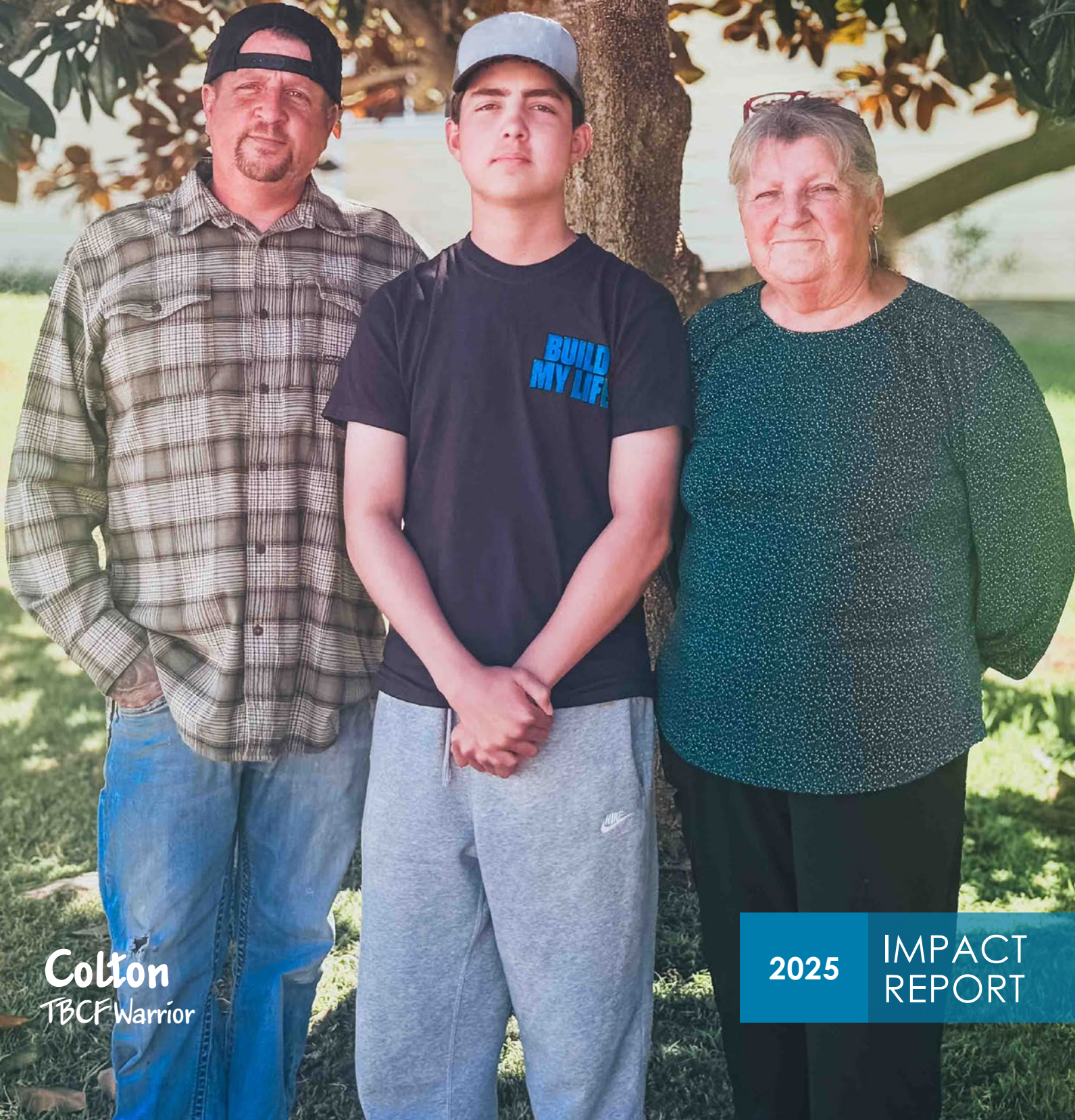


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Colton
TBCF Warrior

2025

IMPACT
REPORT

A message from our Executive Director



Each year, we have the privilege of hearing and sharing stories that reflect the heart of our work. This year, Colton's story is a powerful reminder of why we do what we do.

His journey, marked by a life-altering diagnosis, isolation, and complex treatment decisions, highlights something we see every day: families facing pediatric cancer are forced to navigate overwhelming medical, emotional, and financial challenges all at once. In those moments, the ability to focus fully on their child can make all the difference.

That's where we come in.

