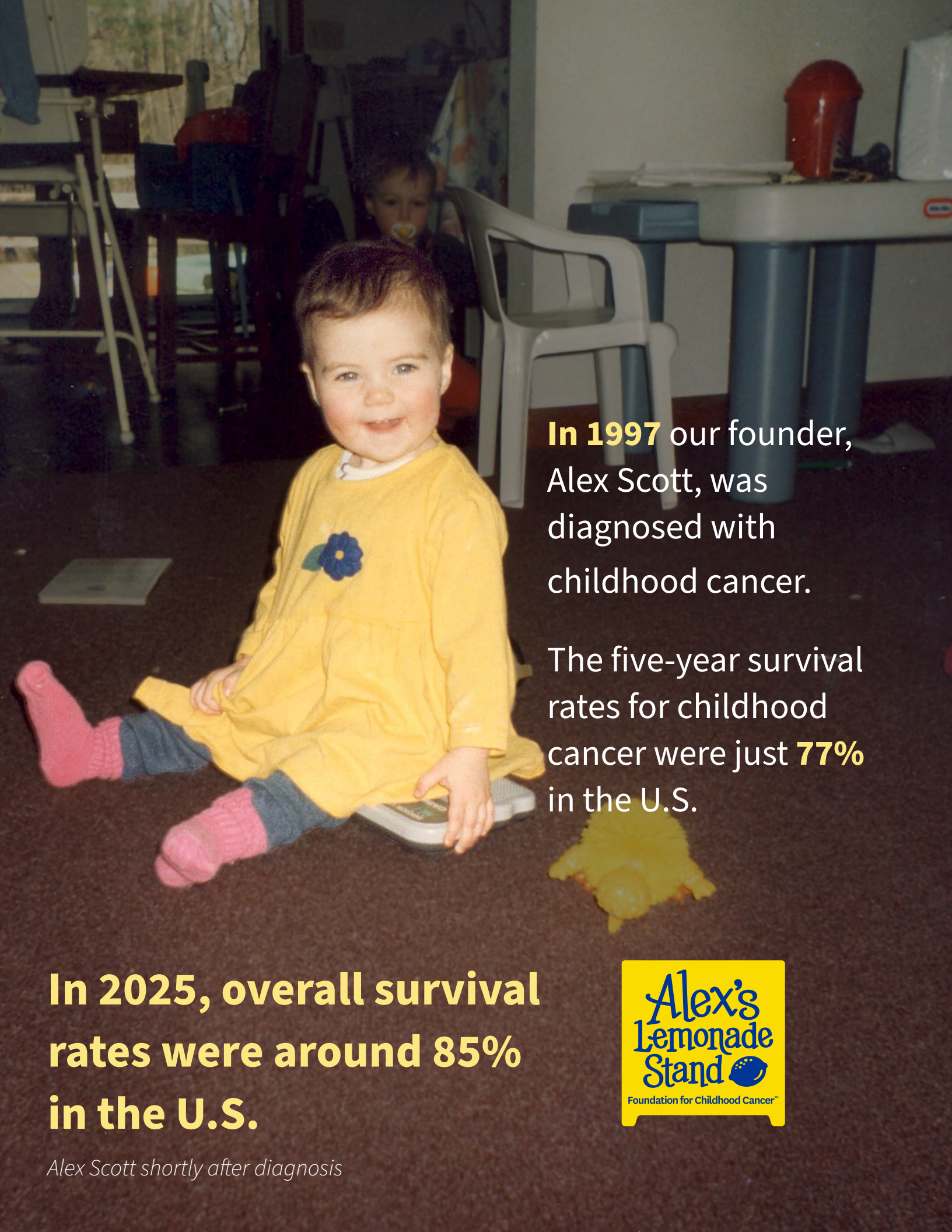


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THE 2025 MILLION MILE Impact Report

Childhood cancer hero Lucy Garibaldi, inspiration for the top 2025 fundraising team, Team Love for Lucy Always.





In 1997 our founder, Alex Scott, was diagnosed with childhood cancer.

The five-year survival rates for childhood cancer were just **77%** in the U.S.

In 2025, overall survival rates were around 85% in the U.S.

Alex Scott shortly after diagnosis



Dear Million Milers,

Each year, it's an absolute thrill to see your growing impact with The Million Mile. Thanks to your hard work and dedication, this month-long challenge continues to make a lasting difference for families by funding groundbreaking research for safer treatments and more cures. Together, we moved 963,632 miles and raised \$2.7 million during Childhood Cancer Awareness Month!

