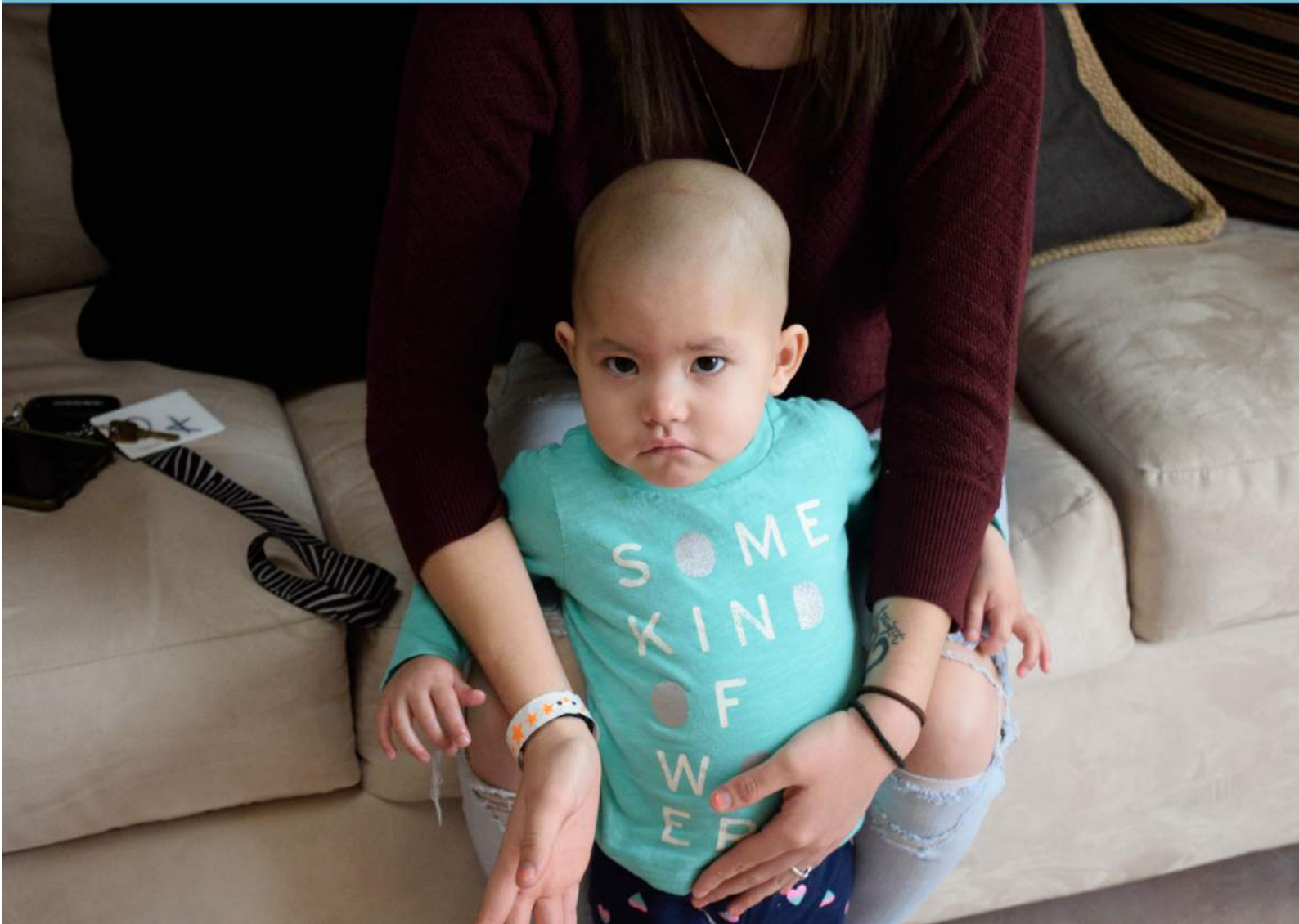


# Annual Report 2016



*Alleyah, 2 years old*

# Our Mission

Established in 1972, the Children's Cancer Fund of New Mexico exists to help New Mexico's children with cancer and their families cope with the day-to-day financial and emotional needs of living with and fighting cancer.

*Samuel, 3 years old*





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# Childhood Cancer Statistics

Childhood cancer remains the leading cause of death by disease among children in the United States. Every day, 42 children are diagnosed with cancer and the average age of diagnosis is 6. Cancer affects all ethnic, gender, and socio-economic groups and more than 40,000 children undergo treatment for cancer each year. In 2016, fifty-seven children were diagnosed with cancer in New Mexico

The causes of childhood cancers are largely unknown, and for the most part they cannot be prevented. A few conditions, such as Down syndrome, other specific chromosomal and genetic abnormalities, and ionizing radiation exposures, explain a small percentage of cases. Children with AIDS have an increased risk of developing certain cancers, predominantly non-Hodgkin lymphoma and Kaposi sarcoma

In the last 40 years, the overall survival rate for children's cancer has increased from 10% to nearly 90%, but for many more rare childhood cancer, the survival rate is much less.

60% of children who survive suffer devastating late effects such as secondary cancers, muscular difficulties, and infertility.

There are approximately 375,000 adult survivors of children's cancer in the United States.

12% of children who are diagnosed with cancer do not survive.

# Children's Cancer Fund History

In 2016 57 children in New Mexico were diagnosed with cancer. They suffer painful procedures and distressing side effects. Many treatments last for years, putting terrible emotional and financial burdens on these children and their families. Sadly, not all children survive their cancer journey. In 2016, nine children died as a result of their cancer.

