



2025 IMPACT REPORT

CARING FOR CHILDREN

WITH CANCER
AND BLOOD DISORDERS



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THE VALERIE FUND'S MISSION IS TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CARE OF CHILDREN WITH CANCER AND BLOOD DISORDERS.

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Dear Friends:

As we enter The Valerie Fund's 50th year supporting children with cancer and blood disorders, we are thrilled to share that 2025 was another record year. Our total program support for over 6,500 children visiting our eight centers over 33,000 times grew to a record \$7.5 million for the first time. In just five short years, our program support for all things Valerie Fund has grown from \$3.3 million to \$7.5 million annually. That's an increase of 127% and it came about because of your faith in our ability to support the psychosocial

care that our kids deserve. That care is given through our core programs at our eight Valerie Fund Children's Centers and continues through Camp Happy Times and on to our growing Scholarship Fund and Emergency Fund. These programs treated more children and families in 2025 than ever before.

The successes of 2025 will only be a launching pad for what's to come in 2026 and beyond. Because we know there is more to be done to support our children fighting cancer and blood disorders, in September 2025, The Valerie Fund Board approved over \$3 million to establish The Valerie Fund Pediatric Pain and Palliative Care Program at The Joseph M. Sanzari Children's Hospital in Hackensack. This innovative program will support hundreds of kids by funding a new, highly specialized team of clinicians that will help children manage pain and other symptoms resulting from hematology, oncology and stem cell transplant care.



The Valerie Fund's support creates a specialized pediatric palliative care team that didn't exist before, focusing on quality of life, healing and support for children facing chronic illnesses.

To underwrite this innovative program, as well as support program expansion throughout our network of centers, we are proud to launch our "All About the Kids" Campaign. This campaign will ensure future expansion as well as uninterrupted funding for the essential programs that keep our kids healthy. I urge everyone to read about the impact this transformative campaign will have on the following pages 2-3.

In 2025 we expanded our program support by another \$1 million! Our newest pain and palliative care program just shows that there is even more we can do to be "value added" for our children and families. Please join us and help create more "Valerie Fund special sauce" so we can make every day a special day for our kids who need us.

We are, and will always be, "all about the kids."

Sincerely,

Two handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature is for Neil Yaris and the second is for Barry Kirschner.

Neil Yaris
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Barry Kirschner
Executive Director

ALL ABOUT THE KIDS AND THE FAMILIES WHO LOVE THEM



Fifty years ago, Ed and Sue Goldstein founded The Valerie Fund in honor of their daughter, Valerie. Today, The Valerie Fund has evolved into a vital lifeline, standing as a network of eight Valerie Fund Children’s Centers and a dedicated Pediatric Pain and Palliative Care Program, supporting more than 6,500 children battling cancer and blood disorders from metro Philadelphia throughout New Jersey and to eastern Long Island.

To mark this historic milestone, The Valerie Fund is proud to launch the **“All About the Kids and the Families Who Love Them”** Campaign. Chaired by Board members Erwin Bieber and Julie Rubenstein, this initiative aims to raise \$5 million to fortify and expand our gold standard of care through two primary pillars:

Of the \$5 million campaign goal, **\$2.1 million** will establish **The Valerie Fund Pediatric Pain and Palliative Care Program at Hackensack University Medical Center**, representing a bold step forward. This three-year inaugural program serves children undergoing complex treatments, including bone marrow transplants and gene therapy. By funding a dedicated team—including a Pediatric Pain Psychologist, Social Worker, Child Life Specialist, Nurse Navigator, and Clinical Pain Specialist—we are ensuring that children facing the most daunting medical challenges receive the comprehensive psychosocial care for which the Valerie Fund Children’s Centers are known—care that will support them throughout their treatment.

The **\$2.9 million** balance of the \$5 million campaign is dedicated to expanding specialties and sustain “The Valerie Fund Gold Standard,” providing essential services that insurance often does not cover:

Initiative	Investment	Focus Area
Pediatric Pain and Palliative Care	\$2.1 Million	A new, inaugural program at Joseph M. Sanzari Children’s Hospital
Network-Wide Specialty Expansion	\$2.9 Million	Strengthening psychosocial and support services across all eight centers

- Psychology, Social Work, and Adolescent/Young Adult Support.
- Oncology and Hematology Nurse Navigators.
- Educational Support, Child Life Services, and Survivorship programs.
- Recreation, Art Therapy, and Integrative Medicine.
- Translation services for non-English speaking families.



