services from exercise physiology, art and music therapy, a chaplain, and a variety of psychosocial programs to support every child in their full healing journey.

This evidence-based approach has been shown to provide the following benefits for patients:



# Junie's Journey

Born in the summer of 2022, Junie was an easygoing baby who was happy to be included in everything her parents, Jocelyn and Damien, and her big brother, Theo, were doing.

At six months old, Junie started blinking excessively. Then her eyes began to move erratically, with each eye moving independently of the other. She struggled with bright flashing lights at a holiday light show. Jocelyn, a physician assistant, wondered if Junie was having seizures. Her pediatrician ruled that out and referred Junie to Golisano Children's Hospital for assessment.

Junie's eye issues were quickly diagnosed as opsoclonus myoclonus syndrome (OM), a reaction to a tumor somewhere in her body. Junie had a neuroblastoma tumor the size of an egg in her chest.

Surgery removed Junie's tumor but unfortunately her OMS symptoms returned in June 2024. Jocelyn said, "Four Diamonds was by our side through multiple admissions, surgeries, MRIs, years of treatment and therapy sessions and removed the stress about medical bills. Even more, Four Diamonds provided us with Child Life services, music therapy, and play therapy. What Four Diamonds provides stretches far beyond the tangible."

THON also provided emotional support. Junie's family is paired with the Penn State cheerleading team, and team members reach out every week. This fall, the family attended a Penn State football game, and Junie gave everyone high-fives.

"I realize how incredibly fortunate we are with Four Diamonds and THON," Jocelyn said. "They both provide us with ongoing support and make a real impact in our lives. It's so appreciated."

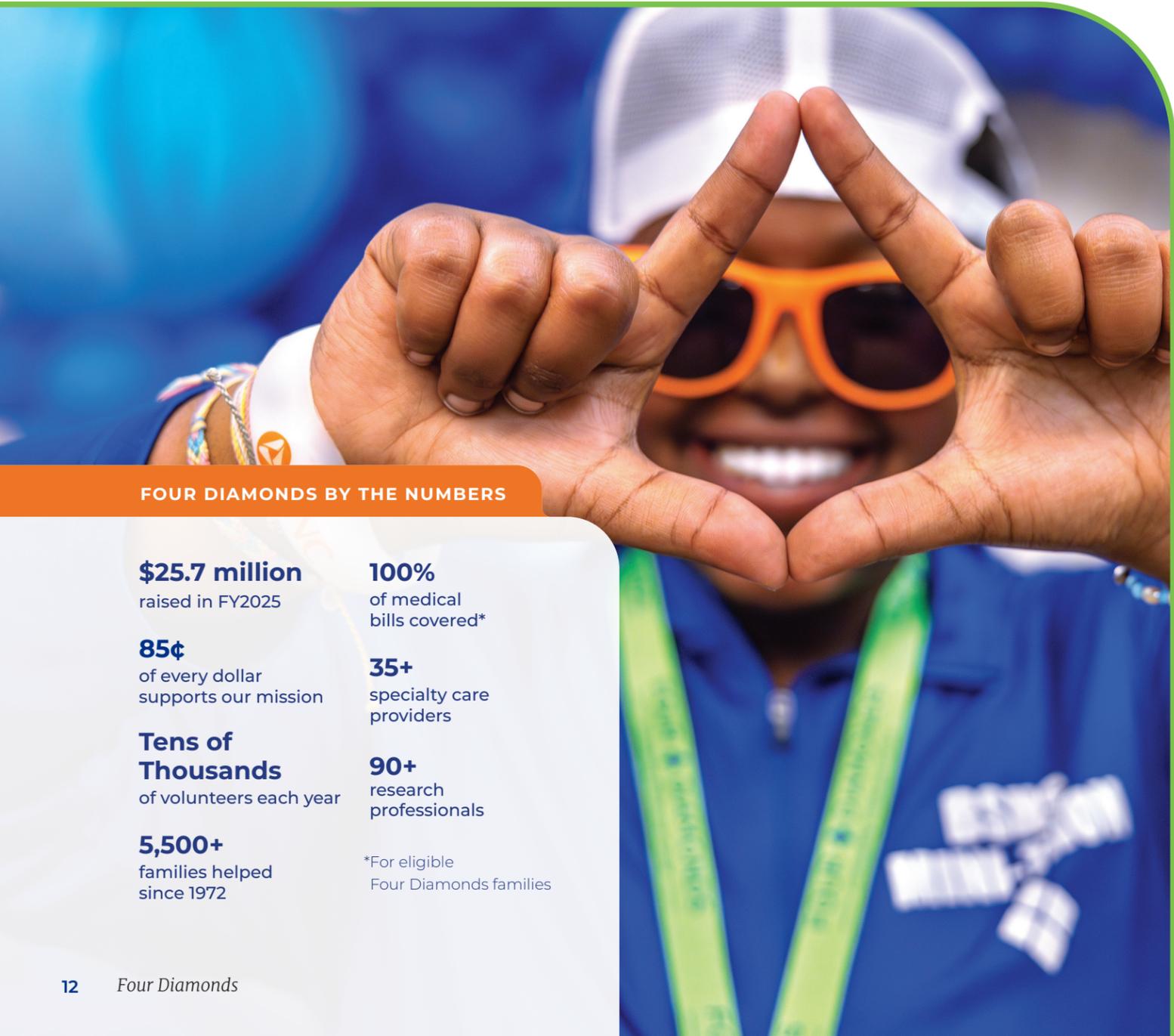
Your support changes lives.

