As the summer comes into full swing, most of us would prefer to be thinking about what time we can get to the pool, the lake, the park, or wait for the ice cream truck to come around your neighborhood at night. Unfortunately, during these daunting times, we have all gone to extraordinary lengths to shield our vulnerable population and stay safe at home not allowing any of these “normal” rites of summer passage to happen.

When interviewed on being a Social Impact Hero, the story only made me think about how fortunate I am to drive this foundation. In this time of being told what we can’t do, at PCRF we are focused on that we can make a difference in pediatric cancer research. We can all work to fund key research that helps patients like Brynn. We can be heroes by fighting for the scientists and children who are truly in need of our support. Dr. Brian Crompton is one extraordinary warrior that I am proud to stand shoulder to shoulder with as he works to find a cure to Ewing Sarcoma. During this time of “can’t” let’s all do what we can.

I invite you to make a recurring gift this month and help patients like Brynn get back to being a kid chasing fireflies in the summer instead of counting down days until her next round of chemotherapy.
Regards and stay safe,

Jeri Wilson, Executive Director
Pediatric Cancer Research Foundation

Research saves lives

PCRF IN THE NEWS

Social Impact Hero: Jeri Wilson

Our fearless leader and Executive Director, Jeri Wilson was recently featured in Authority Magazine, a Medium publication, for a “thought leadership interview series” featuring people who are authorities in Business, Film, Sports and Tech. Jeri talks about her role as a leader and how PCRF is making a significant social impact now and in the future.

We are so thankful for Jeri's leadership and vision in the fight against pediatric cancer!

Read the full interview
Meet Brynn, Cancer Warrior

Your support helps kids like Brynn!
Meet Brynn, an 8-year-old, fierce warrior of Ewing Sarcoma (EWS).

After experiencing a mild cough for a week and fast, labored breathing, Brynn’s parents took her to the ER in December 2018 where doctors found a very large mass filling the right side of her chest. Because the mass was so big, it was pushing on her lungs and heart and had taken up most of the right side of her chest. Her left lung was compensating and doing all the work for the right one. A biopsy of the tumor revealed her family’s worst fear - cancer. She immediately started chemotherapy to shrink the tumor and allow her to breathe.

After nine rounds of chemo, the tumor shrunk significantly smaller making it operable. Brynn was now ready for surgery at CHLA to remove the tumors, along with three ribs and about 20 percent of her right lung.

The next steps were to continue with an additional 5 rounds of chemo and proton radiation in San Diego to kill any remaining cancer cells in her right chest cavity. She finished up her first battle with EWS in August 2019.

In November 2019, Brynn lost her best friend and a close family friend of the Wheelers, to cancer. This was devastating to Brynn and her family.

In February 2020, a post-surgery scan revealed a recurrence (small tumor) in her right chest cavity, meaning another treatment plan was in order. There is not a standard protocol to treat a EWS relapse, so each step of this second treatment plan has been full of hard decisions.

She recently had her second surgery to remove the recurrent tumor and is well down her treatment path. There is still a lot to navigate and decisions to be made on the next steps in her plan. But post-surgery, Brynn is enjoying the things she loves as much as her body allows - riding horses & spending time with her siblings and family.

Brynn continues to amaze everyone around with her unbreakable warrior spirit! #BattlingforBrynn

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**Easy, effortless ways you can make an impact for kids with cancer:**

- **Ralph’s Rewards:** Link your rewards card to support PCRF. Every time you shop for groceries and swipe your rewards card, PCRF automatically starts earning a rebate. Shop and fund leading edge research at the same time! Every amount counts.

- **Shop on AmazonSmile:** Consider shopping through AmazonSmile for household items, gifts and other essentials. When you select PCRF as your organization of choice, Amazon will donate .5% of your eligible purchase to the Pediatric Cancer Research Foundation.