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Jody Bieber,
Valerie Fund parent



Compassion, when coupled with generosity, creates a powerful alchemy for healing. Our donors—much like The Valerie Fund treatment teams working with children—model this every day.

The folks at The Valerie Fund are the second family you never knew you needed,” says Valerie Fund parent Jody Bieber, echoing the sentiments of thousands of families who no longer have to travel to distant cities to receive world-class care. Over the past 50 years, we’ve cemented our reputation for providing the gold standard of care to families in New Jersey and beyond. Ensuring care close to home was the operating principle that drove Ed and Sue Goldstein to create The Valerie Fund in 1976. Before the creation of The Valerie Fund, the Goldsteins and other New Jersey families had to shuttle back and forth to New York City or Philadelphia to receive critical pediatric oncology and hematology treatment.

The Valerie Fund’s growth over the last decade alone has been exponential. From establishing our seventh center at St. Joseph’s Hospital in 2016 to inaugurating our eighth at Stony Brook Children’s Hospital in 2022, we have remained committed to bringing the highest quality of medical and psychosocial care close to home.

As we look toward the next 50 years, we must fortify this foundation. With 6,500 families relying on us annually, this campaign ensures uninterrupted funding for the services that keep our kids emotionally and developmentally healthy. Together, we are transforming generosity into compassion for children with cancer and blood disorders.

ALL ABOUT THE KIDS

and the FAMILIES
who LOVE them
CAMPAIGN



HELPING CHILDREN LIVE WELL

The new Valerie Fund Children's Program for Pediatric Pain and Palliative Care

In our 50th year, the Valerie Fund is expanding care for children through a new specialized program in pediatric pain and palliative care. **The Valerie Fund Pediatric Pain and Palliative Care Program at the Joseph M. Sanzari Children's Hospital, Hackensack University Medical Center** in Hackensack, NJ, will dramatically enhance comprehensive, family-centered care for children with complex and serious illnesses. The program will support kids with cancer, blood disorders, and other diagnoses that necessitate a highly specialized team to help these children manage pain and other symptoms, making it a natural fit with The Valerie Fund's mission.

The Pediatric Pain and Palliative Care Program is a vital service, promoting quality of life, healing and support for children facing chronic, complex or advanced illnesses. The program is the only pediatric palliative care program in New Jersey certified by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations. With more than 75 percent of its consults serving hematology-oncology and stem cell transplant patients—core areas of The Valerie Fund's mission—this partnership is a natural and powerful alignment.

This program will be funded through the All About the Kids Campaign, with the option for at least an additional 2 years and \$1.4 million. This support from The Valerie

“ This support will fundamentally change how we deliver care. It allows us to build the interdisciplinary team we have dreamed of—a team that can address not just physical pain, but the anxiety, depression and emotional distress that accompany a serious diagnosis. ”

Stacey Rifkin-Zenenberg, M.D.
Section Chief of Pediatric Pain and Palliative Care

Fund addresses critical needs driven by a growing patient volume and the complexity of care. By funding several new positions, physicians will have increased time for direct patient care, and patients will benefit from more specialized team members to better address their psychological and emotional needs, as well as those of their family members.

The funding will enable the creation of several new key positions, including:

- A full-time social worker
 - A dedicated pediatric pain management psychologist
 - A creative arts therapist
 - A nurse navigator
 - An additional Clinical Nurse Specialist
- Together, this team will ensure that children treated through the new Valerie Fund program receive the comprehensive psychosocial support that defines every Valerie Fund Children's Center—care that sets the gold standard in pediatric hematology and oncology treatment.

“For decades, The Valerie Fund has been committed to supporting the psychosocial needs of children with cancer and





blood disorders,” said **Barry Kirschner**, Executive Director of The Valerie Fund. “We see the immense burden that serious illness places not just on the child, but on the entire family. By funding The Valerie Fund Pediatric Pain and Palliative Care Program, we are ensuring that these brave children and their families receive the complete, compassionate care they deserve. We are proud to partner with Joseph M. Sanzari Children’s Hospital to make this vision a reality.”

