Working together today for a future without childhood cancers

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Welcome to our new CAC2 members, one of the biggest cohorts since our founding: 19 new Childhood Cancer Organization Members, 16 new Individual Members, three new Student Members, and two new Supporting Organization Members, and thank you to our renewing CAC2 members. Collectively, we embrace the CAC2 values of collaboration, information exchange, and community. Our enthusiasm ignites progress for children with cancer. TOGETHER... FORWARD!

Over the past year, CAC2 implemented a new operating model. CAC2’s active and engaged Board of Directors shepherded this transition. We installed our first full-time professional staff member, Managing Director Mandy Spielvogle Powell, and affirmed the direction and organizational priorities in our Strategic Plan. The updated 2022-2025 Strategic Plan supports the new structure and positions us for sustainability and growth. Through it, we will pursue our unique vision to unite key stakeholders through COOPERATION, COORDINATION, and COLLABORATION and to organize our work around key pillars of interest that our members share: Advocacy, Awareness, Family Support, Research and Treatment, and Survivorship.

Throughout this year’s Annual Report you will find valuable information about both our ongoing and new initiatives. The June launch of Foundation Match, our online co-funding platform, made us “9 for 9” in implementing collaborative projects through the CAC2 Project Incubator. Better Together: Survivorship Connection became the tenth project idea approved by CAC2 members through the incubator process and work towards project launch has already begun.

Our other collaborative projects also continued to thrive. This year’s edition of the Childhood Cancer Fact Library again furnished the community with the most up-to-date statistics. Our work with the International Cancer Research Partnership furnished the community with the most up-to-date statistics. Our other collaborative projects also continued to thrive. This year’s edition of the Childhood Cancer Fact Library again furnished the community with the most up-to-date statistics. Our work with the International Cancer Research Partnership continued to advance the understanding of best practices when funding clinical trials by presenting their work at the 2021 SIOP meeting and by publishing their findings in Pediatric Blood & Cancer.

CAC2 remained committed to amplifying the many efforts of our community and facilitating initiatives that our members cannot accomplish alone. We helped to spearhead the successful #cancechildhoodcancer social media campaign and launched a Sign-On Letter process for our members to endorse legislation collectively. In addition, the CAC2 Webinar Series organized six highly relevant educational webinars representing the timely issues across our pillars of interest.

It has been my deepest privilege and honor to serve as CAC2’s first Board Chair. The initiative, energy, and imagination that our members bring to this mission humbles me. I remain confident that the trusted partnerships we have built will continue to serve children and teens with cancer, survivors, and their families.

With gratitude and renewed passion, I look forward to embarking on the next chapter as we move TOGETHER, FORWARD.

— Amy J. Weinstein
2021-2022 CAC2 Board Chair
Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation
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CAC2 exists to ensure that the childhood cancer community benefits from greater levels of coordinated action and collaboration. More than 200 organizational, individual, and student members care greatly about and invest themselves in making an impact on childhood cancer.

We organize our initiatives and programs around four basic pillars of interest that our members share: Advocacy & Awareness, Family Support, Survivorship, and Research & Treatment. We work to share information with and among our members and to provide numerous opportunities for education within each pillar. We also facilitate coordinated action, broad based collaboration, and shared projects among our members.

While our members fund research and support families, CAC2 does not. Instead, we focus on activities that cannot be effectively and efficiently delivered in the absence of coordinated action. We rely primarily on the time, skills, and energy volunteered by our members to undertake initiatives that foster and sustain greater collaboration across the childhood cancer community.

Our members may operate celebratory or legacy foundations in honor or memory of a special child or adolescent affected by cancer. They may have devoted their personal or professional lives to working with children with cancer. They may have survived childhood cancer themselves. Or they may just feel a close personal connection to the cause.