FOUR DIAMONDS DIRECTS YOUR DONATIONS TO

## MAKE THE GREATEST IMPACT

Each spring, a robust grant process directs where all funds raised by Four Diamonds will be used in the next fiscal year to further our goal to conquer childhood cancer.

All requests are evaluated on the guidelines established in the original gift agreement by the co-founders of Four Diamonds.



### FOUR DIAMONDS BY THE NUMBERS

**\$25.7 million**  
raised in FY2025

**85¢**  
of every dollar  
supports our mission

**Tens of  
Thousands**  
of volunteers each year

**5,500+**  
families helped  
since 1972

**100%**  
of medical  
bills covered\*

**35+**  
specialty care  
providers

**90+**  
research  
professionals

\*For eligible  
Four Diamonds families

### FOUR DIAMONDS FINANCIALS

July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

#### SOURCES OF FUNDS

|                                |                     |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| THON™                          | \$17,634,423        |
| Mini-THON®                     | \$6,413,950         |
| Memorial Gifts                 | \$51,422            |
| Honorary Gifts                 | \$12,210            |
| Bequests                       | \$206,225           |
| Other                          | \$974,422           |
| Gifts Restricted to Endowments | \$433,877           |
| <b>SUBTOTAL</b>                | <b>\$25,726,529</b> |
| Investment Income              | \$6,315,070         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                   | <b>\$32,041,599</b> |

#### USES OF FUNDS

Funds allocated for use between July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

#### Patient Care & Family Support

|                |             |
|----------------|-------------|
| Patient Care   | \$5,065,098 |
| Family Support | \$1,227,337 |

#### Research

|                             |             |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Research Grants             | \$215,223   |
| Childhood Cancer Innovation | \$1,500,000 |
| Research Support            | \$9,367,572 |
| Research Infrastructure     | \$2,329,117 |

#### Administrative

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| Administrative Development,<br>Marketing and Administration | \$3,911,592 |
| Finance and Pediatrics<br>Administrative Support            | \$319,098   |

#### Investments in Endowments

|                            |             |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| Donor Restricted           | \$433,877   |
| Strategic Vision Endowment | \$6,818,431 |

**TOTAL** **\$31,187,345**



### ALLOCATION OF FUNDS:

Each spring, all available funds are allocated for the future fiscal year's use. Available funds for allocation in FY25 were comprised of all funds raised between July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024, and all previously allocated funds that were unspent during that time frame.

