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**September 2021
Newsletter**

ALCCRF Chairperson Update

Welcome to this edition of the Foundations newsletter, my first as its new Chair.

My first duty in this role is to thank our outgoing Chair PDG John Thorpe for his 10 years of service both as a Trustee and then as our Chair. John was always a very active member as a Trustee on the committee bringing his many skills to the role. In 2016 John took over as Chairman, leading us through to the completion of our largest project, the Lions Kids Cancer Genome Project with the Garvan Institute of Medical Research, and the commencement of the very exciting immunotherapy project with the Telethon Kids Institute Perth, along with other smaller but important projects. During that time, building up excellent relationships with our funding partners. He will be missed by the committee.

Another additional member of our committee was our inaugural Chairman and co-founder of the Foundation Dr Joe Collins. Joe agreed to stay on as an Appointee Advisor, initially to oversee the Lions Kids Cancer Genome Project and be the liaison point with Lions Clubs International, helping secure their contribution of \$2.7 million to that \$4.0 million project. Joe continued in the Appointee Advisor role until the end of the last Lions year and is now taking a well-earned rest.

To both John and Joe, I say thank you from the past and present ALCCRF Trustees, and on behalf of that committee we have acknowledged that service with the presentation of the Foundation's Barry J Palmer Fellowship.

I am pleased to advise the reappointment of Trustees Kerrie McMahan (V Districts) and PCC Gary Parker (N Districts). Also, the Lion who took over my former role of Foundations Treasurer, PDG Bob Findley OAM in July, has now been appointed as a Trustee to complete my term for the N Districts. While it is mentioned elsewhere in the newsletter, just to remind District and Club Treasurers that mailed donations need to be posted to PDG Bob at **PO Box 56 Raymond Terrace NSW 2324**.

The Foundation currently has a six very exiting projects happening that have been previously mentioned in our newsletters but are worth recapping on for those that may not have read our newsletter before.

CHILDREN'S CANCER FOUNDATION

1. Hudson Monash/Royal Children's Hospital Fellowship Dr Sara Khan (\$525k). Research project to investigate new therapeutic options for two of the most prevalent and aggressive paediatric brain tumours, Medulloblastoma and Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (*Project finalised awaiting final report*).
2. Hudson Monash Paediatric Precision Medicine (HMPPM) Program - Biobank Dr Dilru Habarakada (\$450k). Establishing a 'Living Biobank' of childhood brain/CNS and solid cancers, including living organoids or lab-grown 'mini-tumours' to trial and develop targeted treatments and improve clinical outcomes, survival rates and quality of life (limiting side effects) for childhood cancer patients.

TELETHON KIDS INSTITUTE (TKI)

3. Paediatric Cancer Immunotherapy (\$1.05m). The Telethon Kids Cancer Centre is Australia's first research institute with a comprehensive immunotherapy research program devoted to children. The project aim is to harness the power of the body's own immune system to fight cancer cells.

CANCER AUSTRALIA (*The Priority-driven Collaborative Cancer Research Scheme*)

4. Dr Pouya Faridi - Monash University (\$73.3k - our share in a 3 way partnership). Novel targets for paediatric brain tumour immunotherapy. Using the fundamental mechanism of the immune system to combat cancer.
5. Dr Jessica Buck - University of Western Australia/TKI (\$54.8k - our share in a 2 way partnership). Exploiting and enhancing brain-resident immune cells for the treatment of paediatric brain stem glioma (DIPG).
6. Dr Andrew Care - Macquarie University (\$63.9k - our share in a 2 way partnership). Novel targets for paediatric brain tumour immunotherapy.

2021-2022 FOUNDATION TRUSTEES TEAM

PCC Tony Roney, Vice Chairman (T District)

PDG Bob Findley OAM, Treasurer (N Districts)

Sandy Royal, Secretary (C Districts)

PCC Gary Parker (N Districts)

Sophia Argyrou (Q Districts)

Kerry Kilpatrick (Q Districts)

Christine Duyvestyn (V Districts)

Kerrie McMahon (V Districts)

PDG Peter Lamb (W Districts)

I look forward to working with the Trustees helping Districts and Club find ways to support the Foundation, ensuring that we reach our vision of **100% Survival for Kids with Cancer**, remembering that:-

"Every child deserves a chance at a healthy life"

Ron Skeen

ALCCRF Chairperson



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New ALCCRF "N" Districts Trustee & ALCCRF Treasurer

PDG Bob Findley OAM

The foundation welcomes Bob as an N Districts trustee and the Foundations treasurer.