What unites all of us is the belief that the increased impact created and amplified by collaboration will drive progress for childhood and adolescent cancer patients. Together we work with a burning passion and unrelenting energy to improve their lives and the lives of their families.
Our Mission
The Coalition Against Childhood Cancer fosters and sustains greater levels of collaboration, information exchange, and learning across the childhood cancer community through agreed upon initiatives in the areas of advocacy and awareness building, family support, survivorship, and research and treatment.

Our Vision
We envision a world without childhood cancers.
CAC2 serves all stakeholders in the pediatric cancer space and strives to unite and amplify the collective efforts of the childhood cancer community. CAC2 exists to ensure that the childhood cancer community benefits from greater levels of coordinated action and collaboration that leverage the unique strengths of its members, minimizes waste of precious resources and expertise, and drives better outcomes for patients and their families.

Our Values
We always put the children and their families first in everything we do.

RESPECT
Enable the community while respecting our members’ unique missions

EFFICIENCY
Strive for cost effectiveness and efficiency with resources

INCLUSIVENESS
Emphasize inclusiveness and collaboration towards our common goals

AMPLIFY
Help give voice to the community and amplify it in a coordinated fashion

DRIVE
Stay action-oriented and flexible

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Treasurer’s Report

As CAC2 continues to move Together, Forward – the theme of our 9th Annual Summit, which was hosted in June at the Roberts Center for Pediatric Research at Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia — I’m pleased to report to you that we find our coalition in a solid financial position to continue delivering on our mission to foster and sustain greater levels of coordinated action, information exchange, education and learning, and broad-based collaboration through agreed-upon initiatives in the areas of advocacy & awareness-building, family support, survivorship, and research & treatment.

Our most recent fiscal year (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022) featured a notable, planned increase in our expense base that included the first full year of our first salaried employee, a return to an in-person Annual Summit, and the progression of new collaborative initiatives by our membership. This coincided with a transition to our new model of leadership sustainability, and the leadership team knew that CAC2 would need to bring in more revenue than in previous years while continuing its successful practice of disciplined expense management. Thanks to the strength in our membership — both retention of existing members and the number of new members who joined the CAC2 family — coupled with the generosity of our thoughtful donors and grantors, CAC2 exceeded its revenue targets by 17%. In addition, our actual operating expenditures mapped closely to our operating budget.

As you look at the financial figures on these pages, you’ll notice that CAC2 spent more than it received in revenues. We planned for this to occur given the aforementioned increase in our expense base, however, in outperforming our revenue target for the year and managing our operating expenses to target, we outperformed our target for performance on net income for CAC2. As we seek to self-fund any new collaborative projects, expand our community of grantors and donors, and ensure our strong membership base, we are aiming to return our net income performance to a neutral or positive variance in the next 2-3 years.

I’d like to take a moment to highlight the contribution of our members to CAC2’s philanthropic performance. This past fiscal year CAC2 received 167 donations and grants (a record, the previous high being 149 received 3 years ago) totaling just over $53,400. Although CAC2 members accounted for 25% of the total number of donations and grants, their contributions accounted for just over 75% of the total amount of this revenue source. It is heartwarming for our members to demonstrate such commitment to our shared mission and annual objectives to deliver on behalf of children and their families who are impacted by childhood cancer. Of course, we are grateful for the support of each individual, organization, and company that supported CAC2 financially this year. Please take a look at our listing of Annual Summit Sponsors, Sustaining Supporters, and Friends of CAC2 on pages 12 and 13 — what a terrific group!

In conclusion, I’d like to thank my energetic and talented Finance & Development Team, who volunteer their time to ensure our strong membership base, we are aiming to return our net income performance to a neutral or positive variance in the next 2-3 years.

In always, we have much more to accomplish Together, Forward for childhood cancer patients, survivors, and their families through powerful ideas, teamwork, and even greater levels of support in our foundational pillars of Awareness & Advocacy, Family Support, Survivorship, and Research & Treatment. Please join us however you can!