With this expansion, The Valerie Fund will treat approximately 6,500 children each year and conduct more than 30,000 patient visits, ensuring that our kids and their families have the emotional and psychological support they need. It will also see the return of **Dr. Stacey Riflkin-Zenenberg**, formerly with The Valerie Fund Children’s Center at the Children’s Hospital of New Jersey at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, to The Valerie Fund family of caregivers.

“This support will fundamentally change how we deliver care,” said **Stacey Riflkin-Zenenberg, M.D.**, section chief of Pediatric Pain and Palliative Care. “It allows us to build the interdisciplinary team we have dreamed of—a team that can address not just physical pain, but the anxiety,



depression and emotional distress that accompany a serious diagnosis. We can now implement specialized counseling, expand our creative arts therapy to reach more siblings, and build a more robust bereavement program. This means more time with patients, better outcomes and a profound improvement in the quality of life for the children we serve.”

The Valerie Fund has always been—and will always be—all *about the kids and the families who love them!*



Leaders from Hackensack Meridian Health, Hackensack University Medical Center, Joseph M. Sanzari Children’s Hospital and The Valerie Fund held a ribbon cutting to announce the expansion of its Pediatric Palliative Care Program thanks to a generous gift from The Valerie Fund.

BRIDGING THE COMMUNICATIONS GAP

Medical translation at The Valerie Fund Children's Center at Stony Brook Children's Hospital

In the specialized fields of pediatric oncology and hematology, the difference between a patient's fear and a family's understanding often rests on a single factor: clear communication. At **The Valerie Fund Children's Center at Stony Brook Children's Hospital**, this mission is being led by **Lady Yulieth Galindo Agudelo**, a licensed physician from Colombia who serves in the clinical care team as a dedicated medical interpreter.

Lady became a medical interpreter in the United States to combine her medical training with her passion for patient advocacy. As an immigrant, she understands patients' needs and insecurities beyond language barriers. Lady's clinical background enables her to ensure effective



communication so that patients can be truly heard and providers can fully understand their needs. Since the launch of this specialized service in August 2025, Lady has transformed the standard of care for the hospital's Spanish-speaking population, which comprises 30% to 40% of the local community. In just six months, she has facilitated approximately 800 interactions for over 300 patients.

Unlike third-party phone services that can feel detached and impersonal, Lady provides a consistent, familiar presence. Her medical background allows for a level of clinical accuracy that automated or remote services cannot match, ensuring that complex diagnoses and treatment plans are conveyed with total precision.

For families navigating the complexities of pediatric care, the "human element" of an on-site interpreter is



irreplaceable. Lady's role is central to the most sensitive moments in a family's journey:

- **Goal-of-Care Meetings:** Assisting parents in making informed decisions during high-stakes medical situations.
- **Holistic Coordination:** Translating across the entire care spectrum, from doctors and nurses to social workers and educational liaisons, as well as coordinating all medical translation needs in the Children's Center.
- **Emotional Support:** Delivering life-altering news, whether it is the gravity of a new diagnosis or the celebration of a child completing chemotherapy.

The clinical team at Stony Brook has adapted their workflow to maximize Lady's presence, prioritizing her in-person involvement over phone-based alternatives. "When you have someone you see several times a week who is part of the care team, there is a sense of trust," Medical Director Dr. Laura Hogan noted. "Families know their best interests are at heart."

For Lady, who is currently on the path to becoming a licensed doctor in the U.S., the role is defined by a singular focus. "It means purpose to me," she says. "Knowing I can reduce fear and bring clarity to families during these difficult moments makes this work deeply meaningful."

The Valerie Fund remains committed to providing more than just medical treatment; we provide a support system. By integrating professional medical translation directly into the care team, we ensure that language is never a barrier to the world-class treatment every child deserves.



THE VALERIE FUND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Making dreams happen

DAWSON NAILOR

Julia L. Weintraub Scholarship

Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, Medical School



Diagnosed with high-risk leukemia just before his 5th birthday, Dawson was treated at The Valerie Fund Children's Center at CHOP Voorhees, where it was the small comforts that made the unthinkable bearable. He fondly remembers his child life specialist, Angela, and his social worker, Joan, who kept a Staples "Easy" button in her office. Whenever a blood draw or other procedure felt like too much for Dawson, Joan used that button to offer support and a moment of levity. Inspired by his own journey,



Dawson is pursuing a career in pediatric oncology. His Valerie Fund

Scholarship relieves a financial burden, allowing him to focus on his studies.

