



# Creations

# for Cures

Bringing the Joy and Healing Power of Art to Children  
Battling Cancer and Other Serious Illnesses.

**2023 Annual Review**

WE ENVISION A WORLD FREE OF  
SUFFERING FROM CANCER AND ITS  
EFFECTS.

WE STAND AT THE INTERSECTION OF  
ART, SCIENCE, AND COMPASSION TO  
HELP CHILDREN DEFEAT ILLNESS.

2023 was a fun and exciting year!

Our impact grew by 82% and we brought the healing power of art to 4,000 children and their families.

We learned a lot about engaging with our community and working together to deliver our mission. It's humbling to see volunteers, sponsors, and organizations come together to support the children and families we serve.

Our strategy was to strengthen our operations, develop how organizations can get involved, and ultimately bring the healing power of art to more children than the prior year.



# CHILDHOOD CANCER

## AN ALL TOO COMMON DISEASE

Every year an estimated 15,780 children between birth and 19 years of age are diagnosed with cancer.

Approximately 1 in 285 children in the U.S. will be diagnosed with cancer before their 20th birthday.

Cancer isn't the only threat to a child's health. That is one of the reasons our program includes all children battling for their health due to a serious illness.



# THE INSPIRATION BEHIND CREATIONS FOR CURES

"I DIDN'T EXPECT ART TO  
HELP ME LIKE IT DID DURING  
MY FIGHT WITH CANCER. IT  
BROUGHT ME JOY AND  
HELPED ME BUILD  
CONFIDENCE, AT A TIME I  
NEEDED IT THE MOST."

Renée Dieffenderfer - Creations for Cures Founder



# I spent a lot of time thinking about what I wanted to do, and in one moment it clicked. Make it big, so big it scares me.

One day I received a watercolor kit my mom and sister sent me in the mail. I was going through chemo and burning out on watching TV. It was those moments of painting, I felt something. I felt empowered, productive, and happy.

During chemo I thought a lot about how I wanted to give back. I wanted to create something that would outlive me. I wanted to help people come back from tragedy with confidence. I wanted people to know that creativity, self-expression, and experiencing joy, heals. I wanted to inspire and empower with kindness. I knew I wanted to bring what I saw in art, to others.

I was 28 years old when I was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma, which is a cancer commonly diagnosed in children. I imagined kids going through what I went through. I felt the fear, the loneliness, the curiosity, and the uncontrollable emotions before, during, and after every treatment. I thought about their parents, their siblings and friends, I envisioned what we are doing today, bringing the healing power of art to children so they can be kids, while they are in the hospital.

Renée Dieffenderfer - Creations for Cures Founder





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**CREATING ART LOWERS  
YOUR CORTISOL,  
RELIEVING STRESS**



# OUR MISSION

**Bringing the Joy and Healing Power of Art to Children  
Battling Cancer and Other Serious Illnesses.**



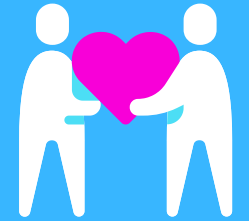
TO HELP IN THIS FIGHT, OUR GOAL THIS YEAR WAS TO

**DELIVER MORE ART KITS THAN YEARS**



**PRIOR**

**&**



**SUPPORT OUR HOSPITALS AND HOMES**



**"EVERY CHILD DESERVES TO EXPERIENCE  
CREATIVITY AND FUN. ESPECIALLY THOSE  
FIGHTING FOR THEIR LIVES."**

Renée Dieffenderfer - Creations for Cures Founder

**BRINGING ART TO KIDS  
THROUGH OUR ART PROGRAM**

# ART PROGRAM

The Creations for Cures Art Program gives kids time to get creative and have a moment of escape during the challenges they face while receiving treatments in the hospital, stuck in a hospital bed, or away from the comforts of home.

Volunteers host fun and engaging art projects for the kids and their families.