— Steven L. Passagno
Treasurer, Coalition Against Childhood Cancer
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CAC2 members are an increasingly important source of donations and grants.
Supporters

Volunteerism is at the heart of CAC2, defining its spirit. CAC2 Members take collaborative ideas and turn them into real achievements. CAC2 relies on the generosity of non-profit organizations, for-profit corporations, and individuals to advance its mission. Such philanthropy is critical for enabling CAC2 to invest in new collaborative initiatives designed to deliver positive impacts for kids with cancer, survivors, and their families well into the future.

CAC2 extends heartfelt gratitude to the companies, organizations, and individuals who provided charitable support to CAC2 throughout our 2021-22 fiscal year.

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The Childhood Cancer Fact Library is a comprehensive, well-documented, and trusted source of information for anyone seeking data and statistics related to pediatric cancers.

The Fact Library team updates its listings every year so that our entire community can have verified information to support advocacy efforts across the continuum of care.

Childhood cancer is not one disease — there are more than 12 major types of pediatric cancers and over 100 subtypes.

In 2018, 47 children per day or 17,293 children (aged 0-19) were diagnosed with cancer.

From 1997 to 2018, the overall incidence of childhood cancer increased an average of 1% each year.

Approximately 1 in 530 young adults between the ages of 20 and 39 is a survivor of childhood cancer.

More than 95% of childhood cancer survivors will have a significant health related issue by the time they are 45 years of age. These health related issues are side-effects of either the cancer or more commonly, the result of its treatment.

One in four families lose more than 40% of their annual household income as a result of childhood cancer treatment-related work disruption, while one in three families face other work disruptions such as having to quit work or change jobs.

Cancer is the number one cause of death by disease among children.

To see our complete Fact Library, including sharable information and graphics, visit cac2.org/interest-groups/awareness/childhood-cancer-fact-library.

SOURCES
7. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. Underlying Cause of Death 1999-2019 on CDC WONDER Online Database, released in 2020. Data are from the Multiple Cause of Death Files, 1999-2019, as compiled from data provided by the 57 vital statistics jurisdictions through the Vital Statistics Cooperative Program. [http://wonder.cdc.gov/ucc-icd10.html]
Membership

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- Sai Prasda Manikonda (Bellaire, TX)
- Anthony Moussa (Hilliard, OH)
- Wyatt Rech (Akeley, MN)

17 SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS
- Association of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nurses (Chicago, IL)
- AstraZeneca (Gaithersburg, MD)
- Bristol Myers Squibb (Lawrenceville, NJ)
- Day One Biopharmaceuticals (San Francisco, CA)
- Family Reach (Boston, MA)
- focused Ultrasound Foundation (Charlottesville, VA)
- GlaxoSmithKline (Philadelphia, PA)
- Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (Rye Brook, NY)
- LivingLFS (Kennethwick, WA)
- Loxo Oncology at Lilly (Stamford, CT)
- Making Cancer Fun (Franklin Lakes, NJ)
- National Brain Tumor Society (Newton, MA)
- Novartis (East Hanover, NJ)
- Oncoheroes Biosciences (Brookline, MA)
- Sanofi (Bridgewater Township, NJ)
- The Brain Bodega (Richmond, VA)
- Y-mAbs Therapeutics (New York, NY)

