



SUPPORTING BONE MARROW TRANSPLANT PATIENTS IN THEIR GREATEST MOMENT OF NEED SINCE 1997.



2024 IMPACT REPORT

Mission

His Grace Foundation (HGF) provides physical, emotional and financial support to the patients and families of the Bone Marrow Transplant Unit (BMTU) at Texas Children’s Hospital (TCH).

What We Do

The families of children receiving treatment are under enormous strain. To aid in lifting that burden, HGF has grown year after year, increasing services, volunteers, and impact.

To provide a moment of warmth upon arrival to the BMTU, patients are greeted with a HGF Welcome Basket.

Designed specifically for the child, it overflows with both age-appropriate items of interest and necessities for family members who may have not had the opportunity to pack appropriately given the urgency of most transplants.

Additional HGF services include free parking, weekly catered meals, access to emergency funding, educational support and scholarships, as well as holiday and birthday celebrations and educational enrichments. The foundation also provides five apartment homes for out-patient families, who are required to maintain close proximity to the hospital.



Operational Values

Compassion-Driven Service. We operate with empathy, care, and grace, always putting the well-being of children and families at the center of everything we do. “We meet families where they are, offering kindness, patience, and unwavering support.”

Integrity and Accountability. We uphold the highest standards of honesty and transparency in our decisions, actions, and financial stewardship. “We honor the trust placed in us by donors, partners, and the families we serve.”

Excellence in Execution. We strive for operational excellence, ensuring that our programs, processes, and services are delivered efficiently and with the highest level of professionalism. “We are committed to doing our best, every time, in every task.”

Collaboration and Teamwork. We believe in the power of working together—within our organization, with families, healthcare teams, and community partners—to achieve shared goals. “Together, we create better outcomes and stronger communities.”

Adaptability and Innovation. We embrace change and seek innovative solutions to meet the evolving needs of the families we serve and ensure long-term impact. “We remain flexible and proactive in facing challenges and exploring new possibilities.”

Be Data-Driven at all times. We use data to guide decisions, improve efficiency, and ensure accountability. By tracking key metrics and outcomes, we maximize the impact of our programs, drive transparency, and foster innovation to better serve the families and community we support. “Data is the compass that turns information into insight.”

Stewardship of Resources. We are dedicated to using our financial and operational resources responsibly to maximize our impact and sustain our mission. “We make every dollar count in support of the children and families we serve.”

Mission-Driven Leadership. Our actions are aligned with our mission to provide holistic support to pediatric BMT patients and their families, inspiring others to join us in making a meaningful difference. “Our work reflects our heart for service, leadership, and love in action.”



2024 DEMOGRAPHICS



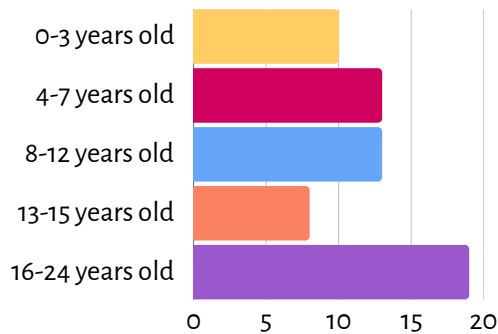
Who We Serve

In a single year, His Grace Foundation may serve up to 150 in-patient children receiving a BMT and hundreds more visiting the out-patient clinic. Often described as the 'last hope for a cure', BMT patients suffer from life-threatening diseases such as leukemia, lymphoma, SCIDS, neuroblastoma, sickle cell disease, rare blood disorders, brain tumors and other types of cancer.

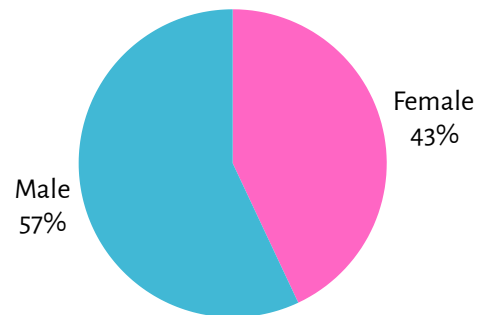
Patients served by TCH often live in the Greater Houston area, though many travel from other cities, states, and even countries, leaving behind their local support systems and entering a 6-8 week period of isolation.

