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Supporting Comprehensive Health Care Services for Children with Cancer and Blood Disorders.



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The Valerie Fund is proud and delighted to have helped thousands of children and their families over the past 30 years through our network of facilities for treating children with cancer and blood disorders close to home. Throughout this annual report, you will find quotes from individuals who have been helped by The Valerie Fund. Some are children, some are now adults; some are cured, some are still undergoing treatment. All of them, including their families, believe that their experience with illness, and their lives in general, would have been even more traumatic and difficult without The Valerie Fund. The featured individuals, who come from a wide cross-section of socioeconomic and ethnic backgrounds, have all had their lives profoundly touched by the work of The Valerie Fund. Please read their stories and reflect upon the “hope and healing” The Valerie Fund has brought to their lives.



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MISSION

Keanu, age 12

Keanu had been treated for sickle cell disease his entire life, up to the age of nine, when he developed acute myelocytic leukemia (AML), a dual diagnosis that is rare and very serious. Luckily for Keanu, The Valerie Fund is part of the Children's Oncology Group (COG) network, and so he was able to benefit from one of COG's advanced research protocols. His father remembers, "The doctors, social workers and child life specialists helped Keanu and our whole family hold it together. They made Keanu's ordeal their battle too. Keanu is healthier now than he has ever been."

TVF patient Briana with Karen Maragulia, RN



TVF patient Keanu with Heather Hoover, LCSW- Hematology/Oncology/Social Worker

The Valerie Fund's mission is to provide support for the comprehensive health care of children with cancer and blood disorders.

We firmly believe that disease in a child is best fought when the entire family is armed and supported to resist it. This includes bringing state-of-the-art outpatient treatment centers close to the home, hiring physicians and other staff who are not only highly trained but are also compassionate and kind, providing counseling and other services to family members such as parents and siblings, offering child development activities for patients, and providing a summer camp experience that creates a one-week miracle for children with cancer and blood disorders. We believe that by supporting both the child and the family, we greatly enhance both the quality of life for everyone and the survival rates of our patients.



1976 The Valerie Fund is established as a not-for-profit organization in memory of nine-year-old Valerie Goldstein by her parents, Ed and Sue, who saw the need for making quality outpatient care available close to home for children who lived in New Jersey. They were also determined to establish specialized pediatric hematology/oncology centers that would “treat the entire family.” The Goldsteins’ vision was cutting edge and changed forever the way children are treated for cancer and blood disorders in New Jersey.

The first Valerie Fund Children’s Center opens at Overlook Hospital in Summit, NJ. The Center provides outpatient services, as well as psychosocial support for children with cancer or blood disorders, and their families.

1983 Recognizing the growing need for its services in other parts of New Jersey, The Valerie Fund opens a Children’s Center at Monmouth Medical Center in Long Branch to serve patients and their families in central New Jersey.



TVF patient Jonah with Laura Cunius, M.S., CCLS, Child Life Specialist

1991 The Valerie Fund holds its first Thanksgiving Ball, an event conceived of by Janet and Dan Keating, to “give thanks” for all that the organization had done for their son and other children. Since then, the Thanksgiving Ball has been held annually, becoming our signature black tie event and raising millions for the organization.

1997 We move from Springfield Avenue, Maplewood to our new spacious headquarters at 2101 Millburn Avenue in Maplewood. Because of the new additional space, we are able to add staff and thereby increase our service and fundraising capabilities substantially.

1996 through 2006 The Valerie Fund opens five new Centers, enabling us to offer our services closer to the homes of more of our patients in New Jersey, as well as in the metro New York City and the Philadelphia areas.

Today The Valerie Fund supports the largest network of specialized pediatric hematology/oncology centers in New Jersey, presenting a continuum of care for children with cancer and blood disorders. We host over 30,000 patient visits a year, serving over 5,000 children and their families. Close to 200 children attend Camp Happy Times each summer. Hundreds of dedicated volunteers give of themselves by working at our Centers and special events. We have increased our involvement in local schools, offering community service opportunities for students of all ages.

30 YEAR HIGHLIGHTS

The Valerie Fund establishes Camp Happy Times, one of the first summer camps in the nation to serve children with cancer and blood disorders, and one of the few programs that remains free of charge to attendees. Sy Frankel, former board member and long-time supporter of TVF, conceived of the idea and secured the resources necessary to start camp. Surrounded by counselors and peers who know first hand what it means to have cancer or a blood disorder, campers relax and enjoy a range of activities that builds self-confidence and teaches new skills. Camp Happy Times also provides a much needed respite for parents, caregivers, and siblings.

1984 to 1985 The Valerie Fund opens two new centers to serve inner city children and their families who rarely have access to the high quality care and support that has by now become the hallmark of the organization. Centers open at United Medical Center and Newark Beth Israel Medical Center in Newark, NJ.