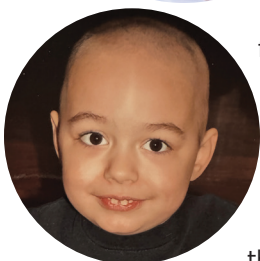
NICHOLAS TARABOKIA

Warren Family Scholarship

University of Pittsburgh, Master of Social Work



Nick began his battle with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL) at age three. After reaching remission by his seventh birthday, he celebrates a remarkable 17 years cancer-free this June. He credits The Valerie Fund for teaching him two foundational principles—self-advocacy and hope.



Inspired by the social workers at the Children's Center, Nick is pursuing his Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) credentials. He recognizes the field's lack of male representation and aims to become a child or school psychologist. In this role, he plans to mentor young boys,

helping them navigate their thoughts and emotions during difficult times. By combining his lived experience with professional expertise, Nick intends to serve as a bridge of empathy for the next generation.

JESSICA GALARZA-CORNEJO

Kathy Richter Scholarship

Rutgers University, Psychology Major



At 14, Jessica's life shifted from typical high schooler to patient as she battled a rare cancer, Atypical Epithelioid Hemangioendothelioma and Kasabach Merritt syndrome. Throughout biopsies, procedures, and surgeries, her primary fear was falling behind in school; she used academics to distract herself from her declining mental health. Her Valerie Fund social worker, Autumn, stepped in to guide her through these mental and physical struggles while also helping her with her Valerie Fund Scholarship. Jessica is training to be a therapist to help others in the way she was helped.



Thanks to the generous support of our donors, The Valerie Fund is marking 50 years of life-changing support and helping to make children's dreams a reality.

“ The Valerie Fund enables us to make a unique and meaningful impact in the life of Nicholas and his family—and the next generation as every recipient pays it forward. We are inspired by each scholarship recipient's life story and are proud to play a small part in the lives of such resilient, kind and joyful young adults.”

Shannon Warren
Valerie Fund Scholarship Donor

HELPING SUPPORT FAMILIES THROUGH THE STACY AND VALERIE GOLDSTEIN EMERGENCY FUND PROGRAM

The Valerie Fund’s Emergency Fund remains a valued resource for our patient families, in 2025, assisting families with almost \$570,000 in support. Patients and families



access the Fund through their Children’s Center social workers. Social workers at the CHOP Center in Voorhees also have access to the **Holman Foundation Emergency Fund**, which is set up specifically for families served at the Center. In addition to the Emergency Fund, The

Valerie Fund provides gift cards for groceries, gas, and other essential needs.

This support primarily addresses immediate financial needs, such as housing stability, essential bills, healthcare costs, and final arrangements. However, it has covered wigs for oncology patients, and helped adolescents with

body image issues associated with their treatment. It has funded required home repairs, college textbooks, school uniforms, laptops, and strollers. It is a list of everyday needs that tells the story of many of our families. Children and families need stability during treatment, so a priority is keeping families in their homes or helping them with rent and security deposits to secure more stable housing. We are there to provide financial assistance so families can keep their focus on their child in treatment.

Section	# of Requests	Amount
Hematology	135	\$199,937
Oncology	291	\$370,030
TOTAL	426	\$569,967
Gift Cards	-----	\$62,925



MEETING A PATIENT’S NEED FOR A STABLE ENVIRONMENT.

As a single mother raising a child with sickle cell, life is never predictable. The patient’s mother is a strong advocate in his treatment, makes sure he is compliant with his medication, and attends all his medical appointments. Recently, due to financial hardship, the mother fell behind on their utility bill and received a shut-off notice. The shutoff can cause the patient to become ill or have a pain crisis when temperatures get too hot or too cold. The Valerie Fund’s assistance was crucial to quickly solving this problem.



KEEPING CRITICAL ACCESS TO COMMUNICATION IN A DIFFICULT TIME.

When their child was diagnosed with cancer, her parents took time off from work, resulting in a loss of income and ultimately with the father’s phone being shut off due to a lack of payment. With 5 younger siblings in the home, the patient’s frequent appointments and hospitalizations placed undue financial and emotional stress on the family. Unfortunately, her increased disease progression resulted in her being discharged to home hospice and palliative care. By accessing the Emergency Fund, the father was able to restore his phone line to maintain communication during this critical time.