#### Funding Priority 1:

To ensure every Four Diamonds child receives the highest quality of lifesaving childhood cancer care at Penn State Health Golisano Children's Hospital without ever seeing a bill for that care. This compassionate process relieves both the financial pressures and the burden of billing paperwork for all Four Diamonds families.

#### Funding Priority 2:

To ensure Four Diamonds children and their families are wrapped in comprehensive services. This includes providing access to top-notch specialists proven to enhance positive treatment outcomes, combined with support services to meet their physical, emotional, mental and spiritual needs.

#### Funding Priority 3:

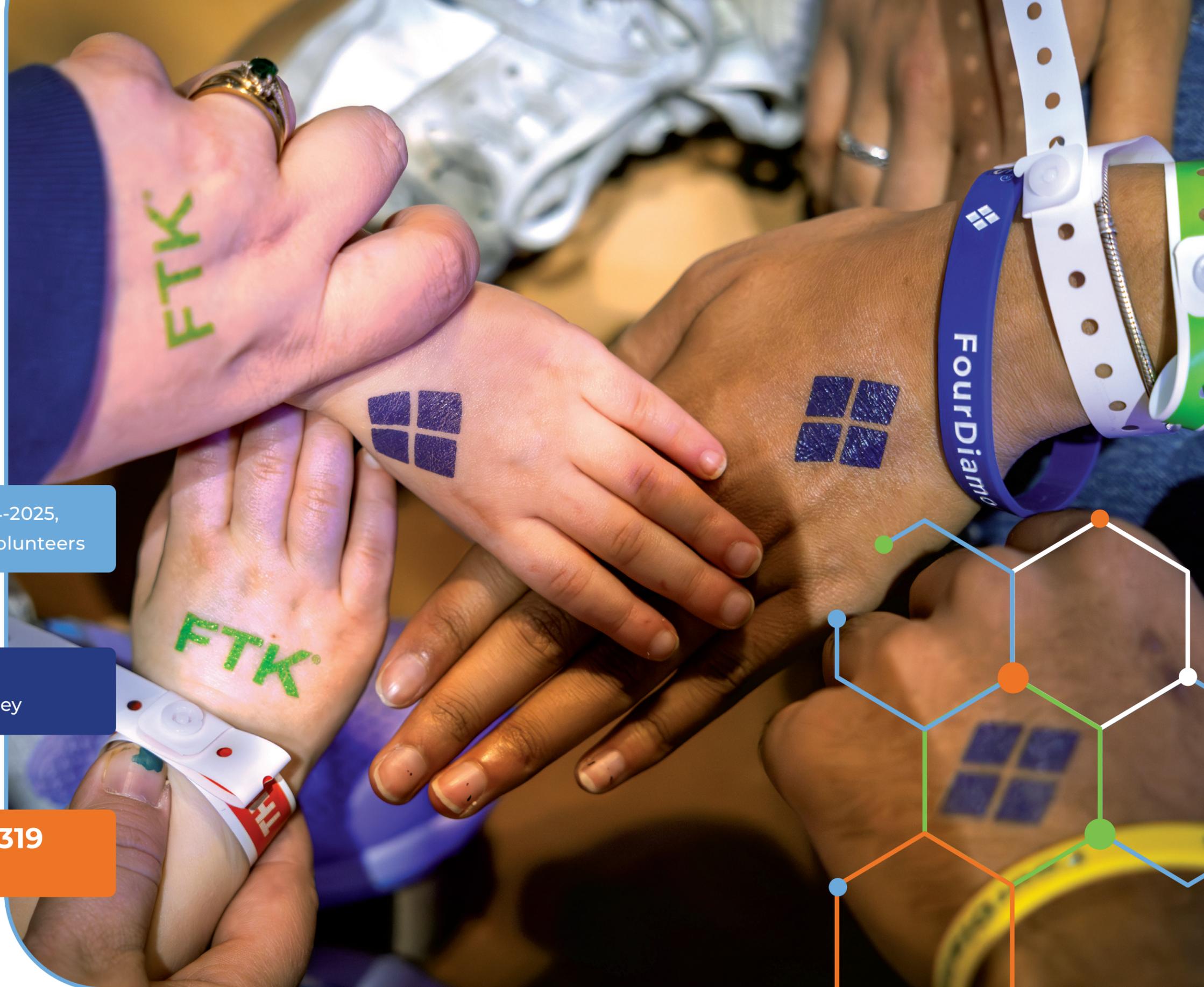
To ensure innovative research projects have the funding they need to search for deeper understanding of why and how childhood cancer happens, and new ways it can be treated. Funds are also invested in endowments, which earn interest, creating a secondary, permanent funding stream for our ongoing research efforts in pursuit of a cure for all childhood cancers.



