

Creations for Cures



Bringing the Joy and Healing Power of Art to Children
in hospitals

2024 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.

2024 was an incredible year!

Our impact grew by 25% and we brought the healing power of art to 5,006 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 in hospitals.

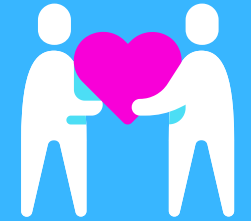


TO HELP IN THIS FIGHT, OUR GOAL THIS YEAR WAS TO

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!





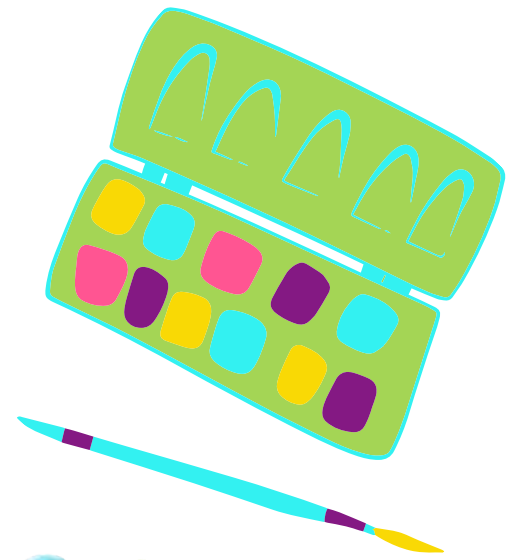
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**PAINTING HELPS
DEVELOP
MUSCLE CONTROL**



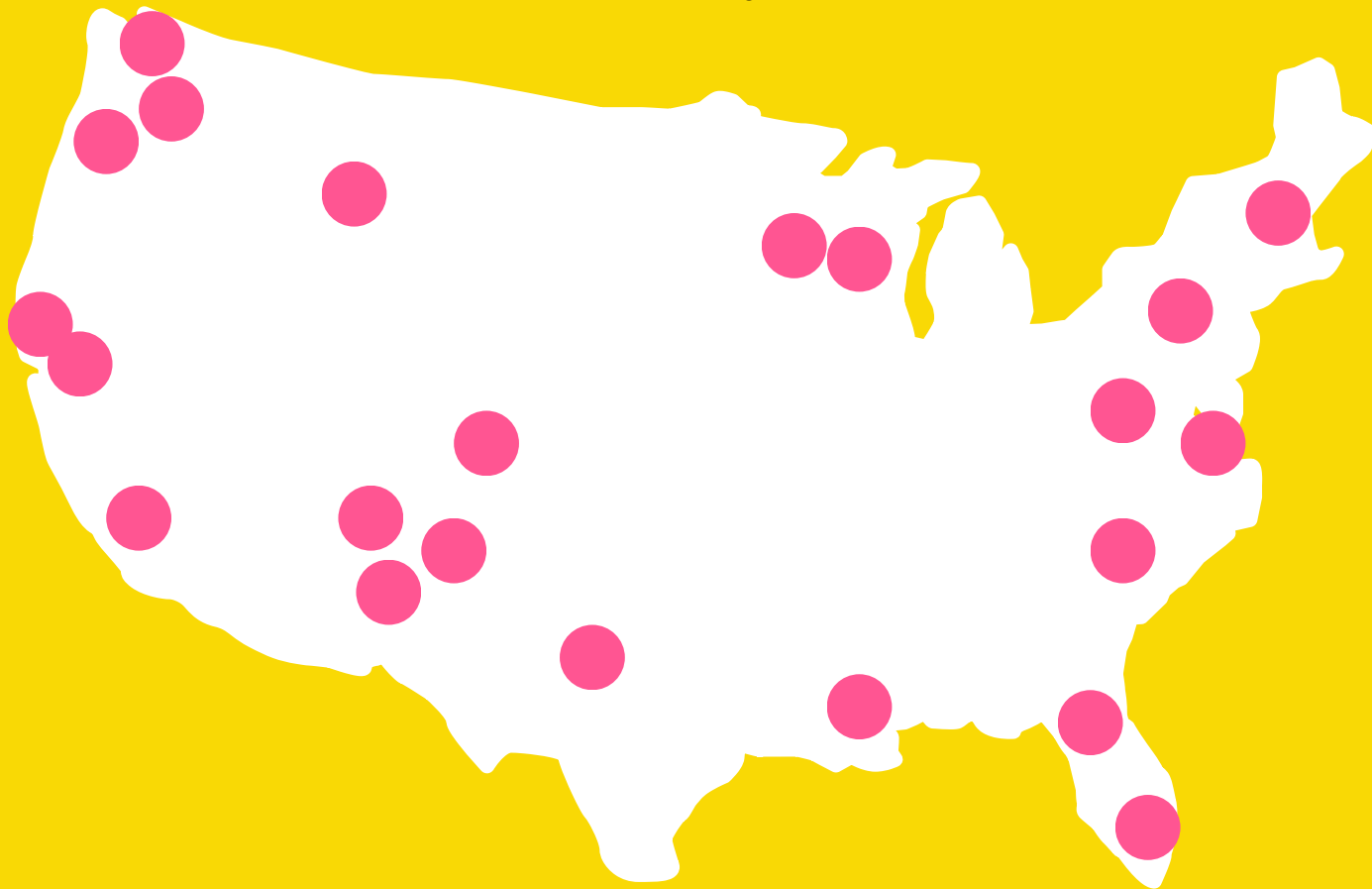
ART KITS

Our art kits inspire creativity and empower children to express themselves. They are filled with a variety of supplies, including different projects every month.