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208 TOTAL MEMBERS

112 ORGANIZATIONS
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ORGANIZATIONS

- 3/32 Foundation (Boonsville, NC)
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- Alex’s Lemonade Stand Foundation (Bala Cynwyd, PA)
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- ASK Childhood Cancer Foundation (Richmond, VA)
- Austin Hatcher Foundation for Pediatric Cancer (Chattanooga, TN)
- Bear Necessities Pediatric Cancer Foundation (Chicago, IL)
- Bear Necessities Pediatric Cancer Foundation (Chicago, IL)
- Beat Childhood Cancer (Tampa, FL)
- Bear Necessities Pediatric Cancer Foundation (Chicago, IL)
- Bear Necessities Pediatric Cancer Foundation (Chicago, IL)
- Books That Heal (Kearny, NJ)
- Bearing Hope (Bethesda, MD)
- Braver Stronger Smarter Inc (Mildura, AU)
- Brooke’s Blossoming Hope for Childhood Cancer Fund (Champion Ranch, TX)
- Carla’s Crusade Against Childhood Cancer (Fl. Myers, FL)
- Camp Casco (Sudbury, MA)
- Cancer Families United (Kalamazoo, MI)
- Cancer Free Kids (Loveland, OH)
- Candlelighters NYC (New York, NY)
- Canines-N-Kids Foundation (South Riding, VA)
- Carson Leslie Foundation (Dallas, TX)
- Childhood Cancer Awareness Group of Coffee County (Douglas, GA)
- Children’s Cancer Cause (Washington, DC)
- Children’s Cancer Research Fund (Minneapolis, MN)
- Christina Renna Foundation (Lindenhurst, NY)
- Cure 4 the Kids Foundation (Las Vegas, NV)
- CURE Childhood Cancer (Alafaya, GA)
- Cure4Cam Childhood Cancer Foundation (Lyndell, PA)
- CureSearch for Children’s Cancer (Bethesda, MD)
- Daniela Conte Foundation (Dix Hills, NY)
- DC Candlelighters (Merrifield, VA)
- Dragon Master Foundation (Kechi, KS)
- Elaine Roberts Foundation (Alabaster, AL)
- Emily Whitehead Foundation (Philadelphia, PA)
- End Kids Cancer (San Luis Obispo, CA)
- Evan’s Victory Against Neuroblastoma Foundation (Germantown, MD)
- Fabulous Faith’s Foundation (Grand Prairie, TX)
- Friends of Cathyryn Foundation (Laguna Beach, CA)
- Gabriella’s Smile Foundation (San Antonio, TX)
- Gold Rush Cure Foundation (Laguna Niguel, CA)
- HOPE FOR STEAM LEARNING (Plainsboro, NJ)
- Hope4AART Foundation (New York, NY)
- Hugs for Brady Foundation (Kendall Park, NJ)
- Jack’s Angels (Santa Clarita, CA)
- Jeff Gordon Children’s Foundation (Charlotte, NC)
- Jeremy Cares (Aven Lake, OH)
- Joey’s Journey Foundation (Noblesville, IN)
- Joey’s Wings Foundation (San Diego, CA)
- Journey 4 A Cure (Broadlands, VA)
- Julia’s Grace Foundation (Rogersford, PA)
- JUST TRYAN IT (Bethesda, MD)
- Kier’s Kids (Highland Park, NJ)
- Ladybug House (Seattle, WA)
- Lighthouse Family Retreat (Atlanta, GA)
- Little Eric’s Foundation (Pittston, PA)
- Little Warrior Foundation (Brooklyn, WI)
- Live Like Lukas, Inc (Wilmington, DE)
- Love, Chloe Foundation (Sallina, KS)
- Make Some Noise: Cure Kids Cancer Foundation, (Morristown, NJ)
- Mattie Miracle Cancer Foundation (Arlington, VA)
- Max Cure Foundation (Englewood Cliffs, NJ)
- MB Agents Osteosarcoma Alliance (Barnard, VT)
- Mammology (Saint Johns, FL)
- Mystic Force Foundation (North Miami Beach, FL)
- Neuroblastoma Children’s Cancer Society (Hoffman Estates, IL)
- Northwest Indiana Cancer Kids Foundation, Inc (Schereville, IN)
- Our Amazing Fighters (Manakin Sabot, VA)
- Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation (Ashville, NC)
- Pediatric Cancer Foundation (Mamaroneck, NH)
- People Against Childhood Cancer (Wilmington, NC)
- Precious Jules Childhood Cancer Foundation (Old Bridge, NJ)
- PREP4Gold (Reston, VA)
- Richi Childhood Cancer Foundation (Brookline, MA)
- Ryan’s Case for Smiles (Wayne, PA)
- Sam Day Foundation (Portland, OR)
- Sammy’s Superheroes Foundation (Columbus, NE)
- Sebastian Strong Foundation (Miami Springs, FL)
- Smashing Walnuts (Leesburg, VA)
- So Many Angels (Hammony, PA)
- Solving Kids’ Cancer (New York, NY)
- Solving Kids’ Cancer UK (London, UK)
- Sophia’s Fund (Mariborough, MA)
- Stand Firm Warrior Foundation (Denver, NC)
- Stop Children’s Cancer (Gainesville, FL)
- Sweet Tea Cancer Connections (Renton, WA)
- SWIFT Foundation (Woodridge, IL)
- Taylor Matthews Foundation (New York, NY)
- TeamConnor Childhood Cancer Foundation (Dallas, TX)
- Tennessee Cancer Consortium/Childhood Committee (Nashville, TN)
- The Bardo Foundation (Coral Gables, FL)
- The Catherine Elizabeth Blair Memorial Foundation (Washington, DC)
- The Goliah Project (Prior Lake, MN)
- The Louisville Foundation for Pediatric Cancer Research (Silver Spring, MD)
- The Morgan Adams Foundation (Denver, CO)
- The Oliver Foundation (Miami Beach, FL)
- The Rosa K. MacNeil Foundation (Chicago, IL)
- The Scott Carter Foundation (Tulsa, OK)
- The SmasherXion Foundation (Roswell, GA)
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- This Star Won’t Go Out (Quincy, MA)
- Tough2gether Against DIPG/DMG (Manhattan, KS)
- Turn It Gold (Houston, TX)
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- Tyler Robinson Foundation (Las Vegas, NV)
- West Virginia Kids Cancer Crusaders (Charleston, WV)
- We Will Against Childhood Cancer (Philadelphia, PA)
- Zoe4Life (Gland, CH)
- Zoeia Alexandra Foundation (Massapequa Park, NY)
IMPACT OF CAC2 INITIATIVES