BALANCING SPECIAL NEEDS AND STABILITY AT HOME.

The patient’s mother is a single mother with her son in treatment for Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia, and has a limited social support system. In addition to cancer, the patient has autism spectrum disorder and has special needs related to his diagnosis, one of which is his inability to ride in unfamiliar transportation. This necessitated the unplanned purchase of a car to take him to his medical appointments. The patient’s mother had to take off work to care for her son, resulting in extreme financial distress and requiring assistance with their rent.



CAMP HAPPY TIMES VISITS THE PREHISTORIC TIMES

The Valerie Fund's Camp Happy Times visited the prehistoric times for a dino-riffic experience. In 2025 camp attendance expanded yet again as Camp Director Matt Rutler and his team worked to expand the camp experience. Campers came from five different states, some as far away as Georgia and Idaho. Attending an oncology camp is an important healing process, with the goal of spreading hope and healing across the U.S. As camper numbers increase, so does The Valerie Fund's reach, and families and their communities learn about our work supporting children with cancer and blood disorders.

Highlights from camp included the inaugural Fisher of the Day medal, awarded to the camper who demonstrated the most energy, enthusiasm, and support for others. Campers have a blast and become part of a community that embraces one another. Cancer doesn't discriminate, and neither does camp. Everyone loved the "Pick a Ball" Game, an inclusive game sponsored by the Clarizio family. The Valerie Fund's Young Professionals Network held an ice cream social, scooping ice cream sundaes for the campers.

Nine-year-old camper Anderson was so moved by his experience that he got up in the canteen on the last morning to thank everyone at camp and to thank The Valerie Fund for making him the kid he is today. When we spoke to him later, Anderson had this to say about camp. "I can be somewhere where people really can understand me, and I don't have to explain it [cancer], because they already know what it feels like."

Camp Happy Times is more than just a place — it's a community of understanding, laughter, adventure, and healing. Thank you to all the donors who support this experience and to all the volunteer counselors and staff who so lovingly give their time. Stay tuned for Chapter XLIV, in 2026, when a new camp season begins.



A TASTE OF GIVING

The 14th Annual Taste of Giving took place on March 6, 2025, at the elegant Mandarin Oriental in New York City. Guests heard powerful stories from Valerie Fund patients, offering heartfelt insight into the organization's impact.

Colin Jost, comedian and celebrity auctioneer, brought the energy and laughter—while helping raise an incredible \$2.1 million to support The Valerie Fund Children and their families.

It was an unforgettable evening of generosity, inspiration, and community. Thank you to co-hosts **Matthew DeNichilo and Rachel Cecil, Brendan and Jenifer Garvey, Brad and Jennifer Henis, Jeffrey and Katina Mayer, Randy Reiff, Bob Richter, Lou and Blair Rosenfeld, Jonathan and Debbie Sebiri, Marc and Bridget Toscano, Josh and Sharon Weintraub, Scott and Rachel Yedid, and Ben Zhang.**



YANKEES HIGHLIGHT THE VALERIE FUND DURING HOPE WEEK



The **New York Yankees HOPE Week** (Helping Others Persevere and Excel) spotlighted Ed and Sue Goldstein and The Valerie Fund. The impact of the Yankees using their platform to

highlight founders Ed and Sue Goldstein and The Valerie Fund is immeasurable—while giving our Valerie Fund children an unforgettable, once-in-a-lifetime experience. How many children can say they took the stage with their baseball heroes to sing karaoke?

Yankees Manager Aaron Boone, Coach Tanner Swanson, General Manager Brian Cashman, Shortstop Anthony Volpe, Pitchers Clarke Schmidt, Tim Hill, and Will Warren, and even injured Third Baseman Oswaldo Cabrera took to the stage in turn to sing with Valerie Fund kids. Manager Aaron Boone and Valerie Fund patient Anderson, age 7, led off with Anderson later reflecting, "It was scary, but also really fun."