Bob is a retired graduate engineer having worked in the engineering field for over 40 years in many roles including design, maintenance, construction, manufacturing and fabrication at all levels including managerial positions. Other experiences include metals warehousing inventory management and distribution. He finished his working career managing the logistics chain of a large manufacturing company.

He was born at home on a Hunter Valley dairy farm and is the 7th child of a family of 9 children. He is married to Eileen, a retired teacher, has a daughter Rose and a son Charles and 8 grandchildren and lives in the Hunter Valley.

Bob has been a member of Raymond Terrace Lions (N3) since 1983 and has served on the club's board for most of those years in nearly all board positions He has been club president 3 times and club secretary 8 times.

He first joined district cabinet as the 1990 Convention Chair and has served on cabinet for over 20 of the intervening years, 13 of those years have been in senior cabinet positions, District Governor in 2011-12, cabinet secretary, cabinet treasurer (5 times), constitution and bylaws chair, and district governor advisory chair (3). He served on a district committee for 6 years raising funds for paediatric palliative care facilities at Hunter New England Health Hospitals and is currently on the district's finance committee and teen diabetes committee working with the Hunter Medical Research Institute (HMRI).

His dedication to Lions and his community has been recognised many times with 4 progressive Melvin Jones Fellowships, Life Membership in Lions, 6 Star awards and many others awards. A highlight and humbling experience was being recognised with an Order of Australia Medal in 2017.

Bob has a strong interest in the aim of ALCCRF to eliminate childhood cancer having witnessed the devastating impact that it had on a sibling's family.

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FOR THE ATTENTION OF:

CLUB SECRETARIES and TREASURERS & CABINET SECRETARIES and CABINET TREASURERS

Please note the following changes and banking payment preferences for the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation (ALCCRF).

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Bob Findley, Treasurer alccrf.treasurer@lions.org.au

These addresses will remain constant into the future even if officers change.

PAYMENTS

Given the ongoing COVID 19 situation payments made via Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) would be preferred. This will speed payments and reduce the need for individuals to be exposed in the community.

To facilitate EFT Payments a "Pay iD" had been created for the foundation and this "Pay iD" is the treasurers email address alccrf.treasurer@lions.org.au.

Using this facility will ensure that the correct account is automatically selected. It also allows additional information to be submitted assisting both the payer and payee.

Alternatively, EFT payments can be made using OSKO or the following bank details:

NAB BSB 085397

Account 942947951

Please include details for your payment e.g. Donation, ALCCRF Award, Barry J Palmer Fellow, Biggest BBQ, Coin Line etc.

Emails regarding EFT payments should be emailed to the Treasurers email address at alccrf.treasurer@lions.org.au.

Updating your records and processes will be of great assistance.

With thanks

Ron

PDG Ron Skeen OAM

Chairperson

Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation

"We believe every child deserves a chance at a healthy life"

The Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation is a Category 'A' Project of Lions Australia



Australian Lions Laying it on the Line for Childhood Cancer



4 June · 🌐

Australian Lions Longest Coin Line have now changed their name to Australian Lions Laying it on the Line for Childhood Cancer. We're really excited to be changing our name to reflect what we are trying to achieve.



You and 8 others

1 comment 5 shares



LAYING IT ON
THE LINE FOR
CHILDHOOD CANCER



Australian Lions
Longest Coin Line



Australian Lions Laying it on the Line for Childhood Cancer



18 August at 21:16 · 🌐

Due to the uncertainty with lockdown and restrictions, we have made the difficult decision to postpone this year's attempt at the record for the World's Longest Coin Line. Once the situation is clearer we will set a date in 2022 for an attempt on the record. However, please continue to run your coin lines and raise money to go towards the attempt next year as our fundraising efforts are not taking a break



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The Lions Club of Hallidays Point

I would like to share with you all our journey through these horrid Covid 19 times and our resolves to raise funds for Childhood Cancer Research.



The most suitable major fundraiser for us, is to hold "Share a Cuppa". This is an annual occasion, held in the local Surf Club overlooking the beach at Black Head. As with many other Lion groups we were unable to hold this event last year due to covid restrictions. The thought was then- 'How to continue raising funds during this period?'