CAC2 and its members touch every aspect of the childhood cancer community.

Through CAC2, our members share best practices, collaborate, and take action in ways each of us could not on our own. The following pages explore the outstanding work we have accomplished together for childhood cancer.

CAC2 coordinated the #CancelChildhoodCancer Campaign with 6000+ Profile Frame Users and 13,700+ Petition Signatures

State Cancer Action Plan Data and Toolkit

The CAC2 State Cancer Initiative made progress over the past year with the development of a platform that organizes advocates, data, and resources to facilitate stakeholder collaboration at the state level.

2021-2022 Activity Highlights

- Analyzed cancer plans for all 50 states and identified opportunities for better childhood representation
- Held stakeholder meetings with CAC2 interest groups that are active at the state level to understand their advocacy needs
- Developed spreadsheets for each state that include data that supports each advocacy interest group
- Received a report from CAC2 member Kier’s Kids that outlined pediatric and AYA topics that were addressed in state cancer plans, which will serve as a resource for states developing their own strategies.

GET INVOLVED: Email Ann Ramer — AnnRamer53@gmail.com

Most states (green and purple) do not adequately address the needs of children in their state cancer plans.
SIGN-ON LETTER OPPORTUNITY
50 CAC2 members signed-on to urge the NCI to continue its support for the Pediatric Cancer Immunotherapy Trials Network (PedCITN).

EDUCATION

All-Member Webinars

OCTOBER 2021
Finding Families to Serve

NOVEMBER 2021
Program Evaluation 101

DECEMBER 2021
Multimorbidity from Surviving Childhood Cancer: Using Data to Improve Shared Decision-Making

JANUARY 2022
Why Childhood Cancer Foundations are Adopting the Venture Philanthropy Approach

FEBRUARY 2022
Better Together: Survivorship Connection

MARCH 2022
Spring All Member Webinar

HOSTED
6
WEBINARS
IN FY22

250+
TOTAL
ATTENDEES

LEARN MORE: cac2.org/category/webinar

EDUCATION

CAC2 News & Updates

The Coalition Against Childhood Cancer is proud to offer regular news and updates for the childhood cancer community. This resource features the Childhood Cancer News Digest, blogs, and webinar recordings.