After lunch, the patients and families crossed the street to Yankee Stadium for a private tour of Monument Park and

the Yankees Museum. Later in the day, the kids went onto the field to watch batting practice with various players coming by to greet them. Yankees star Aaron Judge made sure to speak with every kid and signed jerseys and baseballs. The climax of the day came when Valerie Fund patients Abdiel, Colton, Pilar, and Elia threw out the ceremonial opening pitch.

"People think of cancer as a curse, but after I met all the people at The Valerie Fund that I can call family, friends, and everything, I think it's a blessing," shared Valerie Fund patient, Marko. "I have a new perspective on life. The Valerie Fund means family. It's like a second home."

The day was filled with huge smiles, laughter, and beautiful moments. As patients got autographs from their heroes, Anderson said he likes The Valerie Fund because, "It takes your mind off what is really going on and you don't have to think about what could happen. You can just focus on the happiness that is still there and that hope is not lost."

Looking back, Valerie Fund Mom, Jackie Scherr, remarked, "The day still feels surreal and we are beyond thankful that Logan was able to experience a day like this with the Yankees."

Thank you again to the Yankees organization for this memorable experience for the kids.



2025 COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

MORGAN STANLEY REC DAY

In a 33-year tradition, Morgan Stanley analysts led a fundraising campaign across the firm to support Rec Day, held on April 27th. This community event brings together Valerie Fund families for a fun-filled day at Turtleback Zoo in West Orange, NJ.



Over 400 Valerie Fund patients, siblings, parents, and grandparents enjoyed a perfect spring outing - from feeding giraffes and riding the train to visiting incredible animals like cheetahs, clouded leopards, and lions. The day offered a much-needed escape and joyful memories for children and their loved ones.

Fifteen Morgan Stanley analysts volunteered to serve lunch, while getting to meet some of the patients their fundraising efforts will support through Camp Happy Times and programs at our Children's Centers. It wasn't all work, though; the analysts were able to ride the zoo train with our kids before they departed back into New York City.

Morgan Stanley raised \$204,000, an increase of over 40% over 2024, thanks to a stellar team of analysts continuing to rebuild the campaign since COVID. Hats off to **Kyler Bernard** and **Madeline Fouts** for leading this year's incredible fundraising team!

THE VALERIE FUND'S YOUNG PROFESSIONALS NETWORK (YPN)

Through the Young Professionals Network (YPN), the younger generation is raising awareness and fundraising to support The Valerie Fund. Originally founded in 2010 as the Young Associates, the Young Professionals Network has continued to evolve in both name and scale, raising over \$750,000 since inception to support Valerie Fund kids.

By hosting fundraising and networking events throughout the NYC area, the YPN Board under the leadership of Co-Chairs **Sarah Arrighi** and **Alexis Kline** continues to raise funds to support Valerie Fund kids and spread awareness about The Valerie Fund's mission. The YPN Board comprises former patients, children of family members long involved with The Valerie Fund, and individuals who feel passionate about supporting our mission. Last year, these board members hosted events such as outdoor yoga, workout classes at popular venues like Barry's in New York City, and ticketed happy hours all to build community and fundraise for The Valerie

Fund. Outside of fundraisers, board members and the broader young professional network connected through happy hours, the annual Yankees game with Valerie Fund families, and even volunteered at Camp Happy Times.

In 2025, the YPN board ran an ice cream sundae bar for kids at Camp Happy Times and even created a \$20,000 named scholarship for 2026-2027 Valerie Fund patients pursuing higher education.

To learn about upcoming YPN events, how to get involved with YPN, or to sign up to stay in the loop about YPN events contact:

Katelyn at kcosta@thevaleriefund.org



PEOPLE AND EVENTS THAT SUPPORT OUR WORK

THE VALERIE FUND WALK & 5K RUN



On June 7, 2025, nearly 2,000 supporters came together in Verona Park to mark the 20th Anniversary of The Valerie Fund Walk & 5K Run, presented by Ed & Sue Goldstein and JAG Physical Therapy. It was a powerful day of celebration, remembrance, and resilience, and raised over \$900,000 to support The Valerie Fund.

The day began with more than 300 runners, including Valerie Fund mascot Captain Hope, taking off through the streets of Verona for the **JAG Physical Therapy 5K Run**. Walkers and teams gathered shortly after, united to support children battling cancer and blood disorders. With 140 teams formed, the event showcased the true strength of our Valerie Fund community. Teams, both new and returning, stood side by side, committed to raising awareness and funds to ensure no child faces these challenges alone.

