

ElevateChildhoodCancer.org

Our Values:

Elevate is a Coalition-Builder propelling research and treatment forward for those diagnosed with childhood cancer, from diagnosis through all therapy phases, survivorship and, in some cases, the end of a child's life.

We empower <u>patients</u>, caregivers, <u>researchers</u>, <u>medical practitioners</u> and <u>industry partners</u> who are feisty and fed-up with the state of childhood cancer

treatment today. We offer education, advocacy, and strategic investment to EXPEDITE therapy development and informed decision-making for those impacted or fighting for a cure to childhood cancer.

• **Get involved: Donate** to help us fund our mission. One time donations, recurring donations, or we would love to talk to you about a partnership if you have a business or foundation!

We have worked with many different organizations and businesses already to form <u>collaborations</u> that are unique and maximize your strengths and goals with our own to improve the lives of those diagnosed with childhood cancer. Contact us to get started or see **Elevate's** Building Bridges Blog on our website for inspiration!

Advocacy efforts at local, state and national levels abound within our efforts and we welcome you to join us! Whether you are new to advocating or have been at it for years, we want your help! You can and will make a difference by joining **Elevate**! We do the work because we know 'Kids should be kids'.

<u>Follow</u>, <u>Like</u> and <u>Share</u> us on social media! Currently we can be found on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, LinkedIn all of which can be found here:



Thank you for considering how you can be an integral part of dramatically improving the lives of those diagnosed with childhood cancer!



Ideas for making these hard conversations easier:

- ~Print these pages & the facts below that many are *unaware* of, Share QR codes to Elevate's website & Encourage exploration. We have blogs, videos & social media options all to help educate on WHO we are, WHY this matter, & WHAT we intend to do about it! <u>Signing up for our email is</u> always an option to stay informed & connected in what we have planned or how to get involved.
- ~ **Share WHY** this matters to *you*! Is it a friend? Family member affected? Just sharing **your connection** can make a difference.

Facts about Childhood Cancer:

- ~Childhood Cancer is the #1 disease killer of our children.
- ~Childhood cancer is <u>not</u> one <u>singular disease</u> but 12 **major types of unique cancers** and over 100 subtypes.
- ~Most drugs used in childhood cancer treatments today are 40-60 years old.
- ~The <u>majority</u> of childhood cancer <u>survivors</u> will develop a <u>major medical condition</u> <u>because of the treatments</u> they received. These medical conditions <u>may also include</u> <u>additional</u> life threatening conditions including heart and lung conditions, secondary cancers & organ failure.
- **~Female** childhood cancer survivors are at a <u>6 times increased risk</u> for <u>breast cancer</u>. Those who receive chest **radiation** have an **even higher risk** equal to carrying the BRCA gene.

Difficult situations will exist whether we talk about them or not. Remember when no one knew that 'pink' represented breast cancer awareness? Advocating for awareness, increased funding & more effective treatments translated into widespread improvements. Now every major sports team, even exclusively male teams, show support, funding is literally the largest for any single cancer & it's widely acceptable to talk about breast cancer & many lives are saved daily that were once lost.

Kids need your voice to do this. We shouldn't expect them to be their own advocates. **Elevate** believes we should '**Let kids be kids**' while ADULTS do the work so they can have *long*, *healthy* lives, even after being diagnosed with some form of childhood cancer. They need <u>you</u> & it's possible when we <u>collaborate</u> on this mission to **Advocate** for **awareness**, **increased funding** and **less harsh**, **more effective treatments**. **Thank you f**or joining **Elevate** to make a *difference*!