Established in 1972, Children's Cancer Fund of New Mexico helps to ease these burdens. Local and independent, the CCFNM is a 501-c-3 non-profit organization, which depends on donor dollars to provide essential services for these children and their families.

CCFNM works directly with the Pediatric Oncology clinic providers to stay in touch with the day-to-day needs of both patients and families. CCFNM provides toys, art supplies, movies, games and other items to the playroom at University of New Mexico Children's Hospital to make clinic visits more tolerable. Snack closets are also maintained by CCFNM providing nourishment to children while recuperating from early morning treatments and to families whose children are hospitalized for long periods of time. CCFNM maintains a direct presence with an office located at University of New Mexico Children's Hospital, offering hands-on financial and emotional support to families. CCFNM offers individual counseling services to children and their families at no cost to them.

## *The Mariposa Program*

The Mariposa Program is the only pediatric hospice program in New Mexico. Medicaid and most insurances provide a minimal daily reimbursement that does not cover the high costs of IV pain medication. Without the gift provided by CHI St. Joseph's Children, only oral pain medication would be available to children who are at end of life and suffering severe pain.

# Programs and Services

*Emma, 5 years old*

## THE PROBLEM:

As soon as most families absorb the reality of a childhood cancer diagnosis, their attention turns quickly to the issue of what treatment will cost and what impact that cost will have on family finances.

The major expenses of a cancer diagnosis and treatment are associated with direct costs of medical care: that is, the charges for hospitalizations, clinic visits, tests and procedures, medications, services of physicians and other professionals, and various types of treatment, surgery, radiation, chemotherapy, and/or stem cell and bone marrow transplants.

Families also face many indirect costs, or out-of-pocket expenses when a child has cancer. These expenses can be for travel, gas, parking, lodging, meals during clinic visits and hospital stays, extra child care costs for siblings or the patient, long-distance telephone calls to doctors and family members, special foods and nutritional supplements, wigs, and other special equipment.

Additionally, a child's treatment plan can cause parents to lose time at work and, in some instances, salary. It can even necessitate one parent having to quit their job, or take an extended leave of absence. Costs increase as treatment is extended, or if there are complications with treatment.

The diagnosis, treatment and late effects of cancer can cause great emotional strain on those children diagnosed as well as their families. Counseling costs are oftentimes unaffordable even for co-payments. The mental well being of these children is important to their physical health.





*Ezekiel, 17 years old*

## THE SOLUTION:

The Children's Cancer Fund of New Mexico helps families with these issues by providing the following programs and services:

- Education and information about childhood cancer including treatment and support options provided in the form of a parent handbook.
- Assistance for transportation costs to and from the clinic in the form of gas and transportation vouchers.
- Food and grocery vouchers to help parents feed their families during lengthy appointments and prolonged stays away from home.
- Prizes and bravery awards for children to help minimize the trauma of painful procedures such as spinal-taps, bone marrow biopsies, chemotherapy treatments and

prolonged hospital stays.

- Scholarship assistance to students who have undergone treatment for childhood cancer in New Mexico and wish to continue their education beyond high school.
- Mutual support through educational conferences, social activities and support groups.
- Individual counseling for children, their siblings and their parents.
- Childhood cancer education, prevention, treatment and detection program funded by CHI St. Joseph's Children.
- Funeral assistance to families in need.



# CCFNM 2016 Highlights



**February 2016** CCFNM hosted a sibling event at the Museum of Natural History (Dozing with the Dinos). This event, attended by 35 children was a therapeutic session, giving siblings an opportunity to share their feelings about their brother or sister's cancer.



**March 2016** The CCFNM hosted an Easter Egg Hunt for 50 children and their families.

**July 2016** The 31st Annual Erin Trujeque Memorial was held on July 14-15. It was a huge success, raising more than \$400,000. There were 400+ golfers; 650+ Gala attendees and more than 50 volunteers.

Central New Mexico Community College hosted "Paws Up For Education" event for pediatric oncology patients and their siblings. This was an opportunity to interest children in furthering their education beyond high school and that dreams for the future were attainable.



**August 2016** The Albuquerque Police Department collected back packs and school supplies for children with cancer and their siblings. Through this effort the Children's Cancer Fund of New Mexico provided backpacks to more than 100 of our children and their siblings and provided gift cards to families to help purchase incidentals such as shoes and uniforms to help families defray the cost of their children going back to school.





# CCFNM 2016 Highlights



**September 2016** September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. The University of New Mexico's first football game was dedicated to childhood cancer awareness. More than 30 families attended the game.

**October 2016** Construction began on Erin's Place.



The Albuquerque Police Department held its third annual Hero Academy, which provides a day of officer training for pediatric oncology patients and their siblings.

**November 2016** Ceremonial Groundbreaking for Erin's Place.

**December 2016** CCFNM hosted a holiday event at Explora. The event was attended by nearly 200 guests including patients and their families.



Hundreds of toys were donated during the holiday season. More than 20 families were assisted in various ways through the generosity of the Albuquerque Police Department and private donors.



# 2016 Financial Summary

Children's Cancer Fund of New Mexico  
Revenue vs. Expenses  
For Year Ended December 31, 2016 (Unaudited)

Total Income for 2016: \$1,148,937.53  
Total Expenses for 2016: \$1,115,895.92  
Net Income: \$33,041.61