We run a successful Op Shop at Black Head Shopping Village, so we decided to use this as a vehicle to raise funds for ALCCRF. We have a container on the counter at all times for donations. People put their loose change and donations into this container which is specifically for Childhood Cancer.



Lions Lady Marilyn Gordon and
Lion Jackie Prior

We also sell homemade jams, marmalades, pickles, and plants as well as the sale of an odd special donation. This helped us maintain a steady stream of donations until restrictions were lifted.



That time finally came in April when we were able to hold our Share a Cuppa. With the support of our community, and our Lions members we had a very successful morning. The morning consisted of a sumptuous spread of hot food and superb delicacies.



We were entertained by our own band 'Lions Pride' throughout the morning. There were lucky door prizes, a large raffle, an auction of a dolls' house and don't forget the grocery bingo. Our trading table also provided many interesting items for sale. It is also our aim to inform the community as to the tremendous work that is carried out by



ALCCRF and the advances that are benefitting these sick children. We were also privileged to have our own little Emily and her parents attend and speak about her journey with leukaemia and present her with her medal for bravery.

Our morning proved to be very successful, and we were able to send \$10,000 to ALCCRF followed by another \$2,000 through our fund dispersal at the end of the financial year.

We believe that every child deserves a chance at a healthy life.

Virginia Stewart
The Lions Club of Hallidays Point

Emily and her little sister Hayley



★ Help us achieve our vision. You can help us reach our goal of helping to create a 100% survival rate for children with cancer. [GET INVOLVED](#)

PROUDLY SUPPORTING

Our Foundation is staffed by Lions volunteers – no employees – 100% of donations goes to the cause



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The Lions Clubs of Bull Creek and South Perth had a combined change-over recently and raised \$203.80 from their Coin line during the evening – photos to prove this attached!



Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation ... (ALCCRF)

Published by Sophia Raissis-Argyrou · 18 August at 21:55 · 🌐



Flipping Childhood Cancer Upside Down

15 August at 20:03 · 🌐

Flipping Childhood Cancer Upside Down Committee wants Pam to know we appreciate your support for children and their families facing Childhood Cancer by donating the refunded money back to Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation from a canceled event due to the pandemic. Thank you Pam for your donation!



Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation ... (ALCCRF)

Published by Sandy Royal · 17h · 🌐

Thanks for your continued support of the coin line



The Lions Club of the City of Adelaide Inc. Yesterday at 09:22 · 🌐

Our club keep filling tins for Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation (ALCCRF) longest coin line. Another 2 tins. Fantastic!

#lions #alccrf #childhoodcancer #longestcoinline #kindnessmatters #weserve #community #every5centscounts #coins #layitonthelineforchildhoodcancer



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How your BBQ fundraising will assist kids cancer research in 2021!

Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation has announced it will be providing \$1.05 million of funding to the Telethon Kids Institute.

The funding will support Telethon Kids Cancer Centre's vital research in improving survival rates, longevity and quality of life for children with cancer.

"At Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation we believe every child deserves a chance at a healthy life we are therefore very proud to be providing \$1.05 million worth of funding to Telethon Kids Institute," says Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation Chairperson John Thorpe.

The Hon Julie Bishop, Chair of Telethon Kids Institute has thanked Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation.

"We are so grateful for Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation's support. This \$1.05 million in funding will enable the Telethon Kids Cancer Centre to continue its leading research in Childhood Cancer particularly in Cancer Immunotherapy which focuses on supercharging the body's natural defences to destroy cancer cells."

"Cancer Immunotherapy is one of the most exciting and promising cancer treatments being developed particularly for childhood cancer. It is our hope that this work benefits kids all over Australia and beyond," says John Thorpe.

"Over 800 children aged 0-14 years are diagnosed with cancer in Australia each year. Many of these cancers are aggressive and hard to treat and we are losing too many young lives. Although survival rates have improved greatly for some, most cancers take a toll on young people's lives and often side effects of treatment can be serious and lifelong."

"Telethon Kids Cancer Centre's research in Cancer Immunotherapy is focused on finding ways to help these children's immune systems fight cancer cells. This will be revolutionary in the treatment of childhood cancer," adds John Thorpe.