Texas Children's Hospital's state-of-the-art and award winning Bone Marrow Transplant Unit houses 25 beds across two floors in their Main Campus complex.

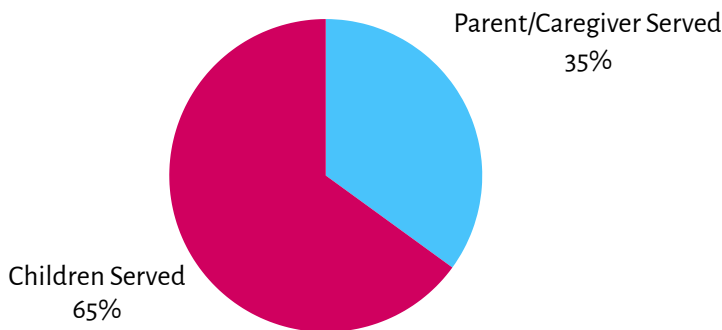
Patients Served (Age)



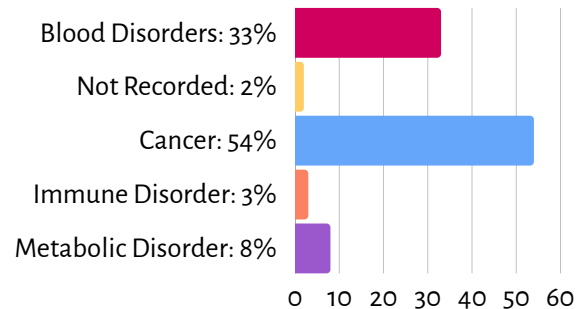
Gender



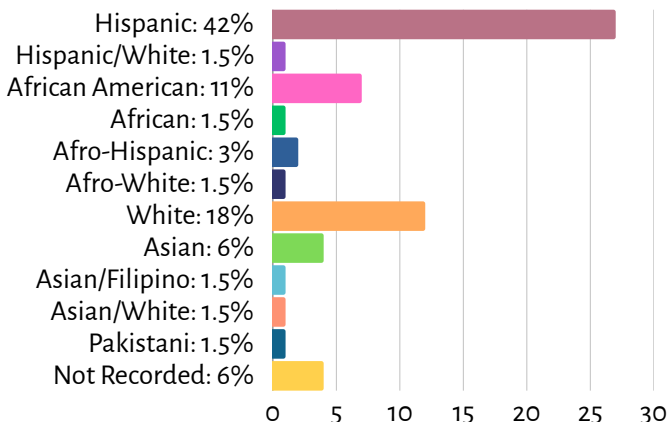
Individuals Served



Diagnosis



Ethnicity



2024 IMPACT & REACH



4,780

TOTAL SERVED ANNUALLY

\$25,920

EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
FOR FAMILIES IN NEED

63

NEW PATIENT WELCOME BASKETS

1,100

NIGHTS OF HOUSING

\$270,000

HOUSING ASSISTANCE

104

PATIENT EDUCATIONAL
ENRICHMENTS & EVENTS

\$30,348

WEEKLY MEALS

2,500

FAMILY/CAREGIVER MEALS

\$5,353

WEEKLY CLINIC HOSPITALITY

1,200

STAFF APPRECIATION
MONTHLY MEALS & RECOGNITIONS

\$14,023

BEREAVEMENT/FUNERAL ASSISTANCE

197

LONG TERM SURVIVOR EVENT
ATTENDEES

123

VOLUNTEERS

659

VOLUNTEER HOURS

\$22,069.91

VALUE OF VOLUNTEER TIME

\$12,000

HOSPITAL PARKING ASSISTANCE

76

SIBLINGS SUPPORTED



2024 PATIENT STORIES



Meet Grace Lopez, Former Patient

It was flu season and I thought I came down with the flu. It was going around and it took a long time for me to recover. My parents and I went to my pediatrician who said, 'Grace, you don't look so good'.