At Teddy Bear Cancer Foundation, we believe that families should not have to navigate this journey alone. Our role is to walk alongside them, removing barriers, easing burdens, and providing

meaningful, tangible support so they can remain present for what matters most: their child.

As you will see throughout this report, our programs are shaped by the voices and needs of the families we serve. Our new Pediatric Cancer Support Center is a direct reflection of that commitment—a space intentionally designed to bring resources, support, and community together in one place, because families told us that proximity, accessibility, and connection matter.

Colton's story is one of resilience, but it is also a testament to what is possible when families are supported and not left to face the unimaginable alone.

Because of you, we can show up in these moments—consistently, compassionately, and without added burden to the families we serve.

Thank you for making this work possible.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brittany". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Brittany Avila Wazny
Executive Director

OUR MISSION

We advocate for families living in Santa Barbara, Ventura, and San Luis Obispo counties that have a child with cancer by providing financial, educational, and emotional support.

OUR VISION

All families experiencing pediatric cancer feel strengthened and supported.

OUR CORE VALUES

Trust

We work to build trust by listening with empathy and acting with compassion.

Respect

We show unwavering respect for diverse needs, perspectives, and contributions.

Integrity

We uphold integrity in all we do through transparency and gratitude.

Intentionality

We are guided by our families in all decision making and develop data-driven, collaborative strategies that sustain and strengthen.

Fearlessness

We boldly face challenges, with a growth-mindset, and equipped with the resources to empower our families.

Wellness

We are committed to cultivating an institutional culture based on health and wellness.

THE TEAM BEHIND THE MISSION

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Meet Colton

Colton's Story: Strength, Advocacy, and the Power of Community

Colton's life had already faced hardship long before cancer entered the picture.

In his early adolescent years, he faced two defining moments: the unexpected incarceration of his father—his sole parent and steady provider—and a sudden move from Oklahoma to California to live with his grandparents. Overnight, his world shifted: a new home, a new school, a new reality. It was a loss of stability that would challenge anyone.

Then, just as he was beginning to find his footing and settle into junior high, everything changed again.

In January 2024, what first appeared to be a lingering sports injury—a sore hip from basketball—revealed itself to be something far more serious. Colton had always been active, constantly moving between basketball, volleyball, and time with friends. But when the pain persisted and his energy began to fade, his grandmother, Karen, trusted her instincts.

Within days, after multiple appointments and determined advocacy, they had an answer.

Colton was diagnosed with a rare, high-risk form of acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL). The diagnosis was overwhelming. Karen immediately shifted into problem-solving mode—focused, determined, and ready to do whatever it took. His father, James, received the news from a place no parent should ever have to—from inside prison, thousands of miles away.

“I lost it,” James shared. “You never want to hear that your child has cancer, but to hear it and not be able to be there... there’s nothing worse. I wouldn’t wish it on my worst enemy.”



Against extraordinary odds, James applied for compassionate release. In a process rarely granted, he was approved and released early, reuniting with his son during the fight for his life.

That reunion marked the beginning of a journey defined not only by survival, but by relentless advocacy.

From the start, Colton's treatment path was anything but straightforward. Initial chemotherapy did not reduce the cancer cells to a healthy desired level. The family quickly realized they would need to explore every possible option.

Their search led them to Los Angeles for CAR-T cell therapy, and then across the country to Philadelphia for an advanced, humanized CAR-T treatment. Along the way, they read medical journals, consulted multiple specialists, and asked difficult questions—pairing medical expertise with their own instincts.

They were navigating a world where, as Karen put it, “no one has all the answers.”

Medicine is evolving rapidly, especially in cancer care. New technologies, treatments, and data are constantly emerging. For Colton, this meant becoming part of that evolution. His case is so rare that he is now among a small number of patients worldwide to undergo this specific sequence of treatments.

The CAR-T therapy significantly reduced (but did not fully eliminate) the cancer, bringing it down to a fraction of a detectable level. The family faced another difficult decision: whether to wait and see if the cancer grew, or move forward with a bone marrow transplant.



They chose to move forward.

In an extraordinary act of love, James became Colton's bone marrow donor.

The transplant process was grueling. Colton endured days of chemotherapy and radiation that stripped his body down completely, leaving him reliant on machines, medications, and constant monitoring to survive. James, meanwhile, underwent his own physically demanding preparation—receiving injections to stimulate cell production before undergoing hours-long procedures to extract the life-saving cells. "There's nothing you can do as a parent in that moment," James recalled. "You're watching your child, and they're being kept alive by machines... it's a different kind of pain."

