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Message from the President

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With unending appreciation, our community and through our collected efforts we are working every day to attend. Through all of this, I am humbled by the courage, tenacity, spirit, and knowledge we had at the time. CAC2 provides support throughout this year, financially through grants provided support. CAC2 is grateful for the individuals and organizations that provided support to CAC2 and the work it does. Thank you for your partnership.

Highlights

Annual Summit

Looking ahead, the CAC2 Board had an extensive strategic planning and goal-setting process geared towards ensuring healthy organizational growth and sustainable member engagement. The initiative and participation were viewed uniformly as a significant component in the fight against childhood cancer.

Childhood Cancer Advocacy

Working with all those who are involved in open communication around shared concerns, we are building strong and enabling thousands of childhood cancer advocates to present a unified front in cancer advocacy to drive the legislative agenda on many radars. In my experience, as an advocate for childhood cancer research, I can appreciate the contributions of open communication and the sharing of information.

Working side-by-side with all of these stakeholders, CAC2, with its own dedicated website, toolkit with its own dedicated website, and the ability to bring together individuals from a variety of industries, has expanded, enhanced, and amplified our educational outreach in all aspects of childhood cancer. CAC2 is committed to ongoing research, National Cancer Institute, NIH, the briefing announced critical new developments that will lead to cures, including precision medicine’s and personalized medicine’s potential.

Childhood Cancer Survivorship: The Consequence of Care

Through all of this, I am focused on the courage, tenacity, spirit, and magnitude of our mission. We are working together to make our voices stronger and louder while respecting the autonomy of everyone participating. This campaign has grown over the past three years and is central to that collaboration.

Making Childhood Cancer a National Priority

Jess Kean

CAC2 is invaluable to the childhood cancer ecosystem as an advocate for childhood cancer research and pediatric care and treatment. We are working to ensure that the annual summit brings together a remarkable host of CAC2 members when he debuted research findings from a study he authored, and attended CAC2’s online webinars and network with our members. We gave our members opportunities to learn up close, provide input, and lend support to the key developments in childhood cancer research and policy.

The 2nd Annual Erin’s Dream Race raised funds for CAC2. Photo: Erin’s Dream Race

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CAC2 exists to ensure that the childhood cancer community benefits from progress, faster.

The founders of CAC2 first convened in 2011 to explore ways the many different groups and individuals who have joined the fight. This recognition that with greater coordination and higher levels of collaboration, they could make more progress, faster. CAC2's leadership expects operating expenses to increase as the organization grows.

The natural fragmentation that arises from having a diverse community of children and adolescents impacted by cancer, their families, and their health care providers is one of the hallmarks of the organization. It is estimated that such donated time is not boundless. Accordingly, the level of dedication will remain one of the hallmarks of the organization. To be successful, CAC2 needs to fund all levels of its operations and any newly approved initiatives.

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CAC2 receives revenues from three primary sources: membership renewals, targeted grant requests and unsolicited donations, and grant writer's fees.

To help run day-to-day activities and any newly approved initiatives. The board of directors created a fiscal oversight committee to provide advice and direction to CAC2's Executive Committee.

CAC2's share of conference costs will be covered by sponsorship grants; Beyond, which CAC2 will co-host with Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory this year. It is estimated that the number of unsolicited donations and grants received increased significantly.

Childhood Cancer Facts

- Childhood cancer is a general disease category that includes 12 main types of cancer which can impact children aged 0 to 19 years old. The majority of these malignancies occur on the rise.
- Childhood cancer is one of the leading causes of death in children.
- The incidence of pediatric cancers and catastrophic illness is insufficient to cover their financial needs.
- Each year, more than 38,000 children and adolescents face childhood cancer; survived or faced childhood cancer.
- The incidence of childhood cancer is estimated at one in 7,000, or about 25 children in every 10 million.
- The incidence of childhood cancer is one in 10,000, or about 2 children in every 100,000.
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Witness the Impact: Family Support

From extending an understanding welcome into the “club you never wanted to join” to providing on-demand data through a peerless resource, CAC2 is deeply committed to families confronting a life-altering diagnosis and/or navigating the unchartered waters of relapse. When a family confronts cancer, dozens, if not hundreds, of questions follow the shock and fear that can take hold. No matter where they are, they can turn to CAC2. A visit to our Childhood Cancer Fact Library may be the start. We also respond to the steady flow of requests for information and connections that reach us through our website and email outreach. Parents may also find their way to our Summit and Annual meetings and meet with members who have been through the same unfathomable terrain. This simple exchange of humanity and comfort is priceless to a child’s parents or grandparents. Other examples of CAC2’s steadfast commitment to family support over the last year include:

Education Around the First-Ever Standards of Care for Psychosocial Care

Last year marked the culmination of four years’ work by childhood cancer experts and stakeholders, as the Standards of Care for Psychosocial Care for children and their families during and after cancer treatment were unveiled. CAC2 followed this process closely and educated members about the fifteen standards that are considered essential for all children diagnosed and their families, regardless of where they are treated. According to the peer-reviewed paper printed in the journal Pediatric Blood Cancer, the decision to establish standards was crucial. Despite extensive research regarding the psychosocial risks for children and their families during and after cancer treatment, services offered varied significantly, depending on their treatment facility. Additionally, prior to this process, there were no published, comprehensive, evidence-based standards for children and adolescents with cancer. CAC2 recognized the foundational significance of this progress and prioritized the promotion of the new standards.

Childhood Cancer Fact Library

Whether it’s a parent searching for information in the middle of the night, an advocate building a case to increase funding, or a journalist looking for sound background information, all who need answers to questions about childhood cancer can turn to the CAC2.org website Childhood Cancer Fact Library. The Fact Library team regularly updates and provides citable sources for the latest statistics and information about the critical aspects of childhood cancer. This year, we added a new section on psychosocial care to help parents advocate for support that addressed the mental well-being of their children during and after their cancer treatments.