The money you raised this past September is going to support families in numerous ways – from funding research that helps bring newer, less toxic therapies to kids in search of their cures to helping more families access treatments with financial assistance through our Travel For Care program. Your donations also support our Childhood Cancer Data Lab as they diligently work to accelerate research discoveries and our Crazy 8 Initiative, which focuses on collaborative research to cure the incurable.

Since its inception in 2013, Million Milers like you have moved more than 10 million miles and raised nearly \$20 million. It's hard to believe that something that started out as a humble challenge between friends could grow into a nationwide movement each year. But if there's one thing we know from our daughter Alex, it's that amazing things can happen when you dream big. Thank you for not just moving miles but moving mountains for kids with cancer.

Gratefully,



Liz & Jay Scott
Alex's Parents/Co-Executive Directors
of Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation



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With your help, The 2025 Million Mile was a success!

9,551 Participants

1,675 Teams

962,632 Miles

\$2,702,566

raised for critical
childhood cancer
research



Where The Money Goes

Kaitlin and Nathan faced an unimaginable reality when their 5-month-old daughter Josie began leukemia treatment. After months of unexplainable symptoms, Josie – whose biggest problems should have been teething and sleeping through the night – was diagnosed with juvenile myelomonocytic leukemia (JMML). JMML is rare and comes with a devastating prognosis: only about half of the children reach long-term remission following standard treatments.

But Josie's story is different, because just a few months earlier, a clinical trial for kids newly diagnosed with JMML opened in San Francisco and expanded to a hospital in Cincinnati – just a few miles from Josie's home. This trial was made possible with the help of your support of the ALSF grant program.

"We would have gone anywhere, but we didn't have to," said Kaitlin.

By the end of 2025, the trial was available at 25 clinics throughout the U.S. The trial uses a cutting-edge test to determine each child's treatment plan based on their unique risk factors. For Josie, that means monthly visits to the oncology clinic and daily oral medication given at home. Today, she's past the halfway point of her treatment, and she's turned 1 – a milestone made possible by research you helped fund.

Today, we continue to dream of a world where it is possible for all kids with cancer to have access to effective treatments close to home. Treatments that will lead to cures. With your continued support, we believe that dream is possible. **Funding childhood cancer research is more important than ever, and together, we can make sure that more children, like Josie, get a chance to grow up.**



*Childhood cancer
hero Matlen
Flashes of Hope Photo
by Joe Treleven*

**Anyone. Anywhere.
Any age. Any ability.
Can make an impact.**



You Make Breakthroughs Possible

Here are just a few examples of the kind of cutting-edge research that your Million Mile team helps to fund.



CHILDHOOD CANCER HERO BRYNN (LEFT), NOW THREE YEARS CANCER-FREE

A pill that's destroying cancer

Dr. Linda Malkas had studied breast cancer for more than a decade when she suddenly changed course to neuroblastoma. It came after a chance meeting with a father whose daughter passed away from the disease and presented her with a \$30,000 check asking her to study it. In 2019, Dr. Malkas received one of our Reach Grants, and used it to help open a clinical trial for a pill that decimated cancer cells and left healthy cells alone in lab studies, a promising treatment option for diagnosed kids. It remains in a clinical trial, but Dr. Malkas is now working on a liquid formulation of the drug for the youngest kids who can't swallow pills.

Hope for kids with few treatment options

Dr. Ted Johnson runs a clinical trial that's critical for kids fighting brain tumors. For those diagnosed with this deadly cancer, every relapse decreases a child's chance for a cure. Your support helped fund Dr. Johnson's research into treating these kids by combining chemotherapy with immunotherapy. Kids like Brynn, who was diagnosed with ependymoma at 2 years old, are benefiting from that work. Today, Brynn is three years cancer-free.

Catching cancer early

Dr. Sharon Plon of Texas Children's Hospital and Dr. Lisa Diller of Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, are studying the use of heel-stick blood samples to screen newborns for cancer risk. This test is already routine for other conditions and could be a game-changer in identifying children at high risk of developing cancer before symptoms appear.

Creating a cancer interceptor

Dr. Uri Tabori and Dr. David Malkin from The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, are exploring the development of a cancer interceptor that can be used to inhibit and eliminate early tumor growth in children with predisposition syndromes. The team includes leading experts in vaccine technology — like Dr. Drew Weissman, a Nobel Prize recipient.

Hope for the deadliest of brain tumors

Past grantees, Dr. Mariella Filbin and Dr. Carl Koschmann, discovered that the targeted drug avapritinib shows promise in treating certain types of high-grade gliomas. These can be among the most deadly and hard-to-treat of all childhood cancers. Prior funding from donors like you helped them test a new drug in early studies, which slowed tumor growth and extended survival in lab models and children who relapsed.