For Colton, the experience was both physically and mentally exhausting. There were days he couldn't eat, moments when his body simply shut down, and long stretches of isolation in hospital rooms and recovery housing. Even after leaving the hospital, the road back to normal life remained uncertain.

But through it all, Colton carried a quiet strength.

"I just try to live normally," he said. "Hang out with friends through video games, do what I can, not think about it too much."

Still, the emotional toll was undeniable, especially for a teenager. Missing school, sports, and everyday moments with friends was one of the hardest parts.

"When something fun is happening and I can't go—that's probably the worst part," he shared.

And yet, despite everything, Colton continued to move forward with resilience far beyond his years.

"He's stronger than all of us," Karen said. "We'll be the ones falling apart, and he's steady."

That strength, however, does not stand alone.

Throughout their journey, the family relied on a network of support that allowed them to stay focused on what mattered most: Colton.

Through Teddy Bear Cancer Foundation, they received financial assistance, emotional support, and consistent case management that eased the burden of an already overwhelming situation. Their Family Care Manager, Mayetzi, became a steady presence—checking in regularly, anticipating needs, and ensuring the family could access resources without added stress.

"They made it easy," Karen shared. "We didn't have to keep applying or figure things out. They were just there."

That simplicity mattered.

Because when a family is navigating hospital stays, complex treatments, and constant uncertainty, even small barriers can feel insurmountable. Having immediate, accessible support allowed them to remain present for appointments, decisions, and for each other.

Today, Colton's journey continues. There are still tests, still unknowns, and still risks that require careful monitoring. But there is also hope.

Hope in the progress of medicine. Hope in the strength of family. And hope in the power of community.

Colton's story is not just one of survival, it is a testament to what is possible when resilience meets advocacy, and when no challenge is faced alone.

And through it all, Colton remains rounded in a perspective that carries him forward:

"Don't worry too much," he said. "Have faith... and just try to enjoy life."



Core Programs

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THE FAMILY FUND

FINANCIAL STABILITY PROGRAM



Our Financial Stability Program helps offset loss of income due to one or more parents reducing work hours or quitting their job to care for their child in the hospital. Funds help cover immediate expenses such as rent, utilities, car payments, gas, lodging and groceries.

Initial Diagnosis Fund

Low-to-moderate income families can ease their immediate financial burden by applying for up to \$7,000 for payment of rent or mortgage, auto expenses, utility bills, medications, home care services, food, child care, or hotel accommodations.

Relapse Fund

If a child's cancer returns, families can request an additional \$2,500 of financial support.

Support for 18-21 Year Olds

Young adults being treated on a pediatric protocol are included in all of our programming. As one of our newer programs, we're proud to be able to allocate funding toward this often overlooked population.

Secondary Diagnosis Fund

If a child receives a secondary diagnosis of a different type of cancer, families can request an additional \$2,500 of financial support.

Bone Marrow Fund

If a child is in need of a bone marrow transplant, families can request an additional \$2,500 of financial support.

Funeral Fund

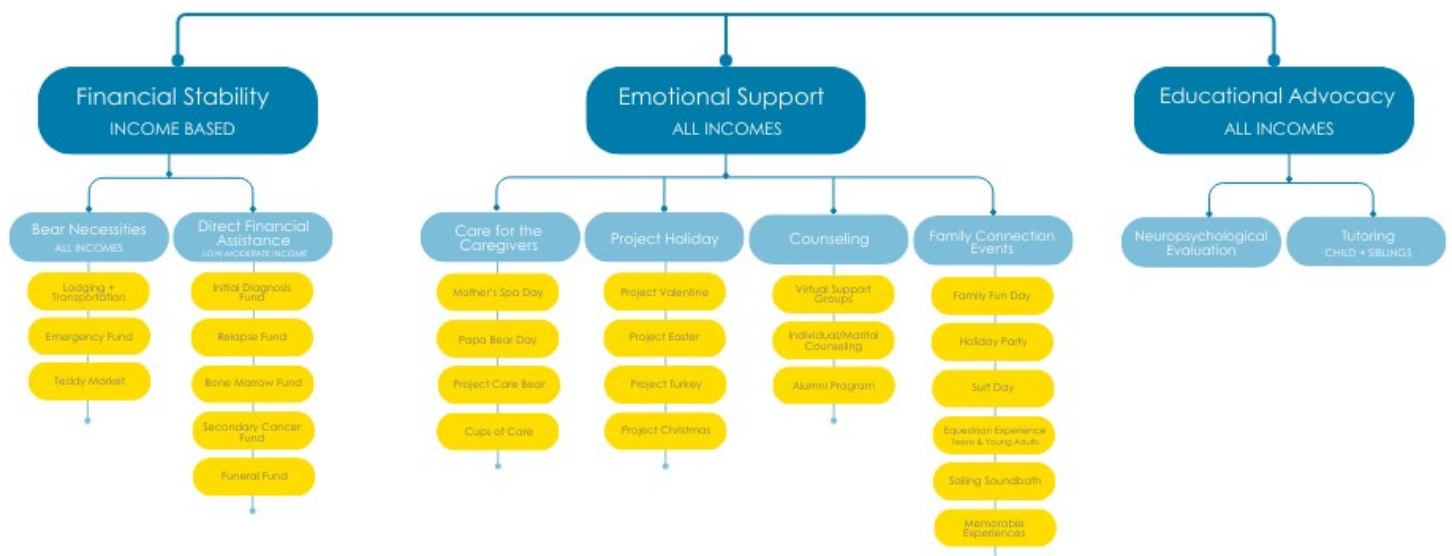
We assist families with up to \$2,500 to cover the costs of funeral arrangements.