Valerie Fund patients Myles and Quinn shared their Valerie Fund journeys. Myles spoke about his lifelong struggle with sickle cell disease, frequent hospital visits, and a demanding treatment regimen — and how a successful bone marrow transplant in 2023 changed his life. Now pain-free, he's preparing for college and embracing a bright future. Quinn spoke of his cancer diagnosis and how The Valerie Fund has helped ease the burden on him and his family during the most challenging moments.

The day also featured plenty of fun for families, including the Kids Color Run sponsored by **The Learning Experience**, and the Family Games Area presented by **Servier**. Thank you to our event sponsors **Oritani Bank, RWJ Barnabas Health, Atlantic Health System, Village Super Markets, CBOE Global Markets, Hackensack University Hospital, Hope & Heroes Children's Cancer Fund, Inserra Supermarkets, Kearny Bank Foundation, St. Joseph's Hospital & Medical Center Foundation, Tyler Hill Camp, and West Deptford Energy**.

THE AMERICAN EXPRESS CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT



The 25th American Express Charity Golf Tournament was held on August 4th at Baltusrol Golf Club. **Raymond Joabar**, from American Express, generously hosted the event, which was co-sponsored

by **Boost Payment Solutions, Bread Financial, and Dell Technologies**. Over \$500,000 was raised this year to support the children and families of The Valerie Fund. Thank you to event sponsors, **American Express Global Business Travel, Ethel and Joel Sharenow, Disability Opportunity Fund, Dentsu, Tom and Linda Held, Inserra Shop-Rite Supermarkets, and JDP Mechanical, Inc.**

CAREOKE FOR THE KIDS

CAREoke for the Kids celebrated 20 years of support for The Valerie Fund, engaging media industry professionals in our mission through high-energy, talent-filled entertainment. The milestone event was a fun-filled evening at Irving Plaza, where





NYC's hottest media professionals took the stage to let loose and raise money for children with cancer and blood disorders treated through The Valerie Fund. Warner Bros. Discovery stole the show with an energetic Willy Wonka mash-up, earning the coveted CAREoke trophy. The event was a tremendous success, raising nearly \$370,000 in support of our kids and families.

Thank you to **Cara Lewis, Dave Tennenbaum, Eric Hawes, Jonathon Ciancetta, Mike Graf, Pat Brennan** for their continued dedication and leadership in making this incredible event possible.

29TH ANNUAL BURGER KING GOLF TOURNAMENT



The 29th Annual Burger King Golf Tournament was held on September 30th at Brooklake Golf Club. Burger King franchisees and their guests joined us to honor Coca-Cola North America. This partnership has raised nearly \$3 million for the children and families of The Valerie Fund.

THANKSGIVING BALL GALA

The 34th annual Thanksgiving Ball Gala was held on November 21st at The Grove in Cedar Grove, NJ. Guests met Valerie Fund Ambassadors, including Janaye, who was treated at The Valerie Fund Children's Center for acute myeloid leukemia. Janaye shared her Valerie Fund story—one of strength, support, and finding what really matters in life.

The Valerie Fund honored the **Rodgers-Kohaut** family—Deb Rodgers, Chuck Kohaut, and Cara Kohaut—for two



