"I was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia in December of 2013, and like with most cancer stories, mine started with lots of tissues, great pain and long nights. As friends turned into nurses, sleepovers turned into nights in ICU, rugby turned into physiotherapy and everything that once brought me happiness was stripped away, I often found myself thinking how each day may be my last and how each day that I did survive felt seemingly not worth it. Yet I am able to write this today, not because of any individual heroics—I often joke that sleeping all day and missing school like I did would be most teenager's dreams—but as a result of the immense support I received. Support from my beloved mother, friends, amazing doctors and even from complete strangers.

While I was receiving treatment, one man by the name of Lance Baguley, a distant high school friend of my fathers of whom I have never met face to face in my life, would send me letters and signed memorabilia from my favorite sports players all in the hopes of making me feel better. Despite living on the other side of the world, and never meeting
me before, he had an astronomical influence on my battle. Every donor, whether they realize it or not, is that Lance to some poor child battling cancer right now, as every dollar raised is allowing for new life changing research of which can save a stranger's life.

*Every cent raised directly leads to new treatments and breakthroughs that allow cancer to become more treatable, less damaging and overall a less scary word.*

So while like my friend Lance, you may not realize just how important your actions are, as a survivor who received many of these innovative treatments from the bottom of my heart I want to say thank you."

Robbie Daly,  
Cancer Survivor & PCRF Survivors Scholarship Recipient

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**PCRF IN THE NEWS**

Did you see our latest feature in the Orange County Business Journal? Join us as we appoint Steve Giusto as our new Chairman and welcome John Coon to our Board of Directors.

**The Pediatric Cancer Research Foundation Announces New Chairman and New Board Member**

Both Giusto and Coon are parents of pediatric cancer survivors and know firsthand the anguish of a pediatric cancer diagnosis, and the miracles that can come from focused research. The Pediatric Cancer Research Foundation (PCRF) is honored to appoint Steve Giusto as Chairman of the Board of Directors and pleased to welcome the addition of John Coon to its Board of Directors. Both bring expertise in fields that will support the organization's mission to give every child a cancer-free future. As a corporate executive, Giusto has been a transformational leader of consulting, staffing and education companies. Coon brings over 10 years of professional experience in the financial services industry.

PCRF identifies and invests in leading edge research that promises the best hope for a cure to childhood cancer. To get involved or learn more, visit: www.pcrf-kids.org.

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**Valentine's Day Blog Series**

In honor of Valentine's Day, we highlighted cancer warriors who will...
In part two of our Valentine's Day Legacy blog series, we are honored to remember Will. Will was described by his friends and family as a happy, little boy who brought so much joy and laughter to those around him. Will’s perseverance throughout his battle with cancer motivates Team Will Strong to run. Read more about his story.

**RESEARCHER SPOTLIGHT**

The PCRF grant not only provided resources to fund my work, but also represented the first grant I received as an independent investigator after starting my own lab in 2017.

-Dr. Elliot Stieglitz, UCSF

**PCRF IN THE COMMUNITY**
Meet Casey Baker, a 37-year-old Southern California family man, and father of two who is taking on a big challenge. **He has committed to running two marathons in 6 days - all in the name of pediatric cancer.**

Starbucks on the corner of Main and MacArthur in Irvine, CA went **GOLD for International Childhood Cancer Awareness Day on February 18th!** A donation jar and childhood cancer facts were displayed around the store and the baristas even wore gold aprons for the occasion. Thank you for making an impact in the community and for our cancer warriors!