Bear Necessities

Items for families such as furniture, appliances, clothing, bedding, and hospital care packages are provided to families in need. **Families of all income levels** may also request assistance such as grocery gift cards and qualify for \$2,500 of support through our partnership with The Starfish Connection for emergency situations.

Transportation & Lodging

Families of all income levels can receive up to \$2,000 in lodging gift cards and gas gift cards to cover two round trips to their treatment centers. With the support of American Cancer Society, we were able to distribute over \$49,275 in transportation and lodging funding.



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HELP FOR THE HEART

EMOTIONAL SUPPORT PROGRAM



Available to all families and family members, this program provides professional and peer support to parents, the child in treatment and siblings to ease emotional hardship.

Family Support Groups

Supportive services in collaboration with local organizations and licensed professionals for families during the varying stages of their child's treatment. Our Spanish Parent Groups, English Parent Groups, Teen Groups and Kids Groups are offered virtually each month for families in the tri-counties battling pediatric cancer.

Individual & Couples Counseling

We now offer professional, trauma informed counseling for both individuals and couples. Services are offered either in-person or virtually in Santa Barbara city, or virtually in all tri-counties.

Project Holiday

Families of children in treatment can participate in Project Holiday to receive Christmas gifts, Easter baskets, Thanksgiving dinners, Valentine's Day baskets, grocery vouchers, and more delivered to the families' home or child's treatment location by a TBCF volunteer or staff.

Care for the Caregivers

We host an annual Mother's Spa Day and a Papa Bear event. We also offer Project Care Bear deliveries throughout the year for families who have a child battling cancer.

Family Connection Events

Family Fun Days, trips for children and their families, and holiday parties are created to offer a safe environment for families to gain support and connect with one another.

Parent Alumni Program

This is a group of dedicated parent advocates who have been on a pediatric cancer journey and wish to provide support to newly diagnosed families as a peer supporter. TBCF is in the process of developing peer support training programs for all who wish to participate.

3

TOOLS FOR SCHOOL

EDUCATIONAL ADVOCACY PROGRAM



This program gives parents of all income levels the necessary tools to support and advocate for their child's academic career and provides a smooth transition back to school following treatment.

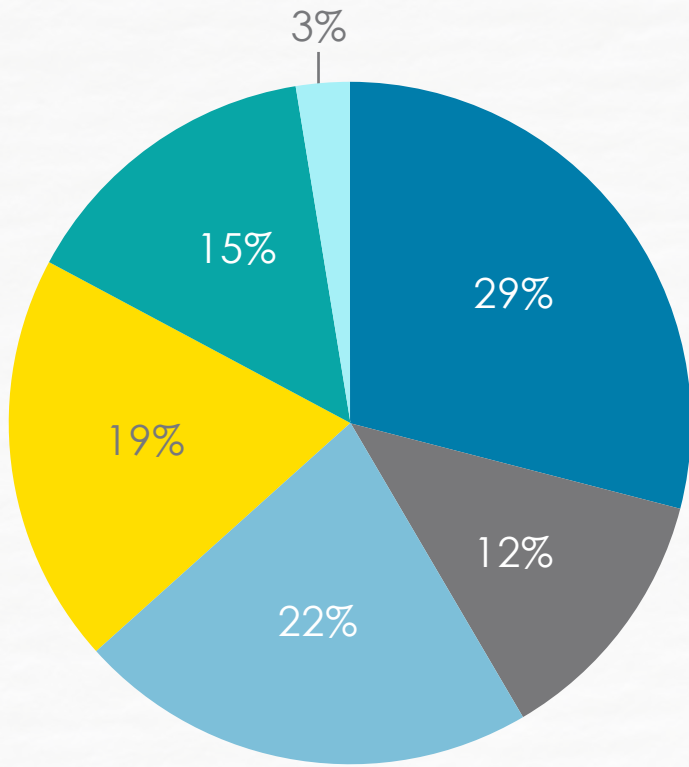
Neuropsychological Evaluation

To help families address learning difficulties associated with cancer treatment, TBCF covers up to \$1,500 for neuropsychological testing. Test results are used to better understand and effectively advocate for their child's academic needs.