The Childhood Cancer News Digest is curated weekly and features assorted news from across the community, information about upcoming webinars, online opportunities and webinars, recordings from past events and invitations to take action.

The CAC2 blog posts feature articles authored by CAC2 members and guests on a variety of topics including survivorship matters, advocacy updates and community information.

LEARN MORE: cac2.org/news

COLLABORATION

Project Incubator

One of the main ways that CAC2 supports the childhood cancer community is by identifying and completing projects that individual organizations can’t complete and manage as easily or as effectively alone.

The CAC2 Project Incubator encourages CAC2 members to submit concepts of collaborative projects that fulfill the CAC2 mission of fostering and sustaining greater levels of collaboration, information exchange, and learning across the childhood cancer community in the areas of advocacy and awareness, research and treatment, family support, and survivorship. This process provides the support of experienced volunteers to help guide members who have great ideas through the process of refining their ideas, presenting the concept to the full membership for endorsement, and support for engaging the greater community in the execution of the project.

LEARN MORE: cac2.org/what-we-do/project-incubator
**FAMILY SUPPORT**

**Hope Portal**

The Hope Portal is a curated, community-driven directory of organizations in childhood cancer dedicated to connecting the world of pediatric cancer and becoming stronger as the community grows.

The information on the Hope Portal is verified by members at the Coalition Against Childhood Cancer and currently includes 390 organizations and was accessed by 6,160 users. The Hope Portal is available to everyone.

Families and caregivers can search the Hope Portal for organizations that provide such support as financial assistance, medical travel options, summer camps, and informational resources. The Hope Portal also lists organizations that offer special wishes or gifts for their child, or support options available for the siblings of childhood cancer patients. We continue to add organizations to the Hope Portal that provide resources to address the challenges and meet the unique needs of childhood and adolescent cancer survivors and their caregivers.

**ADD THE HOPE PORTAL TO YOUR WEBSITE:** anddit.drift.help/article/how-to-embed-the-hope-portal-on-my-website

**SHARE THE HOPE PORTAL ON SOCIAL MEDIA:** hopeportal.anddit.com

**RESEARCH & TREATMENT**

**Bioethics Think Tank**

**Working Paper & Manuscript in Pediatric Blood and Cancer**

Non-profit organizations play a key role funding essential research in early-phase pediatric oncology clinical trials. Concurrently, families facing pediatric cancer turn to those same organizations to learn about relevant research and the latest treatments for their children. Interestingly, this creates a dilemma for even the savviest of organizations, as they work to balance the interests and priorities of their donors, families, and the researchers they support.

Organizations need a means to identify conflicts of interest, evaluate the scientific and ethical quality of research proposals, and ensure the trials they fund address the research needs and priorities of the communities they serve.

The Ethics Think Tank, consisting of seven CAC2 volunteer members and a bioethicist, undertook an academic literature review that showed little research into the specific ethical issues that advocacy organizations face.

The review revealed several practices that nonprofit organizations should consider when making research grants and supporting drug development in pediatric cancer. They include:

- articulating and adhering to their mission and values,
- maintaining open communications with researchers and patient communities, and
- identifying areas of inappropriate donor influence.

These themes inform practices at every stage of the pediatric cancer research lifecycle, from the scientific advisory step through to the dissemination of trial results and public communication. At a minimum, nonprofits and charities should:

- Select trials that meet the highest ethical and scientific rigor.
- Identify and disclose all real and perceived conflicts of interest.
- Mandate regular reporting of all trial progress and open access results reporting.

These findings were presented at SIOP 2021 and published in the highly respected journal *Pediatric Blood & Cancer*.

**Foundation Match**

The Foundation Match for Joint Research Funding project was approved in the CAC2 Project Incubator and implemented by a team of CAC2 volunteers.