Our goal is to reach as many kids and their families as possible with the Art Program. We continue to expand to hospitals across the country, aiding children in the fight to defeat childhood cancer and serious illness.



# HOW WE DELIVER OUR MISSION!

## STEP ONE!

CFC Volunteers create custom art projects, each month. They film videos for the Virtual Art Hour and they work with children's hospitals to stream Art Hour to the patient's rooms.



# HOW WE DELIVER OUR MISSION!



## STEP TWO!

Next, the CFC Team builds a custom quantity of art kits for every hospital and Ronald McDonald House we serve!

# HOW WE DELIVER OUR MISSION!

## STEP THREE!

The CFC Art Team visits the hospital and Ronald McDonald Home and does art with children and their families, in person...



# HOW WE DELIVER OUR MISSION!

## STEP FOUR!

Or we deliver Art Hour Virtually!





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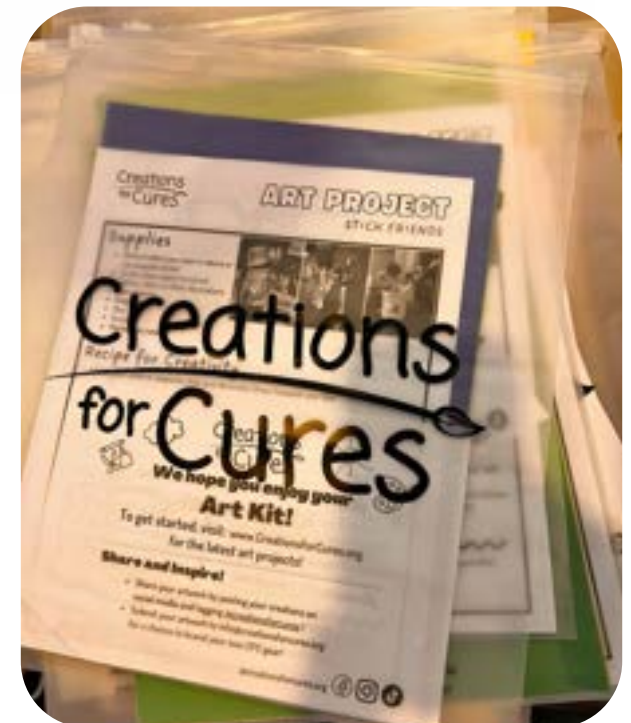
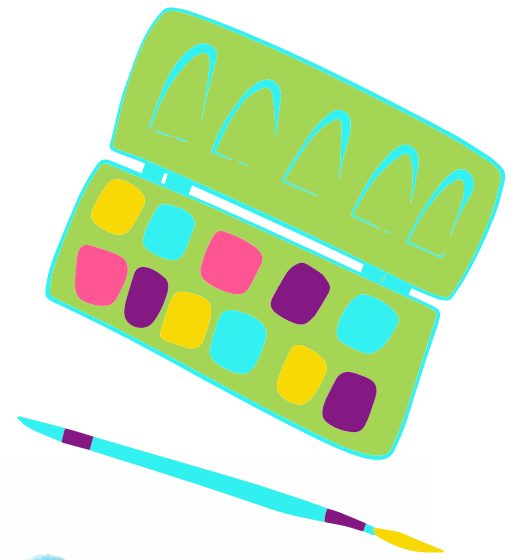
**PAINTING HELPS  
DEVELOP  
MUSCLE CONTROL**





