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ALONE.**



**SAMMY'S
SUPERHEROES**
— FOUNDATION

2020-2021 ANNUAL REPORT

CHALLENGES & CREATIVITY

Erin Nahorny, Board President



2020 and 2021 were challenging years for many. Non-profits especially were hit hard. We started 2020 conducting interviews for an Executive Director, but when the pandemic hit, we decided to hold off on hiring. As 2020 continued on, we began to realize we needed to cancel our events, as we could not risk bringing together children and families who were at risk and immune suppressed. It was sad to not see all of the friends and families we have gotten to know in our childhood cancer community.

Thankfully, however, our supporters were behind our mission, as always. We did well with our fundraising efforts and found some new virtual ways to fundraise. Supporters did facebook fundraisers for birthdays or important dates. We hosted our first virtual walk, “A Walk to Remember” and participants crowdfunded for our organization. We held our first golf outings, which have been hugely successful. Creativity has a vital part of our efforts throughout these challenging times.

Even though it has been difficult, we were able to provide our first grant to the University of Iowa, Stead Children’s Hospital and Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. We were also able to award another grant to Dana Farber at Boston’s Children’s Hospital. We could not continue our mission to fund childhood cancer research without so many incredible volunteers, donors and supporters. I would like to express a heartfelt thank you to each one of you.

In just eight years, we have donated almost \$1.1 MILLION to fund research for all types of childhood cancer. This feat could not have been accomplished without the help of so many. Thank you for donating your birthdays, for holding jeans days for your employees, for creating events to raise funding for research, for donating portions of your business sales, for volunteering, for sharing, and so much more. We could not do this without you! With you, there is hope for a cure.

ABOUT SSF

Sammy's Superheroes Foundation (SSF) was started in 2013 to raise awareness and fund life-saving research for all types of childhood cancer, the #1 cause of death by disease in children. To-date we have given more than \$1 million to cancer research projects.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS & STAFF

- Erin Nahorny, President
- Sam Larsen, Vice President
- Megan Valorz, Treasurer
- Amy Williams, Secretary
- Amy Brown
- Krystal Dinslage
- Alyssa Hogeland
- Luke Saenz
- Dr. Michelle Sell
- Megan Cimpl, Marketing Director



FINANCIALS

2020	Income:	\$199,867.47
	Public Support	\$80,014.91
	Events	\$99,535.05
	Sidekicks	\$18,909.04
	Other	\$1,408.47
	Expenses:	\$42,765.01
	Fundraising Events	\$2,620.35
	Program Services	\$2,004.06
	Management & General Operations	\$38,140.60
	Research Grants	\$50,000.00

For year ending December 31, 2020.

2021	Income:	\$265,283.60
	Public Support	\$167,122.13
	Events	\$82,233.24
	Sidekicks	\$11,558.19
	Other	\$4,370.04
	Expenses:	\$60,827.03
	Fundraising Events	\$14,948.58
	Program Services	\$3,098.46
	Management & General Operations	\$42,779.99
	Research Grants	\$200,000.00

For year ending December 31, 2021.

Not to be considered as part of audited financial statements.

GRANTS

ALEX'S LEMONADE STAND PARTNERSHIP

In 2021, SSF donated \$200,000 to Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation (ALSF) through their charity collaborators program. Dr. Michelle Sell was an instrumental part in developing our partnership. This allows SSF to co-fund, already vetted research projects, with ALSF and other charity partners. SSF and ALSF share a vision of funding high-impact research to find cures for hard-to-treat childhood cancers.



TARGETING MYCN

\$100,000 to Dr. Yael Mossé of the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

Sammy's Superheroes Foundation is funding Dr. Mossé's Crazy 8 Award, titled Targeting MYCN. Dr. Mossé's goal is to develop targeted drugs for MYCN, a currently "undruggable" driver of pediatric cancer, within the next four years. Dr. Mossé brought together a team of complementary researchers, each with unique experience to attack MYCN with innovative new technologies. Together, they will prove that the drugs they're developing are effective against most lethal pediatric cancers and be ready to launch a clinical trial shortly after the grant is completed in Spring 2025.