Tutoring Services

Youth and young adults in need of individualized academic support can apply to receive up to 24hrs of virtual or in-person tutoring services in partnership with Grade Potential Tutoring Agency. This program is recommended for those in maintenance or remission. Qualifying families can receive tutoring support for siblings as well!

2025 Financial Overview

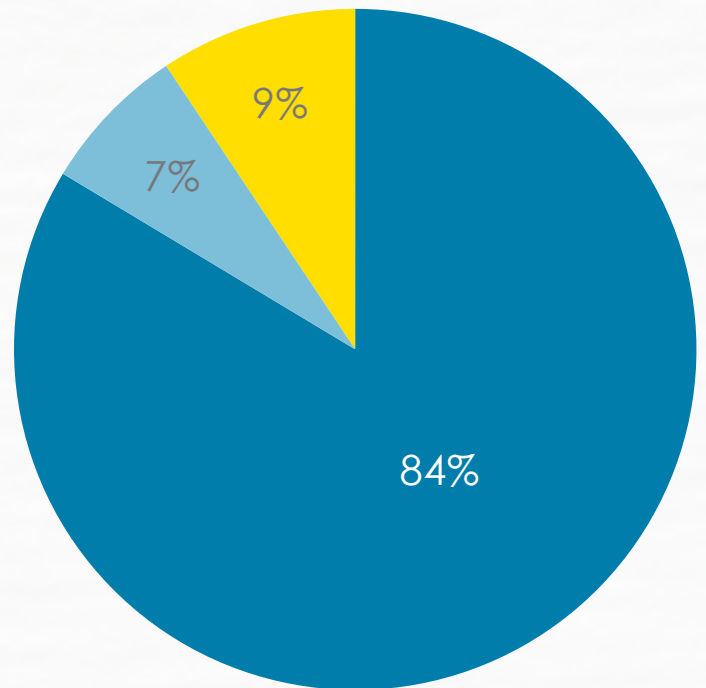


● Individuals	\$ 582,597
● Corporate	\$ 250,200
● Private Grants	\$ 437,676
● Events	\$ 390,659
● In Kind	\$ 293,016
● Interest/Investment	\$ 51,129
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 2,005,277

TOTAL INCOME

● Programs	\$ 1,620,477
● Management & General	\$ 135,594
● Fundraising	\$ 181,256
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 1,937,327

TOTAL EXPENSES



Being part of their Project Holiday program has brought immense joy to my younger kids, as well as to Bella. Thank you, Teddy Bear Cancer Foundation, for being a beacon of hope and support for families like ours. - Isabella's mom



OUR THREE CORE PROGRAMS AT A GLANCE

Program Stats

195
FAMILIES SERVED

842
INDIVIDUALS SERVED



Financial Stability Program

92
FAMILIES

391
INDIVIDUALS

BEAR NECESSITIES
80 FAMILIES 341 INDIVIDUALS

INITIAL DIAGNOSIS FUND
41 FAMILIES 167 INDIVIDUALS

FUNERAL FUND
8 FAMILIES 40 INDIVIDUALS

RELAPSE FUND
6 FAMILIES 24 INDIVIDUALS

BONE MARROW TRANSPLANT FUND
3 FAMILIES 13 INDIVIDUALS



Educational Advocacy Program

14
FAMILIES

64
INDIVIDUALS

TUTORING SERVICES
10 FAMILIES 45 INDIVIDUALS

NEUROPSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION
5 FAMILIES 23 INDIVIDUALS



Emotional Support Program

186
FAMILIES

805
INDIVIDUALS

FAMILY SUPPORT GROUPS
54 FAMILIES 240 INDIVIDUALS

INDIVIDUAL & COUPLES COUNSELING
13 FAMILIES 51 INDIVIDUALS

FAMILY CONNECTION EVENTS
79 FAMILIES 355 INDIVIDUALS

CARE FOR THE CAREGIVERS
70 FAMILIES 295 INDIVIDUALS

PROJECT HOLIDAY
135 FAMILIES 581 INDIVIDUALS



My family has received such wonderful support from TBCF from day one... The gas assistance you provided was incredibly valuable for my grandson to be able to travel to Stanford for his treatment. - Riley's Grandma



2025 Family Connection Events

Family Connection Events provide meaningful opportunities for TBCF families to disconnect from doctors, treatment and hospital visits, and connect with others who truly understand their journey.

