

# Marisa Fund

Annual Report  
2023

## Summary

2023 was our best year ever.

Every dollar raised led to gentler treatments, higher survival rates, and newly directed and targeted therapies with less chemo and radiation. We are making a real impact on childhood cancer and we couldn't do it without every sponsor, donor, runner and walker.

Our Thanksgiving Day 5 Mile Turkey Trot had a great year with 2,645 participants and \$8,853 in direct donations from race participants. We made \$14,000 in direct donations to local charities including People to People, RCHLEO, RRR Scholarship, CVC Ambulance, Salvation Army, Blue Knights and Soup Kitchens. Additional race proceeds enabled us to donate \$110,000 to the Children's Cancer Fund to support Dr. Cairo's research and treatment.

So many families contact us daily for advice on how to find donations, food, shelter, treatment and support. Last year alone we received over 100 referrals for families in need of financial support. \$20,000 went to direct support for families with shelter insecurity, food insecurity, funerals, child care needs, domestic insecurity. We were able to touch the lives of over 150 families. These 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 2024.**

## 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.

**\$14,000**

in direct donations

**\$110,000**

to support research

**\$20,000**

to help families

**150**

families helped

## Board of Directors

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**THE MARISA FUND IS A RECOGNIZED 501 (c)(3) CHARITY AND ALL DONATIONS ARE DEDUCTIBLE AS PER TAX LAWS**

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