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COLLORABATIVE MISSION

invest in transformative medulloblastoma research,
mental health support of kids in the battle, awareness that brain
cancer is the deadliest disease of our Nation's children.

medulloblastoma research | #cureMEdullo
mental health support | kids in the battle
advocacy | awareness | action | local | state | federal



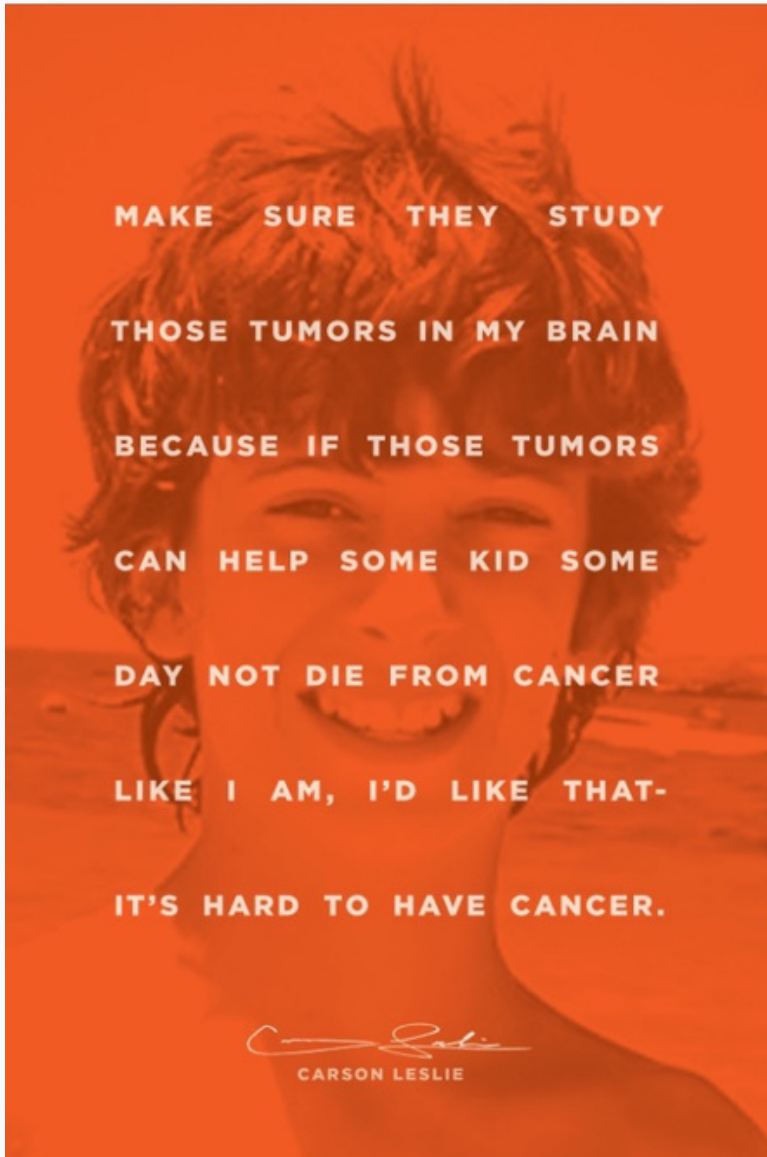
2023 IMPACT REPORT

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CLF #cureMEDullo has successfully built
the **only nonprofit** exclusively dedicated to
identifying and investing in
transformative medulloblastoma research.

- **Brain cancer** is the most common cause of non-accidental **death** of children in the USA
- **Medulloblastomas** are the **most common** brain cancers in children
- **Medulloblastoma** treatment is highly toxic and can lead to long-term complications including endocrine, heart, neurological, visual, hearing and other serious conditions.



CLF #cureMEDullo
actively seeks
like-minded
Foundations,
researchers,
clinicians,
institutions,
industry, and
most importantly,
children and their
families invaded
by the awful
disease called
medulloblastoma.



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PROGRESS REPORT updated November 2023

\$100K Medulloblastoma LIQUID BIOPSY investment Children's Brain Tumor Network (CBTN)

Collection/processing ~50 liquid biopsy samples,
miRNA gene expression analysis and biomarker testing.

- This study more than tripled the collection rate of medulloblastoma liquid samples from 74 follow-up events in 11 months.
- This sample collection is crucial to grow CBTN's vital medulloblastoma cohort.
- Results were presented at the Pediatric Society of Neuro-Oncology Conference, June 2023 and garnered interest and praise for the next phase of the project.
- Results will be presented at 2024 International Symposium on Pediatric Neuro-Oncology (ISPNO) Conference.