Konduri/Decker Laboratory 2025

Fresh off graduating with a PhD in Genetics, Dr. William Decker took a job with a dendritic cell immunotherapy start-up that would change the trajectory of his professional life and eventually lead him to ALSF.

“Once I’d worked there for a few years,” he recalls, “I was hooked and knew I wanted to study dendritic cells for the rest of my life.”

He parlayed his experience at the start-up into a seven-year stint at the MD Anderson Cancer Center where he took his “first steps” toward developing an independent research program, an ambition he fulfilled when he received a faculty position at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, TX.

It was at Baylor, as a young independent investigator, that he first heard about ALSF and its grant programs. “I had a project that I thought would be perfect for ALSF and it turned out it was!”

Dr. Decker received ALSF’s Reach Award in 2013, which would prove pivotal for his early research. “It was a two-year, \$125,000 per year Reach Award that launched our clinical development program in brain cancer,” he recalls.

While Dr. Decker initially hoped his research would benefit children, the clinical development program became an adult program due to FDA safety concerns. “The Reach Award was foundational in launching and defining our program and we intend to stay true to the original mission and carry this regimen forward in children,” he explains.

At Baylor, the William Decker Lab has fueled multiple studies and projects that have resulted in numerous published papers. Dr. Decker sums up the mission of the lab this way, “We work to understand the basic immunology of immune cells and then apply that basic knowledge toward enhancing immune cell-based therapies for cancer.”

Over the years, Dr. Decker has not only made an impact in the lab, but also by partnering with ALSF for The Million Mile as the captain for the team Konduri/Decker Laboratory. Since 2014, his team has helped raise \$154,033, an amount that equates to roughly 3,081 hours of research.

Dr. Decker credits his team’s success and positive impact to his passionate community: “There are so many good and generous people who really support what we do and who really want to support both the basic and the clinical mission.”

In the end, Dr. Decker views The Million Mile as not only a way to bring attention to Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and to support groundbreaking research like his, but it’s also a perfect event for getting folks excited about scientific discovery.

“Americans love science and discovery and very much appreciate scientists who are enthusiastic and passionate about their work,” Dr. Decker reflects. “I always take that statement for granted, but I am able to see it in action when we participate in The Million Mile.”

Innes Making Lemonade

As the manager for the Blue Valley Northwest High School soccer team, hero Scottie Innes wore #1 on his jersey. Years later, his mother Barb Innes would fittingly join The Million Mile as a team of one, raising awareness and funds for kids through her team, Innes Making Lemonade, in memory of Scottie.

“I do this totally by myself,” Barb says about her involvement with The Million Mile. “A team of one.”

Barb brings positive, passionate energy to fundraising for The Million Mile, an energy she shared with her son. Scottie was passionate about soccer. And for years, he was one of the top youth league soccer players in the Kansas City area, playing for the Blue Valley Stars, a competitive traveling soccer team.



He began to experience pain off the field, which his primary physician initially diagnosed as groin and growing pains. The pain persisted, however, in the form of a bump on his right ankle, which began to swell. When his parents, Bob and Barb, became aware of the swelling, they immediately took him to the hospital for X-rays. On Halloween 1997, he was diagnosed with Ewing sarcoma, a slow-growing form of bone cancer.

Following Scottie’s diagnosis, there were many ups and downs. “He had many hospitalizations for intensive chemotherapy,” Barb recalls, “and after two plus years, he was in remission for 2 years.”

Through his cancer journey, Scottie remained positive, and his passion for soccer never faded. Though he could no longer play for Blue Valley Northwest High School (BVNW), he remained highly involved. “In high school, he was asked to manage the varsity soccer team by Coach Pribyl,” Barb says, “So, his love of soccer enabled him to be a team member.”

Sadly, Scottie passed on January 29, 2004, after a six-and-a-half-year fight. During his time as manager, he made a huge impression on his fellow players, his school, and his community. His soccer teammates honored his memory by wearing Scottie’s #1 on their jerseys, a tradition that remained for many years. “And may still,” Barb wonders.

BVNW also established an annual scholarship in his name, which is awarded to the student who displays “the kindness and inspiration” that Scottie brought both to the soccer field and his everyday life.

Scottie also inspired his mother Barb to partner with ALSF. After he passed, his school published a story that he’d written. “He was using the expression of when life gives you lemons, make lemonade around his cancer journey,” she remembers, “It just clicked.”

