The end-of-year season is a time when we turn our thoughts to giving and supporting the causes we believe in. As we look to an exciting future, we hope you will consider supporting Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation with a generous tax-deductible end-of-year donation.

This year, Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation awarded millions of dollars in grants to fund 30 childhood cancer research projects at top research hospitals across the United States.

We celebrate this huge accomplishment but we are fully aware of the tremendous task still ahead of us in order to eradicate this disease. With this in mind, we have set a goal to fund one more research project by the end of 2006.

You can help us reach our goal by making an end-of-year donation:

- Your donation of $50 will fund one hour of research.
- A gift of $400 will fund one day.
- A gift of $2000 will fund a week of research.
- A generous gift of $8000 will pay for an entire month.

Most importantly, your donation of any amount will truly make a difference!

Note: To help fund a new researcher, please let us know when you make your donation that you are giving to our end-of-year appeal.
ALEX'S LEMONADE FOR SALE! Allison Ridzon, a 1st grade teacher at Poinciana Elementary School in Naples, Florida, is not only teaching the 3 R's, she is also teaching about philanthropy and making a difference. Her class is fundraising throughout the school year by having an Alex's Lemonade Stand monthly in the car-ride line and at PTO meetings, as well as during school events. All the first grade classes are actively playing a part by running the lemonade stands and collecting spare change. “I thought it was a great cause and a great way to instill essential character traits in my students,” says Ms. Ridzon. After reading Alex and the Amazing Lemonade Stand, the first grade class had a “cute idea” to have a lemonade stand of their own and it developed into a school-wide effort to raise awareness and funds for childhood cancer. Like Alex Scott’s first stand, this idea grew larger than anyone expected. Keep up the good work Ms. Ridzon’s first grade class. You are making a difference...one cup at a time.

School Spotlight

Thank You For Writing

“Our son, is a neuroblastoma survivor. Without the research funds from your foundation, we wonder if we would have been so fortunate.”
- The Croyle Family, PA

“It was inspirational. I love it. The kids did too. I'm sure we will do it again.”
- Daren, TX

“I appreciate the simplicity of Alex's Lemonade Stand in how easy it is...we get to feel the joy of having accomplished something and teaching our kids to think of others first.”
- Shawna, WA

Big News

Very Cool! We are thrilled to announce that Rita’s Water Ice raised over $500,000 for Alex's Lemonade Stand during their month long Alex's Lemonade promotion in July. July was Alex’s Lemonade Month at all Rita’s Locations. Rita’s sold Alex's Lemonade Water Ice, held special fundraising events, and encouraged customers to donate all month long. They did an outstanding job!

The Lemon Ball, our first Philadelphia Gala, will take place on January 20th. Special thanks to our presenting sponsor Volvo Cars, and our Diamond Sponsors, CIGNA and Trump Properties.

“Lemonade” by Clique, Alex’s Lemonade Stand’s official theme song is now available around the world on 40 of the most popular digital platforms for a $.99 download. A generous 50 cents of each download supports our fight against childhood cancer. Thanks to Philadelphia International Records and Warner/Rhino Music for making it simple and affordable for anyone, anywhere, to purchase the tune.

On October 30th, over 4000 people helped us kickoff the first ever Great Lemon Event. The Great Lemon Event participants wore yellow to honor children diagnosed with cancer each year, and sold paper lemon-lanterns for donations. The Spooktacular result – thousands of dollars raised for childhood cancer research! We look forward to making The Great Lemon Event an annual event.

IN LOVING MEMORY
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Grant Recipient Quote

“In addition to gaining insight into how medulloblastomas may form and could be treated, our work will have implications for a variety of other pediatric and adult cancers, such as skin cancer and neuroblastoma. Being engaged in research that not only fulfills the goals of my own program in medulloblastoma, but may also further the work of investigators working to understand and treat other kinds of cancer is an endeavor fully in line with the mission of Alex’s Lemonade Stand.”

~Dr. Anna Marie Kenney – Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center

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We have included a return envelope to make donating easy.
Online: www.alexslemonade.org
Phone: Toll Free 1-866-333-1213
Thank You For Your Generosity

Kids Helping Kids

- During the week of October 16–21, All Star Gymnastics in Windsor, CT was dizzy with excitement for their Alex’s Lemonade Stand event. During this week, all classes participated in a Cartwheel-A-Thon to raise money and awareness for childhood cancer. Mary Egles, who runs All Star Gymnastics, wrote, “The week before the event, students received a fund raising information sheet to gather sponsorships from family and friends.” During the event students cart wheeled around the gym fulfilling their goal of 100 cartwheels each! Ann Walsh, a proud Team Alex volunteer writes, “They were beaming when congratulated for their accomplishments all in the name of helping Alex’s Lemonade Stand Foundation and children’s cancer research.” What a great spin to an Alex’s Lemonade Stand event. Thank you All Star Gymnastics!

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Volunteer Spotlight: Christi Thomas

Christi Thomas was diagnosed with neuroblastoma at the age of 5. She met Alex Scott on her very first trip to CHOP in 2003 and was inspired to help, holding her first lemonade stand in her home state of Ohio. Later, on the Heidelberg College campus, she held another stand. Professor Lori Grine invited Christi to visit her classrooms of future teachers. They would sit with tears in their eyes and listen as Christi read “Alex and the Amazing Lemonade Stand.”

Over the next three years Alex & Christi’s lemonade stands held at Heidelberg and at other locations in the Thomas’ hometown raised over $12,000 for Alex’s Lemonade Stand Foundation. Christi’s lemonade stands were the highlight of the year for the Heidelberg College Early Childhood Education Department. With the lemonade stand came Christi herself with her broad smile and contagious spirit.

Not only did Christi volunteer and put her heart and soul into her lemonade stands each year, she also was a staunch organizer of blood drives for the American Red Cross. In fact, the blood drives she sponsored had such overwhelming turnouts they had to turn people away. During the blood drives Christi would hold hands, tell jokes and draw pictures to help queasy donors. Christi’s family is proud that her blood drives collected hundreds more pints than she ever needed herself.

Christine Shayna Thomas, the beloved and cherished daughter of Shayne and Angela passed away on September 19, 2006 at the tender age of 9. “She bravely fought with the strength of a soldier while maintaining the grace and beauty of a ballerina – teaching life’s lessons along the way.” We honor Christi and cherish her extraordinary life dedicated to helping others.