



Fact Sheet

Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation for Childhood Cancer

Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation (ALSF) emerged from the front yard lemonade stand of cancer patient Alexandra "Alex" Scott (1996-2004). At the age of 4, Alex announced that she wanted to hold a lemonade stand to raise money to help find a cure for *all* children with cancer. Since Alex held that first stand, the Foundation bearing her name has evolved into a national fundraising movement, complete with thousands of volunteers across the country carrying on her legacy. To date, Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation, a registered 501(c)3 charity, has raised more than \$30 million towards fulfilling Alex's dream of finding a cure, funding over 80 research projects nationally.

Childhood Cancer

Every year 12,500 children under the age of 15 are diagnosed with cancer in the United States. It is expected that of those diagnosed, over 2,000 will die from the disease, making childhood cancer the leading cause of death by disease. Leukemias are the most common childhood cancer, accounting for 30%, followed by brain and other nervous system cancers making up 22% of all childhood cancers. Neuroblastoma is the most common extracranial (outside of the cranial cavity of the brain) solid tumor in children, accounting for 7% of childhood cancers.

Making A Difference

Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation is able to sustain the mission of Alex Scott to raise awareness and funds to find a cure for childhood cancer in several different ways, among them: devoted volunteers who host Alex's Lemonade Stand fundraisers; partnerships with businesses and corporations; and individual donations made directly to ALSF. Following in Alex's footsteps, volunteers across the country host lemonade stands year round to help eradicate childhood cancer with the hope of someday allowing parents to watch their children grow up without the worry of disease.

Grants

Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation works directly with doctors, researchers and nurses to identify the challenges they face in finding and bringing new treatments to children with cancer. Using the critical gaps in funding identified by these experts as a guide, ALSF distributes grants across the country to meet these needs. Having distributed over 80 grants across the country and in Canada, ALSF has allowed doctors and nurses to bring new treatments and perhaps more importantly, hope to childhood cancer patients.