1987 The Valerie Fund adds full-time social workers and child life specialists to its professional staff, making it possible to offer on-going support groups for patients, parents and siblings, as well as a school re-entry program.



TVF patient Konnor with TVF patient Ellen

Jonah, age 8

At the age of four, Jonah was diagnosed with acute hemolytic anemia, which means that for some unknown reason his immune system had begun to attack his own blood cells. Jonah’s mother says, “I will never forget how well they took care of Jonah, both medically and emotionally. The people who did the blood tests... the volunteers who spent time playing with, talking to, and distracting the kids... the prizes given for bravery... the staff who became like family—all these made it seem a little less devastating.”



TVF patient Alycia with Dr. Sison

OUR CENTERS

The Valerie Fund Children's Centers comprise the largest network of health care facilities for children with cancer and blood disorders in New Jersey, and one of the largest in the nation. We host over 30,000 patient visits each year, serving 5,000 children and their families at our centers in New Jersey, New York and the Philadelphia metropolitan area.

OUR EIGHT CENTERS ARE LOCATED AT:

- Saint Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston, NJ
- Children's Hospital of New Jersey at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, Newark, NJ
- Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, New Jersey Section, Voorhees, NJ
- Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital of New York, Herbert Irving Child and Adolescent Oncology Center, Columbia University Medical Center, New York, NY
- Morristown Memorial Hospital, Morristown, NJ
- Overlook Hospital, Summit, NJ
- The Children's Hospital at Monmouth Medical Center, Long Branch, NJ
- Women & Children's Specialty Center, Toms River, NJ

Alycia, age 10

"Seven years ago, at the age of three, I underwent chemotherapy for two and a half years for leukemia. Although I was scared during treatment, the faces of the nurses, doctors, staff, and volunteers were consistent, and provided a level of comfort that we could not have gotten anywhere else...

My mom was thankful that The Valerie Fund offered everything. She says we never had to travel anywhere other than The Valerie Fund for our treatments and procedures...

I want people to support The Valerie Fund to help children with cancer stay alive."

Our Programs and Services

Within our centers, patients receive state-of-the-art outpatient treatment in a comfortable, non-threatening, child-centered environment. The treatment team includes Pediatric Oncologists, Pediatric Hematologists, Pediatric Nurses, Social Workers, Child Life Specialists, and Psychologists.

In addition to our excellent medical care, The Valerie Fund's commitment to comprehensive health care means providing a full slate of therapeutic programs for all family members.

- **Child Life Services** offer education, recreation, and counseling to promote a child's continued emotional and social development during and after treatment. We help patients learn about their illness, as well as explain what lies ahead. Play therapy is an important component of this program. We also offer support groups for all members of the family.
- **Resource Centers** offer videos, computer software, and printed materials for patients and their families.
- **School Re-Entry Program** helps kids successfully return to school after diagnosis or treatment and preserves a child's ability to function as a student.
- **Sickle Cell Program** educates patients and their families about the illness.
- **Camp Happy Times** is a free one-week camp in Pennsylvania for children ages 5 to 21 who have or have had cancer. Nearly 200 children attend each summer. At CHT, kids get to have fun surrounded by other kids who understand what they are going through, which helps them develop confidence. An infirmary that is fully staffed 24 hours a day allows even children who are still undergoing treatment to attend camp. With all this available, campers also learn new skills, further bolstering their self-confidence. All the counselors are volunteers; many are cancer survivors.

FUTURE

Two initiatives are at the forefront of The Valerie Fund's plans for the immediate future:

Late Effects Program: Childhood cancer has evolved from a virtual death sentence in the early 70's to a cure rate of 70-80% in 2007, due to advanced diagnostic techniques and treatments. It is estimated that by the year 2010, one in every 250 young adults will be a survivor of childhood cancer, which means that New Jersey (our nation's most densely populated state) is certain to be home to thousands of childhood cancer survivors in need of long-term follow-up care.

Long after their treatment has ended, up to 65% of survivors of childhood cancer continue to face serious health, emotional, educational, career and financial challenges, such as growth and fertility issues. Commonly known as "late effects," medical and psychological issues in cancer survivors—particularly survivors of pediatric cancer—require the integration of medical wisdom across specialties, as opposed to discretely considering each of multiple issues that may arise.

Assembling the ideal Late Effects Program team is complex and costly. Some of the components of such a program include: Monitoring pediatric cancer survivors for residual health, developmental, and psychosocial vulnerabilities; assembling a medical staff covering multiple disciplines along with specialized knowledge of oncology with relation to their specialty; and hiring case managers, essentially the nerve center of a Late Effects Program, who possess an advanced understanding of survivorship issues. Late Effects professionals should have access to, or be involved first-hand in, ongoing research, and play an integral role in the transition to adult care. A team of seven to nine individuals allows for an effective and thorough program.