"As Australia's only comprehensive, paediatric cancer immunotherapy centre Telethon Kids Cancer Centre is making its mark on medical research. The Centre is on a mission to prevent paediatric disease and improve the wellbeing of children with cancer. We bring together leading researchers and oncologists focused on developing therapies that destroy cancer cells, while minimising the side effects to children's short and long term health," says Professor Terrance Johns, Head of the Telethon Kids Cancer Centre.

The \$1.05 million of funding to Telethon Kids Institute builds on the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation's long history in supporting leading and innovative research into childhood cancer.

On following pages, read just a few of the kids' stories and how they benefitted from past ALCCRF fund raising efforts. It will amaze and inspire you.

Hugo's Story



When Jane went in for a routine check-up with her obstetrician at 37 weeks pregnant, she did not expect to be holding newborn baby Hugo in her arms just a few hours later. The joy of Hugo's quick and smooth arrival was soon replaced by anxiety when he developed feeding difficulties. At only 36 hours old, little Hugo was admitted to Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick, where he was diagnosed with Hirschsprung's disease, a medical condition that affects the bowels causing chronic constipation.

Hugo's condition was managed until he was old enough to have more invasive surgery at seven months. His proud parents watched on as Hugo began eating well and smiling more often. "He turned into a happy little baby," said his mum. Worryingly, only a few months later, his tummy swelled up and he began to have trouble breathing.

Doctors found five separate tumours - each the size of a large peach - throughout his tiny body. After investigation, his doctors also determined that the tumours and the Hirschsprung's disease had both developed due to an underlying rare genetic condition. Hugo underwent regular rounds of chemotherapy to combat the aggressive cancerous tumours. "Hugo lost all of his hair but was otherwise in really high spirits and very resilient," said Jane.

Once he was big and strong enough, Hugo underwent a gruelling nine hour operation, which successfully removed 95% of the remaining tumours. He recovered quickly in the Intensive Care Unit and was able to return home in time for Christmas with his family. "We were so happy with the care and treatment that Hugo received from the Hospital staff. They were always in tune with his needs," said Jane.

Earlier this year, however, a routine checkup showed that the tumours were slightly larger than before. Hugo continues to see a number of specialists at the Hospital to monitor and treat the slow growth. "Despite that, he is progressing very well. He has just started swimming lessons, enjoys playing with his two big brothers and is very excited to start daycare next year," said Jane.

Around the Districts

Our District Bulletin

News from District 201C1 and Beyond

SEPTEMBER 2021



DISTRICT NEWS

TONY'S BIG BLUE BUCKET

Submitted by City of Adelaide Lions Club

We are very excited to officially announce PDG Tony's Big Blue Bucket total for the [Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation \(ALCCRF\)](#) (which has increased since the DG Handover on July 17). The ALCCRF was Tony's chosen foundation to support during his year as DG in 2020/21.

BIG BLUE BUCKET TOTAL: \$2,421

Donations included:

- \$69.45 from Tea Tree Gully Lions Club
- \$170 from [Golden Grove Lions Club](#)
- \$49.65 from [Lions Club Of Whyalla](#)
- \$39.65 from [Lions Burnside Club](#)
- \$262.05 from [Lions Club of Elizabeth Playford Inc](#)
- \$75.15 from [Lions Club of Adelaide Hellenic Inc.](#)
- \$72 from [Lions Club of Paralowie Inc](#)
- \$30 from [Lions Club Port Pirie Inc.](#)
- \$50 from [West Beach Lions Club](#)
- \$82 from [Lions Club of Athelstone](#)
- \$1,521.05 from [The Lions Club of the City of Adelaide Inc.](#)

PLUS \$1,095 from Indiana's campaign = \$3,516

BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE ...

[The Lions Club of the City of Adelaide Inc.](#) will be donating an additional \$5,000 (including the \$900 donated at our 60th anniversary).

TOTAL DONATION: \$8,516

(this figure continues to grow as we receive more donations)

(Please note that additional donations have been made by a few C1 clubs but they were donated directly to the ALCCRF coin line project and not included in the big blue bucket).

This is amazing! But the fundraising has not stopped here. Clubs, including ours, are continuing to fundraise for childhood cancer and to assist in breaking the world record which has now been postponed to 2022 – so you have plenty of time to get involved. Remember, every 5 cents counts!!!