"Thanks to the support from
Carson Leslie Foundation #cureMEdullo,
the Childhood Brain Tumor Network (CBTN)
is making incredible strides advancing
medulloblastoma miRNA gene expression
analysis to advance critical
medulloblastoma biomarker research."

Dr. Adam Resnick, CBTN



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2023 funded research

In proud partnership with

American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO),

CLF is pleased to fund a \$100,000

Medulloblastoma Conquer Cancer Team Science Grant

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Cerebellar Mutism Syndrome (CMS), known as Posterior Fossa Syndrome (PFS)

This important project conducted by researchers at Johns Hopkins targets **Cerebellar Mutism Syndrome (CMS)**, also known as **Posterior Fossa Syndrome (PFS)**.

PFS is a very challenging, unpredictable after-effect of brain surgery in children with Medulloblastoma.

By integrating advanced MRI technologies and machine learning algorithms, the initiative aims to **predict CMS/PFS risk before surgery** and **closely monitor neurocognitive impact post-surgery**.



Research focuses on identifying **early screening markers and risk factors**, which is crucial for timely diagnosis, **early intervention**, and patient/family education.

The potential benefits of this approach include **more effective surgical strategies**, minimizing the risk of CMS/PFS, **initiating earlier intervention**, and **informing a roadmap for rehabilitation**.

Ultimately, this could **dramatically improve long-term outcomes**, fostering **greater independence and quality of life for children with Medulloblastoma** and other brain tumors of the cerebellum.



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2023 funded research

\$400,000 commitment

by CLF and other public and private funding

to advance research for the prevention of Medulloblastoma.

Recruited to Texas with support from the

\$6B Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT)

Dr. Michael Taylor, Director of Neuro-Oncology Research Program

TX Children's Hospital

When Dr. Michael Taylor & Team Boldly announced a plan
to **prevent medulloblastoma**,
CLF #cureMEdullo Team
eagerly welcomed him to Texas!

Similar to how people undergo
skin screenings, colonoscopies & mammograms,
Dr. Taylor's research plans to offer protocols
for early detection and prevention.

You'll often hear Dr. Taylor say,
'prevention is better than a cure.'
He's right, and we're
honored to support his lifesaving work.



CLICK HERE

to read & hear
DR. TAYLOR's
**Plan to Prevent
Medulloblastoma.**



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The Cancer Prevention Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT) is a \$6 billion, 20-year initiative, the largest state cancer research investment in the history of the United States and the second largest cancer prevention and research program in the world.

CLF's co-founder Annette Leslie serves on CPRIT's Advisory Committee for Childhood Cancers.

During her service, CPRIT made childhood cancer a research priority. Then, **CPRIT named their conference room the Carson Leslie Conference Room!**



CPRIT and CLF Biennially host Researchers RoundUp

Outcome of Researchers RoundUp will be presented at our biennial Researchers RoundUp.



SAVE THE DATE



CANCER PREVENTION & RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF TEXAS



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RESEARCHERS ROUNDUP
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Together, RoundingUp
Texas' Brightest Childhood Cancer Investigators

**Discuss | Identify | Encourage
COLLABORATION**

Outcome of Researchers RoundUp
will help frame CPRIT's Childhood Cancer RFA's

Sunday Nov 10, 6pm - Tuesday Nov 12, noon
@
Pegasus Park
3000 Pegasus Park Drive Dallas, TX 75247



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3 mental health support programs

1. Signature Jordan Spieth Family Foundation Under Armour Backpack Project
2. Carson's Corner | Teen room on the oncology floor at Children's Dallas
3. Hearts of GOLD hootenanny | kids w/cancer monthly surprise at Children's Dallas

Expanded Mental Health Support Programs & New Partners

- Jordan Spieth Family Foundation | expanded and continued partnership
- Under Armour, our new partner donated 400 newly minted custom caps
- Grant Halliburton Foundation | new Hearts of Gold hootenanny partner
- Southwest Airlines | new partner, flew CLF Team and JSFF backpacks to El Paso



JSFF UA Backpack Program expanded to El Paso Providence Hospital! The former mayor of El Paso, Donald Margo and his colleagues at Providence Children's threw us a luncheon/party to celebrate our delivery!

Under Armour donated 400 custom caps!

Carson's Corner, teen room on oncology floor, annually hosts over 800 teens cared for at Children's Dallas. In honor of Carson's birthday, we provided the hottest PS-4 games, art kits, jewelry kits, a custom jenga set from an Eagle Scout and a bunch of unexpected games and art supplies!

Hearts of Gold Hootenannies, every month we act like the Tooth Fairy and Santa by delivering unexpected surprises to each child hospitalized battling cancer at Children's Dallas.