Mother's Spa Day

Mother's Spa Day is one of our most cherished events. It provides an opportunity to truly pamper and celebrate our Mama Bears. In 2025, we hosted the event at Legends Salon in Santa Barbara.

Twenty service providers came together to offer complimentary spa services, including haircuts and styling, makeup application, massage, and waxing. Guests enjoyed a beautiful brunch in a relaxing atmosphere where moms could unwind, recharge, and connect with one another. Each mom received a goodie bag and a beautiful floral bouquet to take home.

Papa Bear Event

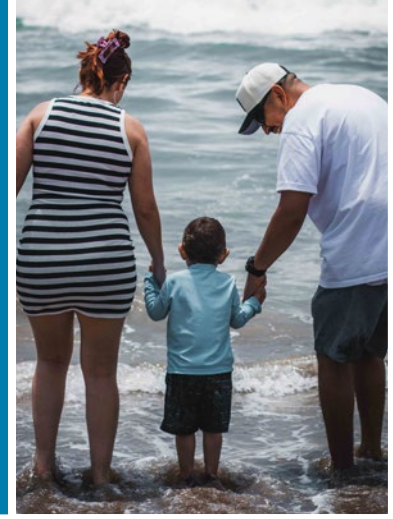
We hosted our annual Papa Bear event at Figueroa Mountain Brewery in Santa Barbara. Dads enjoyed beverages and pizza from Lucky Penny while connecting in a welcoming environment. The gathering created a space for TBCF dads to build relationships and openly discuss the challenges they face while navigating one of the most difficult times in their lives.

Family Fun Day

Families enjoyed a delicious barbecue lunch at Stow Grove Park with arts and crafts tables for children, and a flower bouquet workshop for teens and adults by Flower Empower. Special guests included Therapy Dogs of Santa Barbara, a small circus performance, and face painting. We also welcomed several community partners who shared information about their services.

Children and adults created new memories in a beautiful park surrounded by towering redwoods and stunning views. Our hearts were full after seeing so many smiles and kids enjoying their day out in nature.

Creating safe spaces for our families



81

families received Valentine's Day baskets



84

families (161 children) received Easter baskets



Surf Day

Our 19th Annual Surf Day at Santa Claus Lane was made possible by our continued partnership with Surf Happens Foundation. This is one of the most highly anticipated events of the year, giving families the opportunity to spend meaningful time together at the beach while learning how to surf. For many children, Surf Day is often their first time visiting the beach. This year was filled with waves, laughter, and delicious food from Padaro Beach Grill.



Believe Ranch Days

We were fortunate to partner with Believe Ranch & Rescue, which graciously opened its beautiful property to TBCF families. We hosted two separate dates at the ranch, one for children and their families, and another for young adults. Both experiences were truly memorable. Families spent time with horses and were introduced to the power of equine therapy. This new experience provided a peaceful opportunity for families to relax, connect, and enjoy time together in a serene, private ranch setting.

Teen Cooking Class

Our teens enjoyed a special Farmer's Market to Table Cooking Class, thoughtfully curated by Brittany Rice of Rustic Chef. Being a pediatric cancer survivor herself, Brittany is passionate about teaching younger generations how to cook with organic and healthy ingredients grown by local & California farmers. A special thank you to the Ballonoff family and TBCF Ambassador, Jo Landis Shields, for helping make this event happen!



Holiday Party

We hosted another successful Holiday Party at the Santa Barbara Elks Lodge. This is our largest family event of the year, with more than 300 people in attendance! The event featured catered food from the Elks, holiday inspired arts and crafts for the whole family, and special appearances by Spider Man and Disney princesses. One of the most magical moments of the day was when each child and teen received a gift personally delivered by Mr. and Mrs. Claus.



Holiday Party Committee

- Lauren Hardy
- Debra Launius
- Paralee Schmechel
- Christina Ervin
- Pam Rodriguez
- Nanci Alvarado
- Robyn Howard - Anderson
- Brenda Rodriguez
- Sonia Rivera
- Gail Plowman
- Katie Luna
- Intern: Natalia Hernandez (not pictured)

This beloved event is thoughtfully planned throughout the year by our dedicated Holiday Party Committee, whose members have been bringing joy to our families for over 15 years.