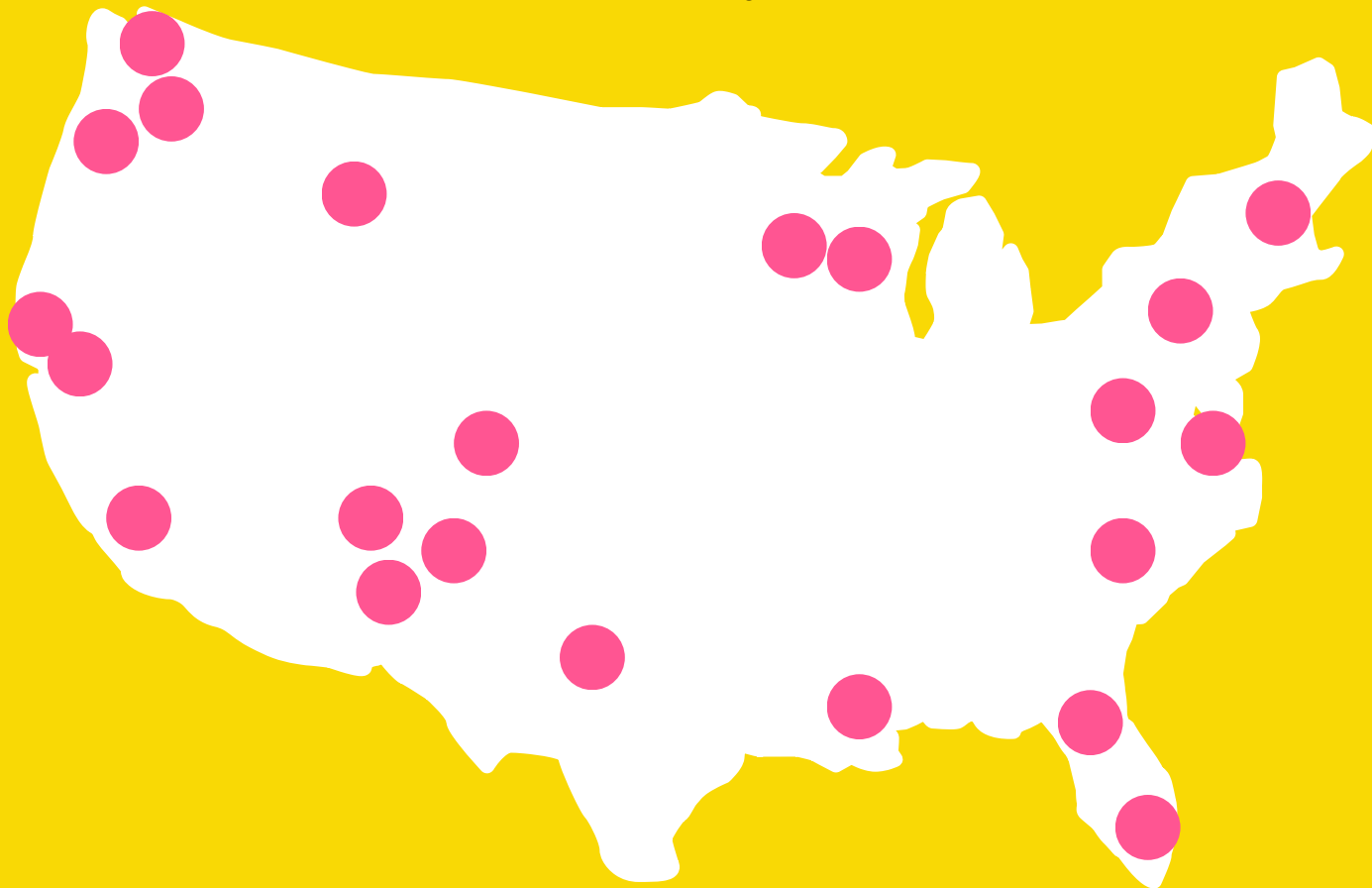
# ART KITS

Our art kits inspire creativity and empower children to express themselves. They are filled with a variety of supplies, including different projects every month. In 2022 we implemented new packaging and we are happy to share we have received positive feedback from our hospital partners.



# CREATIVITY AND JOY SHARED ACROSS THE COUNTRY

Since the launch of the Art Kit program in 2016, Creations for Cures has sent over 7,692 art kits to children all over the country.



"Volunteers are selfless, caring, empathetic, and giving people who commit and follow through on actions that directly impact the well being of others."

