

Marisa Fund

Annual Report 2021

Summary

2021 was another hard year for kids with cancer. The effects of COVID-19 remained a cloud over our heads but we were able to see some silver linings. Our flagship event, the Thanksgiving Day 5 Mile Turkey Trot, was back in person. The 2021 event was a success with 2,665 participants and \$115,500 raised - \$101,000 donated directly to The Marisa Fund and an additional \$14,500 donated to local charities.

In 2021, specific pediatric cancer research performed by Dr. Mitchell Cairo and his colleagues at the Maria Fareri Children's Hospital successfully investigated a less toxic approach to treating Hodgkin Lymphoma in children, adolescents and young adults. The research resulted in a 100% cure and survival rate. This is the same disease that took Marisa's life back in 2003.

We helped provide specific relief to 43 families in their time of need. We distributed \$6,545 for expenses ranging from a babysitter to iPads for a brother to FaceTime with his hospitalized sister. These small gifts make big differences in individual lives.

None of this would be possible without our supporters and we thank them all from the bottom of our hearts. We're happy to have so many great people join us in our fight against pediatric cancer. **More to come in 2022.**

Mission Statement

The Marisa Fund raises money for research, treatment and care of pediatric cancer patients by financing research to find less toxic treatment protocols and by providing financial assistance to families of children with cancer. David Goldwasser established the Marisa Fund following the sad and untimely death of his daughter, Marisa, in 2003.

Our goal is to find the dollar that puts an end to childhood cancer.

The Marisa Fund has no paid/salaried employees, nor pursues any rich promotional or advertising campaigns. We keep expenses to an absolute minimum so every dollar collected supports its mission.

\$71,077

in direct donations

\$101,000

to support research

\$6,545

to help families

43

families helped

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