CREATIVITY AND JOY SHARED ACROSS THE COUNTRY

Since the launch of the Art Kit program in 2016, Creations for Cures has sent over 12,698 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





TEAM CFC

"BEING A VOLUNTEER FOR CREATIONS FOR CURES HAS BEEN SUCH A FULFILLING EXPERIENCE. DOING ART WITH THESE SMALL BUT TOUGH WARRIORS IS INSPIRATIONAL. THEIR CREATIVITY, THEIR ENERGY, THEIR POSITIVE ATTITUDES ALL WHILE FIGHTING THIS HORRIBLE DISEASE GIVES ME HOPE FOR THE FUTURE. IT'S BEEN SO REWARDING AND A GOOD REMINDER FOR ME OF HOW BLESSED I AM! I LOOK FORWARD TO MANY MORE YEARS VOLUNTEERING AND HELPING CREATIONS FOR CURES MAKE THE WORLD BEAUTIFUL WITH ART."
-CFC VOLUNTEER, EILEEN KUFFNER

TEAM CFC

"Volunteering with Creations for Cures has been such a magical opportunity! The ingenuity and creative ways of doing things from the toddlers to the teenagers never ceases to amaze me."

-CFC VOLUNTEER, LIV CARLSON



Cheers to our 2024 Volunteers - We thank you!

Alyson Howe

Eileen Kuffner

Romina Alcantara

Liv Carlson

Wendy Chan

Donna Casanas

Rob Barrett

Kait Barrett

Andrea Riffle

Jenna Schmidt

Noelle Koniecki

Raven Grandberry

Elyse Neves

Caroline Bates

Jack Kuffner

Andre Moe Renfro

Celeste Palacios

Esther Kuzik

Christy Frostad

Sarah-Kate Nomura

Cathy Nusbaum

Luke Whitcomb

Callie Holtry

Mae Cammaddo

Andrea Eten

Ty Brintnall

Kelley Pointer

Heidi Coulton

Alisa Goodrich

Cynthia Maywalt

Jordan Vanderbless

Jenna Haagen

Lauren Luchterhand

Jason Luchterhand

Renée Dieffenderfer

Danielle Watne





**A few 2024
Highlights...**

2024 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Hosted our 8th annual Art From The Heart Event **bringing Valentines to children at the Ronald McDonald House and Doernbecher Childrens Hospital.**



Designed, Created, and Donated **5,006 Art Kits** to children across the United States.

Expanded to **Ronald McDonald House Spokane**

Brought the healing power of art to over **5,000 kids** and their families, and **19 hospitals and homes** across the country.



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

We had 8 **Corporate Sponsors!**



Raised **over \$82,000 to support our mission!**

FAMILIES AND HOSPITALS SERVED

2024 Hospitals & Ronald McDonald Houses

- **Oregon**

- Ronald McDonald House - 2 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
- Penn State Children's Hospital



**WE WERE INVITED FOR
THE 3RD TIME TO THE
GRESHAM ARTS
FESTIVAL!**





We hosted our 3rd annual Virtual 5K!



WE HOSTED OUR 7TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

This team raised \$1375!!



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Creations
for Cures

**GREAT BURGERS
GREAT CAUSE**

Enjoy your favorite burgers & support your community.

OFFER:

**ANY ORIGINAL SIZE
BURGER & FRIES
ONLY \$12**

**\$5 FROM EVERY COMBO
DONATED TO
CREATIONS FOR CURES**

WHEN:

DECEMBER 13 - 15

DINE-IN & TAKE-OUT ORDERS ONLY (NOT AVAILABLE ONLINE)

CREATIONS FOR CURES IS AN ORGANIZATION HELPING CHILDREN WHO ARE BATTLING CANCER AND OTHER SERIOUS ILLNESSES THROUGH ART.

NEW KILLER BOSS

NEW DOPE DOGS

SAME PLAD CREW

SAME EPIC BURGERS

LEARN MORE ABOUT CREATIONS FOR CURES HERE

THANK YOU KILLER BURGER IN GRESHAM, OR



HUGE THANK YOU TO TRISH NOEL FOR
HOSTING THE FIRST GALA IN SEATTLE
RAISING OVER \$20,000!!!

THANK YOU TO OUR PROGRAM SPONSORS



**Willamette Dental -
Hillsboro**



Front of House



Sherwin Williams



Prism



**Becton Dickinson and
Company**

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Level5 Hospitality



Inspirity



Willamette Dental - Beaverton

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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.



WE WERE ON THE NEWS!





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



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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 2025!

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 at:

www.creationsforcures.org



Donate stocks by visiting:

stockdonator.com/stock-information/?oid=cff970fe



Sign up to CFC Fundraisers. Visit our website to see our upcoming events!

www.creationsforcures.org/events



Donate via Venmo!

[@creationsforcures](https://www.venmo.com/@creationsforcures)

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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

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

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"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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