The goal of The Valerie Fund Late Effects Program is to provide a complete continuum—from diagnosis to treatment through life after illness. Major components of our Late Effects Program will be to identify the late effects of cancer therapy, and provide the necessary education, support, intervention, and referrals to empower the survivor and family; transition survivors to adult care; and serve as an additional source of data for ongoing research in the study of survivorship, which will add to the knowledge base of the field overall, and expand the impact of The Valerie Fund in improving the quality of life for survivors of pediatric cancer.

The Valerie Fund Endowment: This important vehicle for financial stability was launched in 2006 with an initial gift of \$100,000. The Valerie Fund Endowment is the insurance policy that guarantees uninterrupted medical care for our children, as well as psychosocial support for our children, parents and siblings. A fully-realized endowment, combined with a strong donor base of annual support, will guarantee that the most critical needs are always met and that services can be expanded and added to meet emerging needs.

Supporters who wish their legacy to include caring for the children of The Valerie Fund will achieve their philanthropic goals by directing support to the endowment.

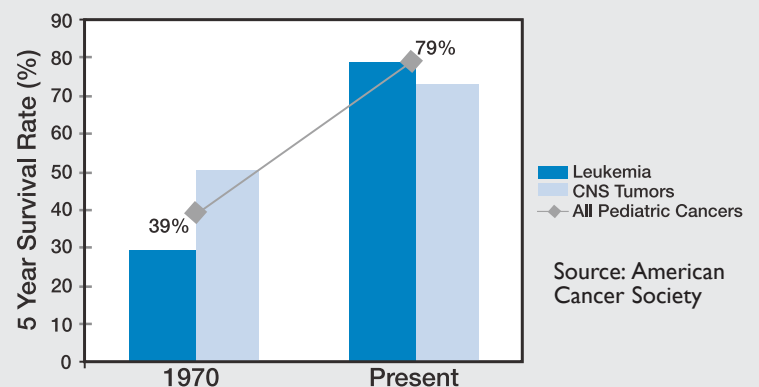


TVF patient Kathleen with Debi Neretich, RN, APN, CPON

Kathleen, age 3

In March 2006, Kathleen had surgery and began chemotherapy for bilateral Wilms' tumor (cancer on both kidneys). She is still in treatment. Her mom, Nora, comments, "Childhood cancer is devastating, not only to the child but to the entire family. Kathleen looks forward to coming to The Valerie Center because the staff makes her and all of us feel comfortable. The entire staff shows genuine personal concern for [her] well-being [and] they understand our cares and worries. The Valerie Fund helps insure that [patients] get the best treatments available. [At The Valerie Fund], families know their children are well cared for."

Improvements in Treatment Options Have Doubled Five Year Survival Rates for Pediatric Cancers Since 1970



Source: American Cancer Society

Approximately 12,400 children are diagnosed with cancer each year.
Approximately 100,300 children are in treatment each year.

On behalf of all children of The Valerie Fund, we thank the many individuals and organizations who provided hope and healing in 2008.



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2008 HIGHLIGHTS, A YEAR END LOOK

Thank you to all of our event chairs, honorees, volunteers and participants.



The Schiller Family honored at the 2008 Thanksgiving Ball



Lesley Harnett, honoree, Jermaine Hawkins, and Tim Hartnett, honoree at the Thanksgiving Ball



Greg D'Alba, honoree and his family at the 2008 Thanksgiving Ball



Cara Lewis, Pat Brennan and Alison Becker at CAREOKE 2008



Barry Kirschner, Walt Frazier, and Roger Campbell at BGC's Annual Charity Day



Morgan Stanley Rec Day 2008



Event Chair Richard Wood at the 2008 Baltusrol Charity Golf Outing



Joel and Abby Goldberg, TVF patient Zak, Steve Bartelstein of WCBS-TV's and John Gallucci of JAG Physical Therapy at the 2008 Walk-a-thon



Jim Hufnagel, Gary McCool, Pat Webster and Mike Burns at the 11th Annual Burger King Franchisees Children's Charity Golf Classic