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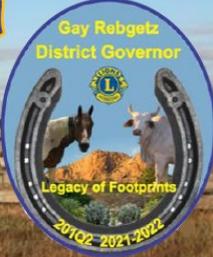
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Northern Lion

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District Governor Gay Rebgetz
Townsville Host Lions Club
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Lions and Leos join forces to raise funds for Kid's Cancer



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Townsville Northern Suburbs Lions and two Townsville Leo clubs joined forces at a Bunnings BBQ to raise funds for Childhood Cancer.



Pictured (above): Lions and Leos working together and having fun at the same time; and (below) Cathedral School Leos all ready to serve with a smile.



Cancer Projects: Childhood • Prostate • Breast Cancer

Lions and Leos, As you would have read in last month's Northern Lion, we have two very important health projects this month, **Childhood Cancer** and **Prostate Cancer**.

At our last Cabinet meeting all Zone Chairs were given information on those projects to distribute to their Clubs so if you haven't received them as yet please contact your Zone Chair. I did also have our Cabinet Secretary Pat email all clubs a link to the Childhood Cancer Immunotherapy Project and it explains the research that is being done and the need for continued funding. Please do your best to help.

I have ordered the 2021 Christmas Pins and they should arrive in time for Convention however it would be advisable to order early as they do not last long; the price will be \$6.00 and this year they will have a Dark Blue background.

Coming up next month: October is **Breast Cancer** Month. This is another part of my Health Portfolio and a

very worthy cause to donate too. You can get plenty of information and help by visiting their website and contacting them. The website is Breast Cancer Network Australia and phone is 1800 500 258.

There are lots of ideas on how you can have fun and fundraise at the same time, even a simple raffle is good to do, last year one club raised \$1500 in 3 days with a raffle. It is a good opportunity to get out into the public arena rather than doing a BBQ, people like to relate stories to you, and it gives you a better idea of what many go through with this disease.

If you need help, just ask. As our Membership Leader said last month, it's all about Communication, Participation, Satisfaction.

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District Health Projects Co-Ordinator
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Every child deserves a chance at a healthy life

201Q2 Convention Challenge

GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS COIN LINE CHALLENGE *

LAYING IT ON THE LINE FOR CHILDHOOD CANCER

All funds raised will be donated to the ALCCRF's Longest Coin Line Project.




THE CHALLENGE

A COIN LINE of 76 kms will create a new Guinness World Record and will provide \$231,521.50 in research funds for ALCCRF to find ways to beat Kid's Cancer.

Bring plenty of coins to add to the Coin Line at District Convention and help Lions beat the record and the disease.

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... and mask up for the sausages!



Some cheeky Lions on the Bunnings Smithfield sausage sizzle roster ... all in good fun. Cooking up a storm while using Covid-safe practices.





ALCCRF is one of the largest donors to the Telethon Kids Cancer Centre, located in the Perth Children's Hospital.

It is a place where Researchers can come together to develop better treatments for Childhood Cancers. Cancer is still the leading cause of childhood deaths in Australia and the Telethon Kid's Centre is the only place in Australia working with childhood brain cancer.



The current methods of treating cancer (radiotherapy and chemotherapy) cure the cancer, but usually leave the healthy brain cells damaged, impacting on the quality of life of the child into the future.

Researchers are focusing on Immunotherapy, which encourages the child's own immune system to destroy the cancer cells. It is used effectively in some adult cancers such as melanoma.

The current research involves taking cells from healthy people, supercharging them and then using them in Gel form, during the surgery to remove brain cancers. Surgery is always the first treatment and the hope is that the Gel will stimulate the child's own immune system to "mop up" any remaining cancer.

Those working in the Centre speak of the satisfaction of working with the children and their families to develop treatments that will allow the children to lead normal healthy lives in the future.

Please note: that the physical Guinness World Record attempt of the "Coin Line Challenge" has been postponed due to all states being affected by the Pandemic.



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HOPE LIONS CLUB

HOPE Lions raise over 2 ½ thousand dollars for Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation from their Monster Garage Sale & Open Garden.

It was a beautiful sunny Sunday in May and people came from far & wide to support this worthy event – the amount raised is amazing!

A "BIG THANK YOU" to all who contributed items for the sale and to all our "Lions Helpers" who lent "Moor Hands" on the day, and to all the wonderful people who came to support this very worthy Fundraiser.