RENÉE DIEFFENDERFFER



# WARNER PACIFIC VOLUNTEERS

**Warner Pacific is passionate about making a difference in the community. We are honored to have been offered the opportunity to work together, providing volunteer hours for our mission!**



**WARNER  
PACIFIC  
UNIVERSITY**

# TEAM CFC



"WE COME TOGETHER FROM ALL DIFFERENT WALKS OF LIFE TO ACHIEVE ONE COMMON GOAL - AND THAT'S PUTTING SMILES ON THE FACES OF FAMILIES WHEN THEY CREATE ART!"

-CFC VOLUNTEER, BRIE FORD

# TEAM CFC

"FROM SWEET MIA. A GIFTED 11 YEAR OLD WHO TOLD ME SHE HAS BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL SINCE NEW YEARS EVE... WE GAVE HER AN ADDITIONAL ART KIT WHICH MADE HER HAPPY".

-CFC VOLUNTEER, MARION



# ***Cheers to our 2023 Volunteers - We thank you!***

Danielle Watne

Alyson Howe

Eileen Kuffner

Kirsten Sheahan

Liv Carlson

Audrey McLain

Matthew Butler

Jenna Haagen

Lauren Luchterhand

Jason Luchterhand

Meagan LaPlant

Michelle Deutschman

Nolan Girad

Caroline Bates

Jack Kuffner

Wendy Chan

Dorian Thitmote

Andre Moe Renfro

Erika Cantin

Michelle Johnson

Mae Camaddo

Dina Lewis

Elyse Neves

Celeste Palacios

Jenna Schmidt

Noemi Katan

Jessmary Echevarria

Susan Snyder

Lenzy Reyes

Marion Canan

Alisa Goodrich

William Fundora

Adriana Jaramillo

Heidi Coulton

Kelly Pointer

Romina Alcantara

Mya Arong

Renée Dieffenderfer





**A few 2023  
Highlights...**



The gaming community came together to raise funds for our mission by playing Sea of Thieves. Thank you to @Kittykatcalypso for leading this fundraiser!

Special Edition

# BREAKING NEWS



CREATIONS FOR CURES

Creations for Cures

## CREATIONS FOR CURES

Creations For Cures "Brushes 4 Cures," Oct 14th 10 am PST, Gold Rush Event, all boat will compete against each other to see who can get the most gold. Pvp will be allowed, no curse balls, may board as long as you don't spawn camp or be toxic. Will have a Ref boat sailing around to make sure. Will run for 3 hrs time, will launch a firework off once we are all ready & set to go. Base supplies will be on the boat, please have fun and Good luck! let's bring joy to the littles!!

Sea of Thieves

## Creations For Cures

## Brushes For Cures

### Charity Event



Oct 14th  
9am PST

# TRAIN KALI

(Pekiti Tirsia Kali)

IT WAS INSPIRING

TO HAVE THE

PTK COMMUNITY

SUPPORT OUR

MISSION.

WE LEARNED A LOT

FROM THESE

UNIQUE MARTIAL

ARTISTS!

TRAIN KALI presents

ART  
of the  
DRAW

a Fundraiser for  
Creations  
for Cures



Make a difference while training

Filipino Martial Arts!

In-Person & Virtual Training

Location: West Nyack, NY

Date: Sat, 9/09/23

Time: 9:00am - 5:00pm EST

Learn from the best filipino marital artists:

- Agalon Njoli B.
- Mandala Jason J.
- Guro Court B.
- Mataas Na Guro Angola T.
- Manunudlo Royce R.
- Agalon Francis E.

To join the mission, visit:

[www.trainkali.com](http://www.trainkali.com)

or scan QR code



Creations for Cures is a 501c3

Mason Filippi raised \$500 to support our art program! When you see Mason on the track, make sure to cheer him on!

**Mason  
Filippi**

is teaming  
up with:

**Creations  
for Cures**



Bringing the  
healing  
power of  
Art to  
children!