The searchable web platform accessible through the Member Hub enables CAC2 member organizations with like-minded missions to connect, collaborate, and fund research with the goal of creating a more coordinated funding effort to support research while preventing duplication of effort.

**LEARN MORE:** cac2.org/cac2-webinar-why-foundations-should-collaborate-to-fund-research-and-how-the-foundation-match-platform-can-help

**LEARN MORE:** cac2.org/interest-groups/research-treatment/ethics-think-tank
In 2015, CAC2 joined forces with the International Cancer Research Partnership (ICRPartnership.org). Since then, almost half of CAC2 research members have contributed their funded projects to the ICRP database.

The International Cancer Research Partnership (ICRP) is a unique alliance of cancer research organizations that shares funding information to enhance global collaboration and strategic coordination of research between individual researchers and organizations. Collectively, it houses over $80 billion in cancer research studies from 156 distinct organizations and is a powerful conduit to facilitate collaboration between organizations and avoid duplication.

The addition of CAC2 member projects has helped the ICRP database represent a more complete picture of childhood cancer funding around the world, and we are always happy to submit up-to-date research funding information to the ICRP from CAC2 member organizations.

CAC2’s partnership with ICRP allows our members to share their funded research projects and to view other funded projects to gain powerful insights and a deeper understanding of research conducted around the world. Together we are making the database more robust and creating a more accurate picture of the childhood cancer research landscape. A pediatric portfolio analysis is currently being performed, and the results of the analysis of pediatric cancer research funding will be shared with the CAC2 community as soon as they are updated.

LEARN MORE: cac2.org/interest-groups/research-treatment/icrp

Better Together: Survivorship Connection

Surviving cancer is hard, but navigating life afterward can be just as difficult. Survivorship resources are often difficult to access and understand. There is no central source of information about resources for survivors, and survivors may not even be aware that resources for their particular circumstance exist.

Providing a “Connector” program is important because it fills this gap in access to information. This tool, delivered in a personalized fashion, provides a pathway for survivors and their caregivers so they may feel less lost and alone, while also increasing their access to the resources they need. The resources will expand to ensure greater sustainability by providing a database for stakeholders to search for resources themselves in addition to working with Connectors.

LEARN MORE: cac2.org/better-together-survivorship-connection

Survivorship Toolkit

The Toolkit will be a comprehensive listing of resources, citing information developed by other organizations and creating content to address gaps in information for childhood and adolescent cancer survivors and their families, medical professionals, nonprofit organizations, and other professionals working with childhood cancer survivors.

The purpose of the Survivorship Toolkit is to address challenges and issues that are faced during survivorship across all ages and stages, and cancer diagnoses.

The Toolkit will be organized into six categories:

- Educational Guidance and Planning
- Insurance and Financial Health
- Managing Physical Health and Late Effects
- Psychosocial/Emotional Health/Wellbeing
- Transitioning to Adulthood
- Wellness/Healthy Behaviors

Each of the six categories includes an organized list of sub-categories. These sub-categories will have a variety of resources associated with them. The first category being developed is the “Educational Guidance and Planning” category. Resources to address all of the categories and sub-categories will be gathered by Spring 2023.

GET INVOLVED: Email survivorship@cac2.org
Annual Summit

The Coalition Against Childhood Cancer was pleased to welcome so many of our CAC2 members, friends, and supporters to the 2022 Annual Summit presented by Day One Biopharmaceuticals and hosted by Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia at the Roberts Center for Pediatric Research.

This annual event began on June 21 with a Meet and Greet reception and dine around dinner and continued on June 22 and 23 with a focus on education and ongoing connection. The CAC2 Annual Summit fulfills a core function of our organization by offering opportunities to connect and learn in a manner that reflects the CAC2 mission and values.