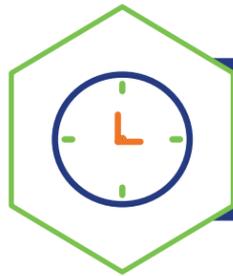
# Our Partners In The Fight™

We are grateful for the continued commitment of the multitude of volunteers and supporters who power our fight to conquer childhood cancer.

We are a community. Whether your role is that of patient, survivor, family member, student, friend, donor, caregiver or administrator, we are Partners In The Fight to conquer childhood cancer.



During fiscal year 2024-2025,  
**tens of thousands** of volunteers



contributed **5 million+**  
volunteer hours, and they



**raised \$25,714,319**  
For The Kids.®

# NOAH'S STORY

*THON Provides a Home for Hope to Noah and his Family*

When 2-year-old Noah was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia, his family's world turned upside down. What began as a few troubling symptoms quickly escalated into a life-altering diagnosis. Despite their fear and uncertainty, Noah's family found strength—in each other, in their community and in the care they received at Golisano Children's Hospital.

Noah's journey began like many others, with a visit to the doctor. What followed was a whirlwind of tests, hospital stays and difficult conversations. Acute lymphoblastic leukemia, a cancer of the blood and bone marrow, is the most common type of childhood cancer. Yet for every family facing it, the experience is deeply personal and uniquely challenging.

From the moment of diagnosis, Noah's parents were determined to stay strong for their son. They quickly learned that the road ahead would be long and filled with obstacles. Chemotherapy treatments, blood transfusions and numerous hours in the hospital became part of their daily routine. But they also discovered an incredible support system that would carry them through the darkest days.

At Golisano Children's Hospital, Noah was surrounded by a team of doctors, nurses and specialists who treated him not just as a patient, but as a child with dreams, fears and a fighting spirit. The hospital's pediatric oncology team worked tirelessly



**THON™**  
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**\$17.7 million** for  
Four Diamonds  
in 2025.



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to tailor treatments to Noah's needs, always keeping his comfort and well-being at the center of care.

Noah's family found hope through Four Diamonds and THON. Here they found a powerful community. Noah's family was embraced by other courageous families walking similar paths, and their spirits were lifted by the incredible student volunteers who give millions of hours of their time and effort each year to make the services Four Diamonds funds for families like theirs possible. As they stood on the stage during THON Weekend and looked out at the thousands of students and donors who showed up for Noah and all of the Four

Diamonds kids and families, they were reminded that they weren't alone in what they were going through.

As Noah's treatment progressed, there were setbacks and triumphs. There were days when the pain was overwhelming, and others when his laughter filled the hospital room. Through it all, his resilience inspired everyone around him.

Today, Noah's story is one of courage, love and hope. While the journey is not over, Noah's family continues to move forward, with gratitude for the care they received, the support they found and the incredible community that stood by them.



## Childhood Cancer Survivor Sami Gives Back Through Mini-THON

### SAMI'S STORY – RISING FROM PAIN TO PURPOSE

When Sami was in elementary school, she participated in her school's Four Diamonds Mini-THON®, never imagining she might one day benefit from its support.

