Childhood Cancer in the United States

The Impact of Childhood Cancer

10 average age at diagnosis with childhood cancer

17,000 children are diagnosed with cancer in the U.S. each year.

500,000+ survivors in the U.S.

400,000+ children are diagnosed worldwide each year

Number 1 cause of death by disease in children in the United States

95% of survivors experience a significant side effect by the time they are 45 years old.

Childhood cancer research is consistently underfunded by the federal government.

Together, ALSF is making a difference for kids with cancer:

1,500+ Medical Research Grants at 150 Institutions

240+ Ongoing Clinical Trials Funded Each Year

Children who’ve had chemo are 15% more likely to suffer congestive heart failure later in life.

Sources: National Institutes of Health, National Cancer Institute, World Health Organization, CAC2 Fact Library