**WE WERE INVITED FOR  
THE 2ND TIME TO THE  
GRESHAM ARTS  
FESTIVAL!**



# WE EXPANDED!

Our program is now in

- Washington D.C.
- California
- Washington State
- New York



# 2023 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Hosted our 7th annual Art From The Heart Event **bringing Valentines to children at the Ronald McDonald House and 260 art kits nationwide.**



Designed, Created, and Donated **4,000 Art Kits** to children across the United States.

Brought the healing power of art to over **4,000 kids** and their families, and **20 hospitals and homes** across the country.



Expanded to **3** hospitals & **2** Ronald McDonald Homes

Worked with **over 40 volunteers** to help us expand our art program to hospitals all over the country

We had 9 **Corporate Sponsors!**



Raised **over \$60,000 to support our mission!**

# FAMILIES AND HOSPITALS SERVED

## 2023 Hospitals & Ronald McDonald Houses

- **Oregon**
  - Ronald McDonald House - 4 locations
  - Doernbecher Children's Hospital
  - Randall Children's Hospital
- **Washington**
  - Seattle Children's Hospital
  - Mary Bridge Children's Hospital
  - Ronald McDonald House Spokane
- **California**
  - Children's Hospital of Los Angeles
- **New York**
  - Mt. Sinai Children's Hospital
- Washington D.C. Children's Hospital
- **Florida**
  - Arnold Palmer Children's Hospital
  - Advent Children's Hospital
  - Nicklaus Children's Hospital
  - Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital
- **Illinois**
  - Loyola Children's Hospital
- **Texas**
  - University Children's Health San Antonio
- **New Jersey**
  - St. Peters Children's Hospital
- **Pennsylvania**
  - UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh



# THANK YOU TO OUR PROGRAM SPONSORS



**Qorvo**



**Level5 Hospitality**



**American Fiduciary Services**



**Wolcott Heating and Plumbing**



# THANK YOU TO OUR PROGRAM SPONSORS



**Willamette Dental**



**Sherwin Williams**



**Front of House**



**Insperity**



**Becton Dickinson and Company**

# THANK YOU TO formada



A heartfelt **Thank You** to the Formada Social Team, a digital marketing agency with a mission to help us achieve our goals. Their support in capturing our passion and commitment to helping children shows up in everything they do. Thank you for being such a critical part of our mission.



6th Annual Golf Tournament



2nd Annual Winter Wonderland



2nd Annual Gresham Arts Festival



2nd Annual Run CFC

**We raised \$63,086 to support our Art Program!**

# WHERE ARE WE HEADED?



## Our Vision

Over 25,000 kids and families in 40 facilities, to experience the healing power of art!

Raise \$500,000

# HELLO 2024!

1.

Expand within our existing hospitals and facilities to include in person Art Hour

2.

Help 5,000 children and their families with the healing power of art.

3.

Share our mission with 20 sponsors (corporate and individual)

4.

Raise \$200,000 to fund our Art Hour Program and infrastructure.

# WAYS TO DONATE!

- Make a donation of any amount, [HERE!](#)
- Make a monthly donation, [HERE!](#)
- Donate stocks by clicking [HERE!](#)
- Donate via Venmo! @creationsforcures
- Sign up to CFC Fundraisers. Click [HERE](#) to see our upcoming events!

# GET INVOLVED

Your support is incredibly meaningful. There are many ways you can join the CFC team in fulfilling our mission of bringing the healing power of art to children. Please visit our website to donate.

[www.creationsforcures.org](http://www.creationsforcures.org)

Follow us on Facebook, Instagram,  
LinkedIn, YouTube, and TikTok!

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**ART IS MADE THROUGH  
THE USE OF  
IMAGINATION.**



Creations  
for Cures



"CREATIVITY IS  
CONTAGIOUS,  
PASS IT ON."

-Albert Einstein

We are grateful to be a part of giving amazing kids the opportunity to be creative, express their feelings, and have a moment of escape during some incredibly challenging times.

Our CFC team knows art helps and we are committed to helping more children every year.

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