Sami was just 11 years old and about to start sixth grade when she was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia. After weeks of not feeling well and visiting the doctor several times, her parents took her to the emergency room. She was admitted as a patient, and Sami remembers the moment the doctors asked to speak with her parents in the hallway. Her mom was crying when she came back into the room. That's when Sami learned she had cancer.

Sami began chemotherapy immediately. The treatment was grueling. She felt terrible most of the time, and the bad days were especially hard. She spent a good portion of her first year of treatment as an inpatient at Golisano Children's Hospital, undergoing high doses of chemotherapy and radiation, and receiving two bone marrow transplants.

With so much time spent in the hospital, the Child Life specialist, music therapist, and art therapist funded by Four Diamonds were vital parts of Sami's healing journey. They had a profound impact on Sami as they offered comfort, distraction and emotional healing.



More than **225 schools** across Pennsylvania and beyond participated in Mini-THON events, raising over **\$6.4 million** during the 2025 school year to support Four Diamonds. **This brings the total raised since Mini-THON began in 1993 to more than \$77 million.**

**"When you're battling cancer, there's a lot of bad. But there's also a lot of good, and that's because of Four Diamonds."**

SAMI  
FOUR DIAMONDS  
TEEN

This past year, Sami's Mini-THON experience came full circle, as she led the Mini-THON program at her high school, raising funds to help other Four Diamonds children. She also bravely shared her story with hundreds of student leaders from Mini-THONs across the state at the annual Mini-THON Leadership Summit.

Today, Sami dreams of becoming an art therapist in a hospital. Art helped her to express her emotions and cope during the most challenging times of her battle with cancer, and she hopes to use art to help others in similar situations. Sami says that perhaps one day she will return to Golisano Children's Hospital, this time as a healer.

# Community FUNDRAISING

## JONATHAN GRULA FOUNDATION

*Since the time he was 3 years old, Jonathan wanted to be a doctor. As he grew and began to thrive as a student, his parents, Karen and Bob Grula, were proud of that aspiration and dreamed of the day that their only child would reach his goal.*

Sadly, Jonathan did not get the chance to go to medical school and heal others as a doctor. He was diagnosed with leukemia in September 1988 at age 11 and died one year later when he was 12.

During the course of his treatment, Jonathan's family was helped by Four Diamonds, which took care of all of Jonathan's medical costs at Golisano Children's Hospital that were not covered by insurance. After Jonathan's death, Karen and Bob were encouraged by friends to establish a foundation as a way to honor Jonathan's loving and giving nature.

They followed that advice and recruited several friends to join them in their efforts to create a foundation. The group quickly assembled an annual golf tournament, and just one year later, Karen and Bob directed their first \$10,000 gift from the foundation to Four Diamonds.

Over the years, their fundraising focus shifted from golf tournaments to designer handbags and gift card bingo. Their contributions to Four Diamonds now cumulatively total more than \$400,000. Through the foundation, Karen and Bob – along with family and friends – honor Jonathan's memory and intention to help others, raising money each year to assist other children through donations to Four Diamonds. Their efforts and generosity have helped thousands of children, just as Jonathan had hoped to be able to do one day as a doctor.



Jonathan Grula



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# Adley's ADVENTURE

## GIVES BACK TO HELP OTHERS

Today, Adley is a happy and energetic 5-year-old girl who loves hanging out with her pets, watching her big brother, Mayze, play sports, and doing anything outside, including swimming, jumping on her trampoline and playing soccer.

But in February 2022, right before her second birthday, Adley's parents, Chad and Kira Gordon, noticed she was pale, lethargic and more tired than usual. They called her pediatrician, who recommended they do blood work. Within two hours of getting the blood work done, they received a phone call from Golisano Children's Hospital saying they had a room ready for Adley. Upon arrival, Chad and Kira heard the heartbreaking news that Adley had B-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia.

Adley bravely battled cancer for 2 years and 4 months, and her parents describe her as strong, resilient and a hero. "People always think of all the bad things that come along

with your child having cancer, which is understandable," said Chad. "But there can be good things that come from it as well." Chad and Kira had experienced something in their journey that Four Diamonds-funded psychologist Dr. George Blackall describes as post-traumatic growth.