'A' AWARD GRANT

\$100,000 to Dr. Mariella Filbin of Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston

Sammy's Superheroes Foundation is also funding Dr. Mariella Filbin's 'A' Award Grant, titled Exploiting the Differentiation Potential of Pediatric High-Grade Glioma to Discover Novel Therapeutic Opportunities. Dr. Filbin and her team are using a method called CRISPR-gene editing to ablate specific genes that they've identified as potential antagonists of the developmental programs in both brainstem and hemispheric high-grade gliomas. Dr. Filbin's plan is to identify novel targets for high-grade glioma drug development and lay the foundation for new treatment strategies in this deadly disease.

JR. BOARD

The SSF Jr. Board was started to engage the next generation in philanthropy. The Jr. Board has organized fundraisers such as: the Sammy Gilmore golf tournament, Greek banner competition, fundraisers within sorority and fraternity houses, food truck events, and much more.



SSF JR. BOARD MEMBERS



Macy O'Connell



Aliya Ocegüera



Lexi Jakubowski



Logan Bennett



Kylie Wisehart



Kate Smith



Emma Brownlow



Porter Discoe



"I think everyone needs to have a passion in their early twenties, and these students have it."

-Alayna Wilson, Jr. Board Advisor

Alayna (Lanie) Wilson joined the SSF Jr. Board in 2017 and served as President from 2019-2021. After graduation, she became the first advisor to the Jr. Board and helps the group prepare for fundraisers, conduct meetings, organize recruitment efforts, and gain knowledge of current pediatric cancer news at the state and national level.

SPONSORED EVENTS

Sammy's Superheroes Foundation is greatly supported by Columbus' area businesses. Some sponsor events and others contribute by hosting fundraisers. The community also donates to the cause thru individual donations and employee workplace gifts and matching funds.

CATTLEMEN'S BALL

The Cattlemen's Ball of Nebraska donated \$9,000! This funding will assist us in the continuation of our childhood cancer family care packages. We appreciate the hard work and dedication of so many who made this possible!



NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL

The group at Nathan Karges - Northwestern Mutual hosted a tailgate at the Apollo MedFlight Nebraska raising over \$6,500! Thank you for continuously being a voice for children with cancer and for funding life-saving research.



OMAHA STOCKMEN FOOTBALL

The Omaha Stockmen football team graciously partnered with SSF to raise awareness game and funds for pediatric cancer research.



CIMPL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Participants in the Cimpl Golf Tournament together donated more than \$7,500.



SIGNATURE EVENTS

A WALK TO REMEMBER

Due to COVID-19, the annual Glow Gold event in Columbus was transformed into a virtual walk in May 2020. Supporters charked their walkways and created their own "Walk to Remember." This 2nd annual event raised more than \$7,330 for childhood cancer research.



GLOW GOLD OMAHA

Glow Gold Omaha was able to be held in-person in September of 2021. We were grateful to be able to safely gather our supporters together for this fun event.



SUNDAY FUNDAY GOLF TOURNAMENT

In September of 2021, we also conducted a new fundraiser, the "Sunday Funday" golf tournament. We had a great turnout for this inaugural event.





AVA'S ARMY & KNOX OUT CHILDHOOD CANCER

Sammy's Superheroes Sidekicks, Ava's Army & Knox Out Childhood Cancer, partnered in 2021 for the "Goals for Gold" event.

Donations were accepted at the Millard South and Gretna High School Girls Soccer game from fans and generous supporters.



*Learn More About SSF
Sidekicks - uniting in the
fight for a cure.*

LICENSE PLATES

Sammy's Superheroes Foundation license plates are available through the Nebraska DMV.

Custom Plates - \$40.00 fee
Produced with an available message of your choice.

- 75% (\$30.00) to the University of Nebraska Medical Center, Pediatric Cancer Research
- 25% (\$10.00) to the DMV Cash Fund

Alpha/Numeric Plates - \$5.00 fee

- 100% (\$5.00) to the University of Nebraska Medical Center, Pediatric Cancer Research



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