Guided by the summit theme – Together, Forward – attendees learned from leading experts across the childhood cancer community and engaged in community-minded activities to foster connection and future collaborations. Our program included two keynote speakers. Dr. Danielle Carnival provided important information about the Reignited Cancer Moonshot. Dr. Doug Hawkins discussed how to ensure access to therapies and clinical trials. Other educational programming included a presentation that explored the 5-year survival rate and other metrics used in pediatric cancer and various advocacy briefs. Panel presentations highlighted the importance of international cooperation and explored the topic of education planning during and beyond treatment. Through the World Café and Interest Group Meetings, attendees met to discuss storytelling in the childhood cancer community and focused efforts for collaboration and CAC2 projects.

During the Annual Business Meeting, we celebrated the accomplishments of our members and featured the next phase of goals and leadership for CAC2. We presented the 2022 Bob Piniewski Volunteer-of-the-Year Award. This award is endowed by the Andrew McDonough B+ Foundation and is presented to a CAC2 volunteer who, through their volunteer effort in the most recent year, best exemplifies the CAC2 mission to put children and their families first in everything and support childhood cancer organizations active in the fight against cancer.

The 2022 Bob Piniewski Volunteer-of-the-Year Award was presented to Mariah Forster Olson for her incredible service as the CAC2 Survivorship Interest Group Lead and Board Secretary. Mariah’s leadership, diligence, and attention to detail are unparalleled. Her ability to bring people together and produce high-quality, transformational work is exceptional.

We thank all of the 2022 CAC2 Annual Summit sponsors, supporters and volunteers. We look forward to meeting in 2023 to continue our important work of collaboration, information sharing and coordinated action.

— Mandy Spielvogle Powell
CAC2 Managing Director

Fostering Collaboration

- Hosted six family support drop-in sessions (70+ attendees)
- Redeployed CAC2 Childhood Cancer Event Calendar and Map
- Continued build out of team work spaces in the member-only MemberHub
- Enhanced CAC2 Member Map with searchable Membership Directory
- Updated process to select and manage CAC2 Webinar Series
- Expanded volunteer Annual Summit team roles

Operations & Stability

- Crafted 2022 – 2025 strategic plan
- Refined board member job descriptions
- Onboarded new Managing Director
- Improved membership renewal process

VIEW A RECAP OF THE 2022 CAC2 ANNUAL SUMMIT: cac2.org/2022-annual-summit
CAC2 members hail from 38 states and 8 countries. They include individual advocates, survivors, health care professionals, childhood cancer organizations, corporations, and various other nonprofits that support children with cancer and their families. They join CAC2 for myriad reasons. Many have experienced childhood cancer first- or second-hand.

Our members often express appreciation that CAC2 effectively advances a variety of childhood cancer causes by unifying the childhood cancer community and giving them the opportunity to learn from each other, to collaborate effectively, and to have a broader impact in the childhood cancer community.

Join CAC2 and take advantage of the opportunities to establish strong relationships and to participate in coordinated action and collaborations with other groups and individuals that advocate for children with cancer.

MEMBER BENEFITS
– Increased information sharing
– Optimal environment for collaborative initiatives
– Multiple opportunities to work with like-minded people
– Access to information and resources for patient and family support
– Enhanced integration of national and grassroots advocacy efforts
– Discounted registrations at special programs
– Participation in the CAC2 Project Incubator

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES
– Childhood Cancer Organizations — For nonprofits whose primary mission is focused on childhood cancer.
– Individuals — For those (advocates, parents, survivors, doctors, healthcare professionals, scientists, etc.) not currently serving on the board or staff of either a childhood cancer organization or a supporting organization.
– Supporting Organizations (non-voting member) — For organizations that do not focus exclusively on childhood cancer but who wish to support CAC2’s mission.
– Student Members (non-voting member) — For individuals who are currently enrolled in a school, college, or university.

Help advance CAC2’s mission against childhood cancers. Visit members.cac2.org to join today!

Supporters of CAC2 make a difference for the 47 children who are diagnosed every day with one of 12+ major childhood cancers, the tens of thousands of families who have a child currently in treatment, the families who have lost a child, and the hundreds of thousands of pediatric cancer survivors who experience lifelong, chronic health related issues.

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