One of the good things Chad and Kira discovered has been a newfound passion for volunteering their time to raise funds and awareness for Four Diamonds. They have found purpose and strength in speaking at Four Diamonds Mini-THONs. They have rallied others to join them in their efforts by organizing and hosting an annual golf tournament each September during Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. And this past year, Kira bravely and generously donated her hair onstage during THON Weekend.

Chad and Kira feel it is important to include Adley in their volunteering, and, even at such a young age, they have watched her blossom into a leader in her community who enjoys giving back. Adley frequently sets up lemonade stands and hosts bake sales, all to, in her words, "help her friends who have ports." She even has a grocery stand at Chad's workplace where she sells her baked goods and other items.

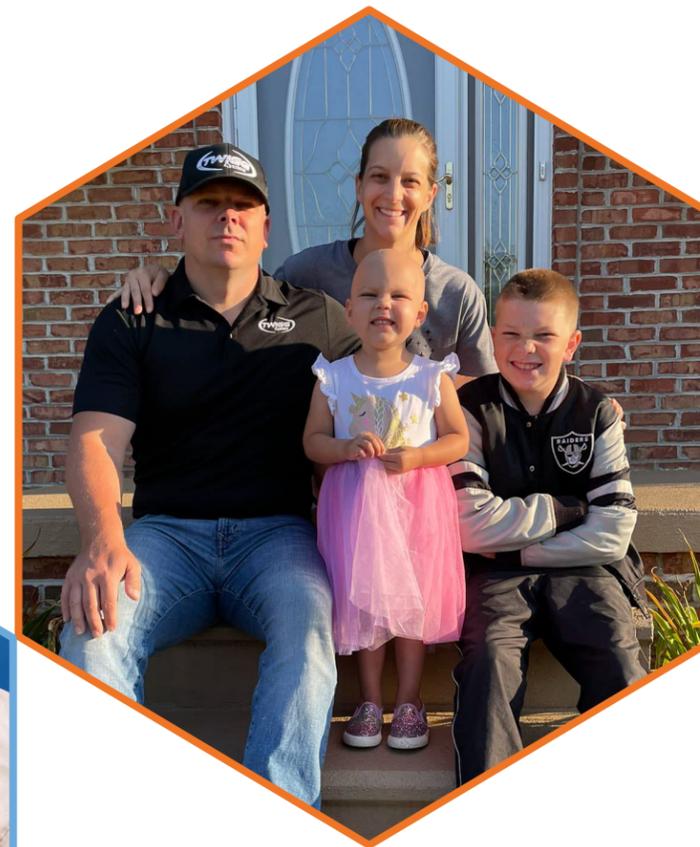
Chad continued, "And that support extends way beyond the walls of the hospital. We have met so many wonderful people through Mini-THON and THON, especially our paired THON organizations. We've been supported by countless Four Diamonds families. We are blessed that Adley is healthy and doing well, so now it's become our passion to support others the way we were supported."

**"We volunteer our time and give back to Four Diamonds because we know firsthand that they make sure no family has to fight childhood cancer alone."**

**CHAD & KIRA GORDON**  
VOLUNTEERS AND PARENTS TO  
FOUR DIAMONDS CHILD ADLEY

Chad started Adley's Adventure, a social media group where he documents their family's journey and connects with others seeking support. The group has now turned into a way for their family to raise awareness and support others. "We want to make sure no one ever feels alone," Chad said. "The Four Diamonds community was such a huge support system for us, so now we take pride in offering that support to other families."

Adley's family believes it is important to donate their time to raise awareness and to offer support to other children and families. "When you first get that cancer diagnosis, you feel so alone," said Chad. "The Four Diamonds staff at the hospital were there right away to let us know we weren't alone, and they've continued to support us since that first day. We wouldn't be where we are today without the care from the medical staff and Child Life specialists."



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