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We embrace a Wide Team of Volunteers to Accomplish our Highly Successful Mental Health Support Programs

Covenant School volunteers who assembled our Jordan Spieth Family Foundation Under Armour Backpacks!



We LOVE Dallas' National Charity League Mockingbird Chapter volunteers who assemble our monthly Hearts of GOLD hootenannies!

It's Pure JOY to Hand out Bright Smiles to very special patients hanging out in Carson's Corner!



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Alongside our colleagues at Kids V.Cancer, we are pleased to share ongoing and collective legislative successes!

RACE for Children Act

This successful piece of legislation requires companies developing targeted cancer drugs for adults, when it makes sense, to develop plans to use those drugs in children. So far, \$30M has been appropriated through this initiative!

Creating Hope Act

Creating Hope was our first successful piece of legislation which created new incentives for pharmaceutical companies to invest in the development of drugs for children with cancer. We are now actively working to renew this valuable piece of legislation for the development of low toxic childhood cancer therapies

Golden Toast, a Carson Leslie Foundation Exclusive

We founded and host the GOLDEN TOAST, a highly anticipated annual gathering of childhood cancer agencies, young survivors and leaders of the Congressional Childhood Cancer Caucus to celebrate our collective bipartisan legislative success benefitting the overall state of childhood cancer.



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Official Visit to the White House & Childhood Cancer Briefing & Roundtable Discussion



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Above, Annette Leslie inside the White House at the Childhood Cancer MoonShot Forum



Top right, Annette with childhood cancer investigator Dr. Adam Resnick whom CLF #cureMEduLlo has funded multiple grants!

To the right, Annette with Vicki Buenger founder of CoalitionAgainst Childhood Cancer (CAC2) with a White House Briefing certificate.



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GOLDEN TOAST WASHINGTON, DC

September 2023



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#cureMEstories

Sweet-beautiful-kind #EllaStrong



"My beautiful sister Ella you amazed me every single day with the fight that you put up and how joyful you were constantly through this battle. Never did I think I would be sitting here today saying bye to you. I want to thank you for bringing happiness to not only me but so many people. You are the best sister a brother could ask for and I know for a fact, heaven has gained a beautiful angel today. Love you forever and always, Ella bear."
- Bryan Bresee



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Ella's BIG bro, Bryan Bresee was drafted in NFL's 2023 1st round by the New Orleans Saints.

That night, millions of people from all over the world learned about Ella and medulloblastoma.

Bryan earned NFL's 2023 Rookie of the year and auctioned off a pair of custom autographed cleats benefitting CLF #cureMEdullo.

We are forever #EllaStrong.



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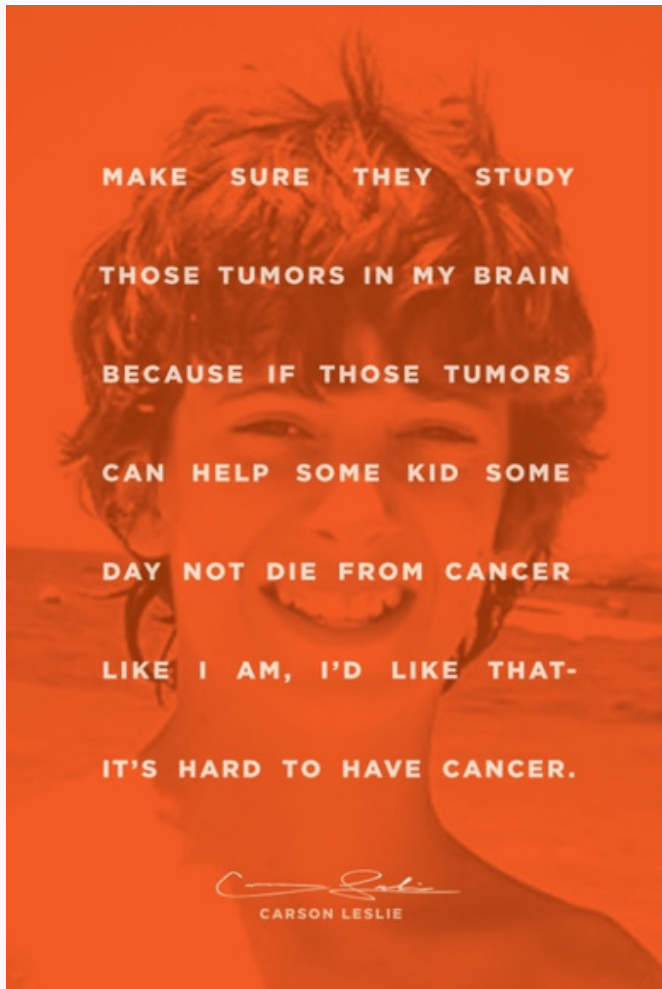
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