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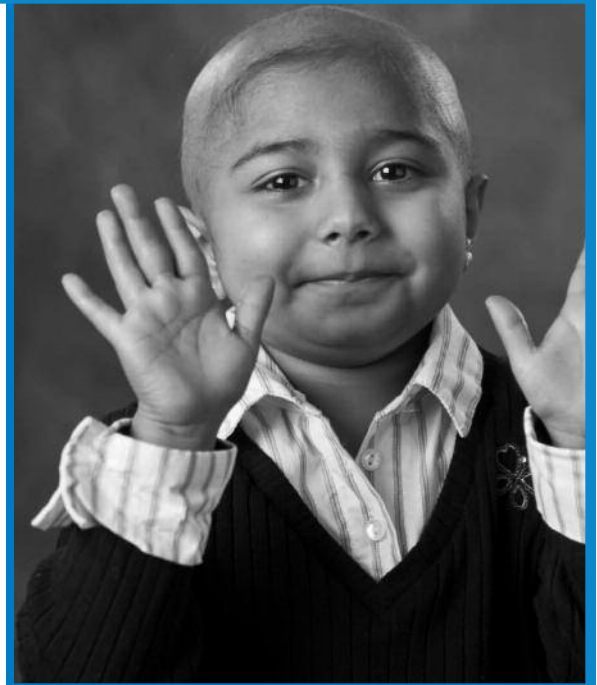
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We were delighted to have The Valerie Fund join us at BGC's annual charity day, on September 11, 2008 and to be able to support the fantastic work they do. We were so impressed by the commitment of all the staff and the patients at the Newark Beth Israel Center who were truly inspirational.

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND SPECIAL PROJECTS 2008

- “Red Is The New Black” was the title of the Valerie Fund’s first Sickle Cell Blood Drive & Awareness Event on September 20, 2008. The Valerie Fund Sickle Cell Event Leadership Council focused on increasing education in the African American community about this genetic blood disorder and increasing blood donation from African Americans, which will provide the best possible chance of health and longevity for children with sickle cell disease. The Valerie Fund’s network of centers care for the majority of New Jersey children in treatment for sickle cell disease.
- The Valerie Fund partnered with “Flashes of Hope,” a non-profit organization, to create uplifting photographic portraits of 76 boys and girls currently in treatment. These portraits, created over the course of nine separate photo shoots at different Valerie Fund Centers, preserve forever their beauty, grace and dignity and help children feel better about their changing appearance by celebrating it.
- The Valerie Fund Center at the Goryeb Children’s Hospital at Morristown Memorial began neuropsychological testing to determine the effects of chemotherapy and radiation on patients’ cognitive functioning through a special grant from The Valerie Fund.

TVF patient Meghan



TVF patient Veda

- “Healing Spaces” chose three Valerie Fund patients to receive bedroom makeovers. The mission of Healing Spaces, a nonprofit, is to make the child’s bedroom a unique, joyful, healing environment. Valerie Fund patient Richard, a young man confined to a wheelchair due to his illness now, has greater mobility within his bedroom because of his total room makeover.
- This year The Valerie Fund awarded 27 individual scholarships to patients for post-secondary education, including degree and certificate programs at colleges, universities and training institutions in eight different states.
- Thanks to the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Union County Music Festival, The Valerie Fund established a new fund for the Valerie Fund Center at Overlook Hospital to assist families with needs like transportation, medications and prescription drugs while their children are Valerie Fund Center patients.

Thank you to John Fletcher Photography.

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

THE VALERIE FUND

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES

2007 AND 2008

	2007	2008*
REVENUE		
Grants & Donations	\$1,528,996	\$1,553,172
Special Events (Net)	634,558	776,473
Community Events (Net)	219,141	136,092
Other Revenue	18,600	297
Investment Income	94,969	7,646
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	\$2,496,354	\$2,473,680
EXPENSES		
PROGRAM SERVICES:		
Allocations to Hospitals	952,706	1,020,172
Camp Happy Times	254,536	314,113
Holiday Parties	47,144	58,656
Wawa Programs	45,000	100,000
Scholarships	11,700	16,200
Miscellaneous	14,746	43,016
TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICES	\$1,325,832	\$1,552,157
SUPPORT SERVICES		
Fund Raising Expenses	305,772	357,009
Management and General	294,329	306,367
TOTAL SUPPORT SERVICES	\$600,101	\$663,376
NET ADDITION TO FUND BALANCE	\$570,421	\$258,147

* NON AUDITED 2008 RESULTS.

Overall Funds Raised

2008	\$2,473,680
2007	\$2,496,354
2006	\$2,037,000
2005	\$1,734,000

Overall Funds Distributed

2008	\$1,552,157
2007	\$1,325,832
2006	\$1,484,000
2005	\$1,218,000

Total Number of Donors

2008	3,822
2007	3,535
2006	3,219
2005	2,049

Total Number of Kids That Attended Camp Happy Times

2008	171
2007	182
2006	186
2005	168

Total Number of Patient Visits

2008	27,443
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Total Number of First Time HEM/ONC Visits

2008	1,687
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* Approximate



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TVF patient Leo



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