That expression made her think of ALSF, and so she started learning more about the Foundation. “I followed your charity,” she says, “and when I saw what you were doing with The Million Mile, that was another ‘aha moment’”

Like the #1 Scottie wore on his jersey, Barb is a true reminder that even a team of one can make huge difference during The Million Mile. Since 2010 she has helped raise \$12,130 which equates to 243 hours of research. In 2025 alone, she raised \$1,785.

Battle Hill Team 2025

Battle Hill School Counselor Erin Jackson had been participating in The Million Mile for more than 12 years when she had the bright idea to have students and faculty join in the fun. Now, Battle Hill Elementary has been teaching kids the value of helping kids with cancer for two years.

Each year, the school uses their team fundraising page to track their mileage and fundraising progress. Then, during the last week of September, the school hosts a walk-a-thon where each class from pre-K through fourth grade walks outside for 20-30 minutes. It's a perfect way to enjoy the weather and get the kids moving. Everyone wears yellow, the physical education department prepares the route and the music, parents hold a lemonade stand, and the kids are so excited to help raise money for other kids.

Throughout her career, Erin has known and lost several students who were battling childhood cancer. "They were all such lights to the world and fought with such bravery," she says. When a student is diagnosed with cancer, it impacts the whole community. The Million Mile is just one way they have been able to show their support for those still fighting.

In 2025, Battle Hill Elementary School moved 169 miles and raised \$1,086 for childhood cancer research. Erin would like to encourage other schools to continue taking part in The Million Mile too. "Having a vested interest in raising money for cancer is a lifelong lesson," she says. To her, helping kids fight cancer is a good reminder of how precious life really is.

Team Taco John's Loves

Alex's 2025

Taco John's knows first-hand how humble beginnings can lead to unexpected growth. What started as a small taco stand in Cheyenne, WY in 1969 has grown into one of the largest Mexican quick-service restaurant brands in the country with more than 325 restaurants in 21 states. Their motto – bigger, bolder, better – is the mentality they bring to The Million Mile. When President and CEO Heather Neary introduced Taco John's to Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation, she knew their team's spirit for friendly competition and commitment to giving back would be a recipe for success for The Million Mile. While each member of their business is encouraged to approach fundraising individually, their team mentality is to challenge one another to keep pushing throughout the month to help hero families – especially during Volvo Match Days. They believe that if each person does their part to bring awareness to and raise money for research, that their collective reach becomes all the more impactful. This year, Team Taco John's Loves Alex's 2025 exceeded their \$10,000 goal by raising more than \$21,800 and moving 3,417 miles during Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. Taco John's Chief of Staff Nicole Hostetter puts it best, "With the ground-breaking work that ALSF is leading, and the gifted team of doctors working with them, I truly believe we can find a cure so that no family has to endure this awful reality."





Roo's Crew 2025

Amanda Stafford and her family first joined The Million Mile in 2019 to honor her daughter, Mikaila, who had just passed away from primitive neuroectodermal tumor (PNET). Mikaila's parents and seven siblings miss her every day, so they use The Million Mile as an opportunity to connect as a family and keep her memory alive.

Mikaila was 3 years old when she was diagnosed with PNET after a sudden vomiting spell. With few treatment options available to treat free-floating cancer cells and a rare complication called leptomeningeal disease, Mikaila fought bravely for two months before she passed. Since then, her family has been determined to help fund research for better treatments options and more cures. "If we had a cure, Mikaila might still be here today as a vivacious 10-year-old with big dreams," says Amanda.

During The Million Mile "Roo's Crew" – named affectionately for Mikaila's nickname, "Roo" – hosts a lemonade stand, sells baked goods, and fundraises with open gym nights where some of the kids attend classes. Their family believes that even the smallest contribution can make an impact. When people ask what they can do to help support children fighting cancer, the Stafford family looks to The Million Mile as an easy way to make a difference whether you're an individual or a team.

This year, Roo's Crew 2025 moved 854 miles and raised \$3,212. Their mission is simple, "We continue to fundraise and push for childhood cancer research, so that all children with this diagnosis will get a chance at their tomorrow. They deserve that!"

What was your favorite thing about The Million Mile 2025?

Answers provided by real Million Mile participants.

“Our team felt great contributing to a wonderful cause. We loved seeing our tracker move up with each mile logged and each donation counted.”

“Being able to raise so much in honor of my sister.”

“It motivated me

to increase my walking distance and to take extra hikes so I could log more miles than I normally would walk.”





“A feeling of peace hoping my miles help better the future for so many sick children.”

“Creating Awareness for Childhood Cancer.”

“The flexibility—it’s nice that people are able to run, walk, bike on their own schedules.”

“Making work count for more than just a paycheck.”