A special thank you to Elks Lodge #613 and Cottage Health for making the event possible!



99

families received
Thanksgiving dinner baskets



61

families received presents
for every child in the family

2025 Fundraising Events



The Teddy Bear Picnic is an elegant, family-friendly event where supporters and their families engaged in playful activities together alongside some of our recipient families in a whimsical outdoor setting.

Teddy Bear Picnic Committee

Co-Chairs

Susannah Rao
Maria Wilson

Committee

Briana Deignan
Kachina Heil
Linda James
Sofie Langhorne
Debbie Neer
Fe Peres
Stacey Polo



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The Golden Gala is the culmination of September's Gold Ribbon Campaign held in recognition of Childhood Cancer Awareness month. It is our primary fundraising event of the year. This year's gala will be held on September 19th at Tuscan Hills Estate overlooking the ocean and will be a magnificent event for our supports and families.

If you or your business would like to sponsor the Golden Gala, please contact Julia George at Julia@TeddyBearCancerFoundation.org

Golden Gala Event Committee

Co-Chairs

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Committee

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Giana Miller
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Nora Scheinberg
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Lacy Taylor
Jill 'Sas
Brigitte Welty

THANK YOU PARTNERS

2025 Beneficiary Events

Thank you to our many community partners that hosted events and chose Teddy Bear Cancer Foundation as the benefitting charity. All funds raised support our three core programs and make a real difference in the lives of the families we serve every day.

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Globe Life
Hook & Press Donuts
Institution Ale
Lama Dog
The Leta Hotel
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Mr. Salsa
O'Malley's
Oak & Fire
Oak Cottage of Santa Barbara
Ojai Pizza Company
Padaro Beach Grill
Press Room
Sage Society
Santa Barbara Honda & Acura
StarCycle
Tinsel Tavern at Paloma
Toyota of Santa Barbara
Ventura Harley Davidson
Yellow Belly Tap & Restaurant

Beneficiary Events

7th Annual Bash Cancer Fest
Cruzin' for Life Dinner & Auction
Danny's Classic Car & Motorcycle Show
Endless Summer at Ventura Harley Davidson
Golfing for Little Heroes & Victories
YouthMuze Concert



Youth Philanthropy

Bishop Diego High School Teddy Bear Club
Cabrillo High School
Hope Elementary School
Lily Groves
Orcutt Academy High School
Riviera Ridge School
Santa Barbara Dance Arts
Washington Elementary School
YMCA After School Program



TBCF has given us hope so many times when we felt we had lost it... I reached out to TBCF for tutoring support and they immediately helped us. My daughter improved so much and ended the class with an A! - Dulce, Fernanda's mom



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\$250,000+

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Thomas & Charmaine Rogers

\$100,000 - \$249,000

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\$50,000 - \$99,000

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The bears are
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*After a long hibernation, the Grizzly Club is back.
A community of local business leaders united in support
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In 2002, Larry Crandell introduced Eloy Ortega, Steve Cushman, Earl Armstrong and Tom Parker to a new nonprofit organization called Teddy Bear Cancer Foundation. In response to the need for immediate funding to address the needs of local families facing a pediatric cancer diagnosis, Steve Cushman came up with the idea to establish the Grizzly Club.

For ten years, the Grizzly Club consistently gathered and raised vital funds for timely or difficult areas of need for Teddy Bear Cancer Foundation.

Become a
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AT TBCF'S PEDIATRIC CANCER SUPPORT CENTER

TBCF's Pediatric Cancer Support Center, just steps from Cottage Hospital, is the first of its kind in Santa Barbara County.