Zone 3 Chairman Ian purchased a toilet seat!

Special thanks to Numurkah's Lions lady Pauline for keeping the workers feed and watered throughout the day!

Our sausage sizzle made \$365 which will go towards ALCCRF Biggest BBQ.

The winner of our trailer of wood was Greg Chandler from Echuca. The winner of the Mothers Day embroidery raffle was Michael Keogh from Shepparton.

Lion's vision is to prevent kids with cancer dying by raising funds nationally and donating these funds to the best high impact childhood cancer research conducted right across Australia.



Lions Norm Walkington (Cohuna), Clarrie & Avis Weller (Stanhope), Omen Ndlovu (Nathalia).



Murchison Lions John & Bruce with Hope Lion Helen.



Tabi's embroidery stall



Lions "Helpers" Jan & Dawn in charge of the plant & produce stall



Lions "Helper" Danielle at the furniture shed

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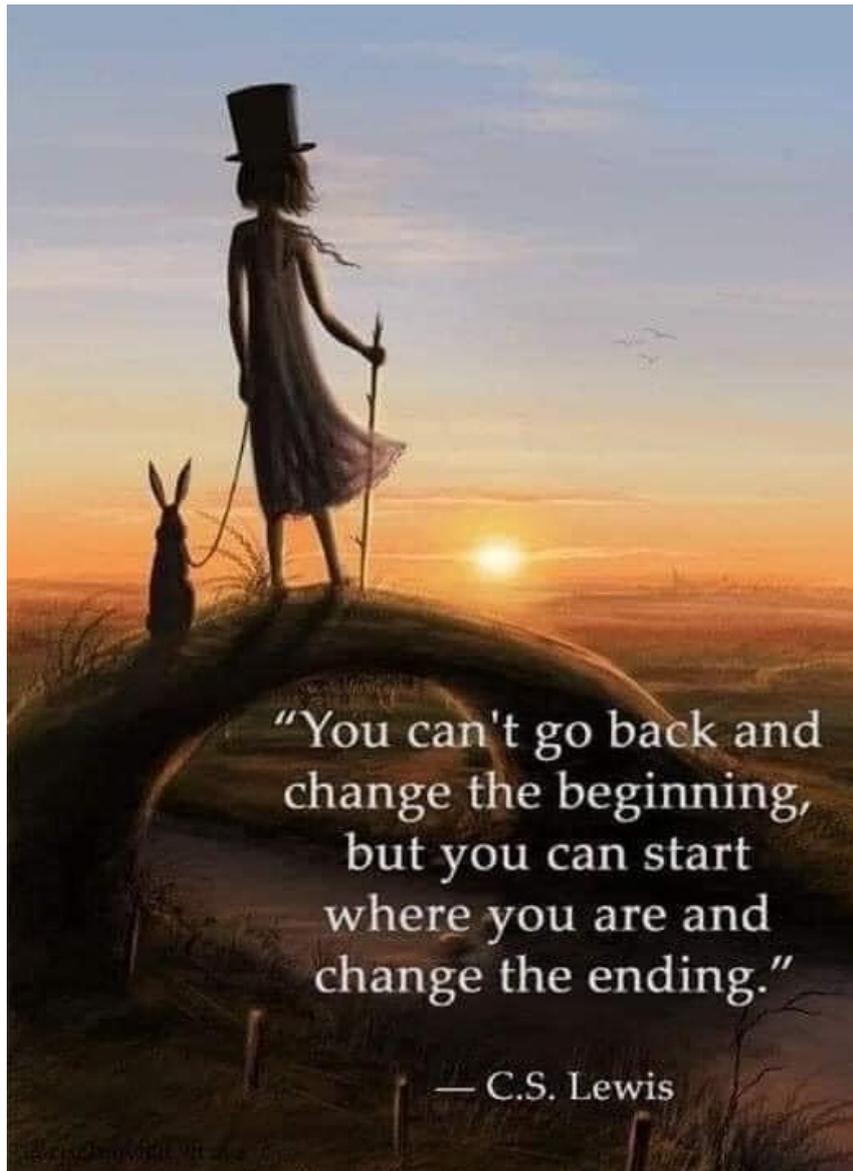
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100% survival for kids with cancer

- **Our Mission**

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