“To be a small part of something that will impact thousands (even more) for years to come.”



Top Fundraising Teams in 2025*

These teams went above and beyond to top the leaderboard by raising the most funds to fuel research that's helping all kids fight cancer.

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#LoveforLucyAlways 2025

Emily Garibaldi has been fundraising with ALSF since 2015. She first started their Million Mile Team in 2020 to honor the life and legacy of her daughter and childhood cancer hero, Lucy. In 2014, Lucy was diagnosed with a rare form of leukemia at just 14 months old, and although she overcame a great deal in the 9 months that followed, Lucy sadly passed away in 2015. Now, Lucy's family is determined to help other children fighting cancer find safer treatment options and more cures by funding life-changing research.



- Nathan's Cancer Slayers 2025
- Walensky Running Buffers 2025
- Warriors for a Cure 2025
- Sage Million Milers 2025
- Hopkins Helping our Heroes 2025
- Konduri/Decker Laboratory 2025
- Summer Strong MM 2025
- Miracles for Maddox 2025
- Team Tackling Tumors in Tots 2025
- Lemon Divas and Dudes 2025
- Kansas Catholic Schools Lemon Out 2025
- Theo Strong 2025
- Baltimore Brain Tumor Bashers 2025
- Northwestern Mutual - NC 2025 Impact Day
- Sarosiek Lab Million Mile Challenge 2025
- Team BWS 2025
- Maddie's Million Miles 2025
- 2025 A Million for Alex and Carly!
- Cancer Cure Crusaders 2025
- UCLA Nano Transformers 2025
- Team Taco John's Loves Alex's 2025
- Abigail's Athletes 2025
- Stepping out for a Cure in Georgetown-2025
- Collins' Crusaders for a Cure 2025
- Small but Mighty - Olivia's Team 2025
- Team Madelynn 2025
- Volvo Cars for Alex - MTH Digital 2025
- Avis Budget Group Philadelphia/Pittsburgh Local Market 2025
- Million Mile Maniacs 2025
- Team Kasper
- Team Adam 2025
- BGO New York Million Miles
- A Million Miles For Tony 2025
- Solar Power Gurus
- 2025 Lubbock Pediatric Cancer Association: Cell Busters
- Duck's Waddlers 2025
- Courageous Cora's Team 2025
- Noelle's Heart...Champion the Kids! 2025
- Team Henry Strong 2025
- Chasing CARs for Cure! 2025
- Hopkins March Against Brain And Eye Tumors 2025
- Team Lucas
- Super Hero Nikhil and Nina's Rockstars 2025
- Super Ryan
- Team choroid plexus
- We're going to Mexico!
- HerranzLab 2025
- NM Inland Northwest
- Eleanor's Champions 2025



51. Kidney & Brain Cancer Brigade
52. Let's Make Lemonade!
53. Tate's Mates 2025
54. Mile-o-biome
55. Volvo Cars for Alex - CAN't Stop, Won't Stop
56. Volvo Cars for Alex - Southern Region 2025
57. Actualize Consulting 2025 #teamaactualize
58. In Honor of All Families Affected by Pediatric Cancer
59. Voyatek 2025
60. Team NCCN 2025
61. Kalli's Super Team 2025
62. Team Miles Gary! LGMG
63. POST Million Mile Team 2025
64. On Wednesdays We Wear Yellow 2025
65. Fight for Clairebear
66. Emma's Army 2025
67. Ethan's Crew
68. Adios Osteo
69. Rose Tree Media Miles for a Cure 2025
70. #TeamFrankie 2025
71. Passehl Financial
72. Sara Willoughby AMM Team 2025
73. Team Eli
74. Team Elliana Strong
75. Run, Alex! Run! 2025

76. Miles for Max 2025
77. Cencora
78. Barrett's Blessings
79. Ellie's Tug for a Cure
80. Aiden's Superheroes 2025
81. Level Up for Luca 2025
82. Hopkins Blast Blasters 2025
83. Ice Breakers Lemonade Fundraiser 2025
84. Pinecrest Academy Avalon
85. Running for Ruby
86. Team Cashel MM 2025
87. SweetPuckers!
88. Team BEN Strong and Courageous 2025
89. FightLikeG
90. Team Morgan 2025
91. Strong Like Spencer 2025
92. Katie Rose Strong
93. Squeeze the Day - CHOP's DVL Crew
94. #letskickthisDylan
95. Benji's Angels
96. Kyle's Smile 2025
97. Running for Louie
98. Snowtino Friends 2025
99. Miles for Maanav
100. Let's Go The Extra Mile 2025



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