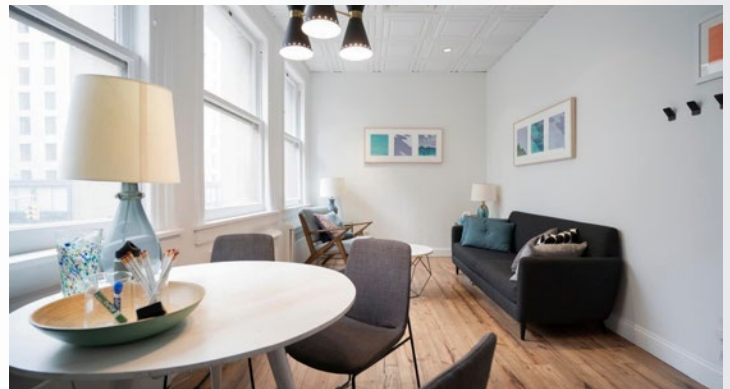


Teddy Bear Cancer Foundation's comprehensive support for families facing pediatric cancer will be elevated through the creation of the Pediatric Cancer Support Center located near Cottage Children's Medical Center—bringing to life a long-expressed dream from the families we serve for a respite and resource space close to treatment. While nearly 40% of TBCF families receive treatment at Cottage Hospital and benefit from exceptional medical care, the hospital environment can intensify stress and trauma for families. The Pediatric Cancer Support Center will provide a welcoming place of refuge where families can rest, recharge, and access support outside the clinical setting while remaining close enough to return to their child's bedside at a moment's notice.

The Center will feature private respite spaces, communal areas for connection, spaces for siblings to play, and access to free meals, snacks, and essential resources, while also housing TBCF's core programs and services.



With more than 500 anticipated visits each year, the Center will meet a critical need in our community while strengthening the support network for families navigating pediatric cancer. The Creating Home, Building Hope Campaign will bring the full vision of the Pediatric Cancer Support Center to life by raising the essential resources needed to complete the purchase of the facility, fund critical renovations, and establish a Building Reserve Fund to ensure the Center's long-term sustainability and care for families in the years ahead.



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PILOT PROGRAMS IN ACTION AT TBCF'S PEDIATRIC CANCER SUPPORT CENTER

To immediately serve families near treatment and inform future programming, we are piloting the following programs in the Center:



Teddy Market

A welcoming space where families can access nutritious groceries, meals, and snacks at no cost during and beyond their child's cancer journey.

Why? Hospital stays create financial and logistical strain, making meals difficult to access. The Teddy Market ensures families have reliable food near treatment so they can focus on their child's care.

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Alumni Program

Recognizing that the cancer journey continues beyond treatment, the Alumni Program offers ongoing support through gatherings where families connect, find community, and help shape TBCF programs while guiding newly diagnosed families.



Cups of Care

A weekly time for caregivers to recharge, enjoy a snack or warm drink, and connect with TBCF staff and others on a similar journey.

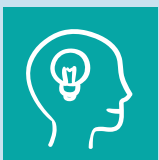
Why? Pediatric cancer can be isolating, especially during long hospital stays. Building community helps ease emotional strain and foster resilience.



Health & Wellness Committee

The Health & Wellness Committee is comprised of members who help to support the overall wellness of the organization through pediatric cancer expertise or lived experience.

The committee serves as a thought partner for new programming and ensures that holistic wellness is integrated into organizational culture and programming in ways that are accessible and trauma-informed.



Bright Minds Kits

The Problem: After diagnosis, it can take weeks or months for a Home-

Hospital Instruction Program to begin, leaving children without educational engagement. Combined with treatment and long hospital stays, this can lead to academic regression and difficulty re-engaging.

The Solution: To bridge this gap, we are piloting Bright Minds Kits—age-specific, no screen, brain-stimulating activities like puzzles, books, and learning games that are loaned out—so children can stay engaged during treatment and better transition back into school.

PARTNERSHIP SPOTLIGHT

We're pleased to welcome Hearts Aligned as our first tenant in the Collaboration Space, an adjacent suite in TBCF's Pediatric Cancer Support Center dedicated to house nonprofit partners.

Together, we're creating a stronger, more connected support system for families facing pediatric cancer and other critical illnesses.

Committee Members

Robyn Howard-Anderson
Virginia Clarke
Justin Diem
Kachina Heil
Susan Jordano
Alissa Rennacker
Sandy Zurovski



FINANCIAL IMPACT AFTER DIAGNOSIS

~50% lost half their income

50% at risk of losing housing

~50% unable to meet basic needs

33% at risk of food insecurity

2025 FAMILY SURVEY RESULTS

How support from TBCF made a meaningful difference



Financial Stability Program

91%

Families who shared that felt TBCF relieved their immediate financial burden



112

gas cards distributed



72

hotel nights covered



Educational Advocacy Program

80%

Parents who felt more confident knowing how to support their child after neuropsychological evaluation

100%

Families whose children gained confidence after tutoring



51

individuals supported with 1:1 counseling



Emotional Support Program

91%

Project Holiday support helped relieve holiday stress

76%

Families felt a decrease in stress after attending support groups



5,000

miles driven by volunteers

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The one-on-one counseling gave us the space to process our reality individually... The individual counseling support has truly been a blessing for our family, helping us heal and move forward together. - Maliyah's mom