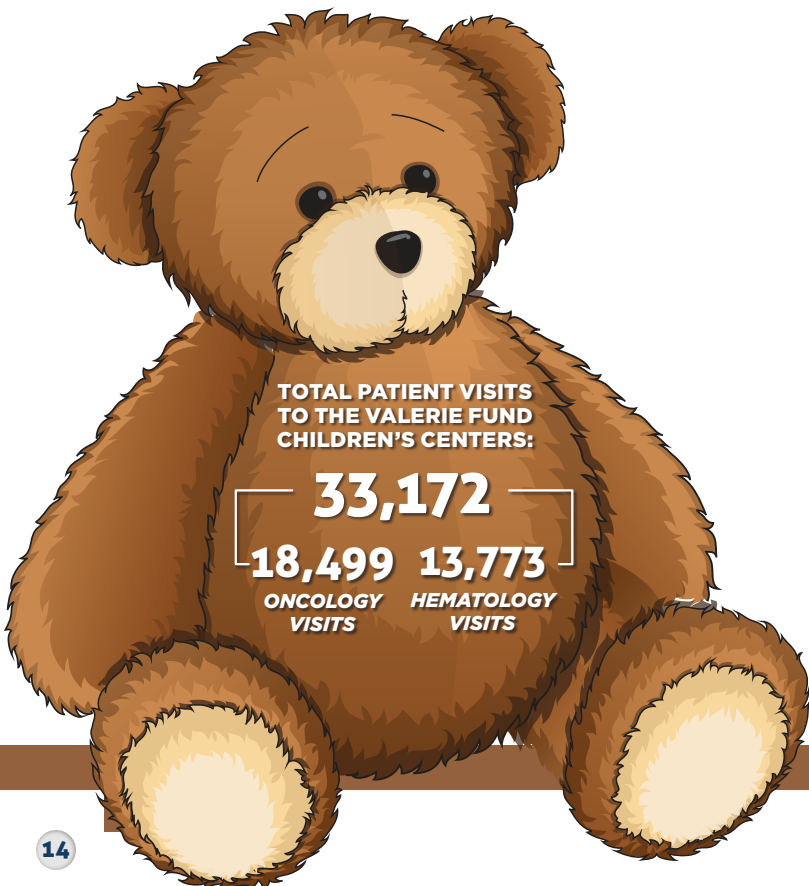
generations of caring for our kids through The Valerie Fund and Camp Happy Times. **Neil and Jane Yaris** were also honored for their leadership and advocacy of our Valerie Fund kids for more than 30 years. We are thankful to have them as partners of the Valerie Fund. This year's gala raised \$1.2 million to support our kids

6TH ANNUAL JIMMY SUMAS GOLF CLASSIC

The 6th Annual Jimmy Sumas Golf Classic took place at Fiddler's Elbow Golf Club on September 22, 2025. This event honors the memory of Jimmy Sumas, a legend amongst grocers, by enjoying an amazing day of golf and giving back to those in need. Bunny Flanders was in attendance to accept their \$25,000 contribution from this great event.



A MODEL OF COMPREHENSIVE HEALTHCARE AND PROGRAM BREAKDOWN



TOTAL PATIENT VISITS TO THE VALERIE FUND CHILDREN'S CENTERS:

33,172

18,499 **13,773**

ONCOLOGY VISITS HEMATOLOGY VISITS

2 YEAR FINANCIAL SUMMARY

REVENUE	2024	2025
Grants & Donations	\$3,987,862	\$4,206,640
Special Events (Net)	4,344,611	2,263,840
Investment Income	1,369,042	2,057,948
TOTAL REVENUE	9,701,515	\$8,528,428
EXPENSES		
Program Services		
Hospital Centers	\$4,598,803	\$4,684,903
Camps	433,539	492,529
Scholarships	654,186	702,506
Other Programs	504,101	1,625,584
Total Program Services	\$6,190,629	\$7,505,522
Support Services		
Management and General	\$200,258	\$382,338
Fundraising	801,113	797,227
Total Support Services	1,001,371	\$1,179,564
TOTAL EXPENSES	7,192,000	\$8,685,086
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$2,509,518	\$(156,658)
PERCENTAGE OF EXPENSES GOING DIRECTLY TO PROGRAMS	86.1%	86.4%

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Front cover: Thomas, age 3, diagnosed with a neuroblastoma.

Inside cover: Rowan, age 8 months, diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL)

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OUR PROGRAM LOCATIONS

THE VALERIE FUND CHILDREN'S CENTERS AND CAMP

- Children's Hospital of New Jersey at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, Newark, NJ
- Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, New Jersey Section of Hematology/Oncology, Specialty Care Center, Voorhees, NJ
- Atlantic Health System's Goryeb Children's Hospital, Morristown, NJ
- New York-Presbyterian, Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital, Columbia University Medical Center, New York, NY
- Overlook Medical Center, Summit, NJ
- The Unterberg Children's Hospital at Monmouth Medical Center, Long Branch, NJ
- St. Joseph's Children's Hospital, Paterson, NJ
- Stony Brook Children's Hospital, Stony Brook, NY
- Pediatric Pain and Palliative Care Program at the Joseph M. Sanzari Children's Hospital, Hackensack University Medical Center, Hackensack, NJ
- Camp Happy Times, Tyler Hill, PA



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