I was 12 years old in January 2015, when my parents and I

went to Texas Children's Hospital and I was diagnosed with myeloid dysplastic syndrome which is an early stage of acute myeloid leukemia. I was in 7th grade and a competitive cheerleader.

I missed the second half of 7th grade and the first half of 8th grade. I didn't understand the seriousness of what was ahead.

For months, I had frequent hospital visits and transfusions while waiting for a bone marrow transplant donor. I received my transplant in April of 2015, so not too long of a wait, and thankfully, I only received about 9 days of intense chemotherapy.

I think my first memory after getting the diagnosis is texting one of my friends to tell them I had cancer because they were like, 'Where are you, why aren't you at practice?' Word spread and my gym and whole cheer team and dedicated their season to me and made "Do It For Grace" posters and signs.

During my hospital stay at the bone marrow transplant unit, His Grace Foundation gave us a lot of support.

We received a big basket as soon as we arrived on the floor with a lot of books, games, and family essentials. This helped because we didn't plan or know how long we would be at the hospital. At the time I was really into Monster High dolls so they would always bring me one to add to my collection on my window.

When I returned home after being in the hospital, I discovered my love for baking. I opened No One Bakes Alone, a little cupcake shop that I ran out of my house with the help of my dad who was also my assistant baker. I was excited to bake and give our profits to His Grace Foundation, Be the Match (now the National Marrow Donor Program), and the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Today, I am proud to say that I graduated from high school, went to college, and graduated from Stephen F. Austin State University in May 2024. I live in Houston with my cat Emma and work as a registered nurse at Memorial Hermann Hospital.

Meet Rodolfo Sanchez, Patient As Told by his Mom, Elisa

Rodolfo Sanchez, a young ensemble and musical theater actor was diagnosed with cancer 10 years ago at only 13 years old. Soon after his diagnosis, the South Texas native had to undergo a bone marrow transplant at Texas Children's Hospital (TCH)—a surgery that he and his family prayed would leave him cancer-free and give him the ability to pursue his passion for performing.

Unfortunately, Rodolfo's cancer came back four times since the first surgery, and on September 13, 2024, he received another transplant continuing his health journey.

"Each time he is hospitalized, it is devastating and we feel so lonely because all our family lives far away from Houston, but His Grace Foundation is a comfort to us and other patients and families on the 8th floor," said Rodolfo's mom, Elisa Morales.

The TCH Bone Marrow Transplant program treats patients from newborn through young adulthood. Since Rodolfo is in his early twenties and has always received treatment at the hospital he returned for care in the Bone Marrow Transplant Unit.

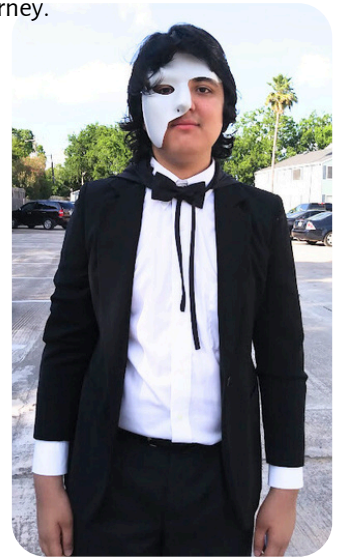
Like most young adults his age, Rodolfo worked, lived independently, and in his case, enjoyed living life in the spotlight of the theater, honing his skills. However, when he learned the cancer returned and he needed hospitalization for another round of treatment, his focus shifted to include concerns about his apartment and expenses.

"After being hospitalized for one and a half months, one of Rodolfo's biggest worries became paying rent," said Morales. "I'm a seamstress and I had to stop working to be with him so I couldn't keep paying his rent by myself. His Grace Foundation helped us with this and I'm in tears right now because all my son wanted to know is that he would eventually sleep in his own bed at his apartment. This is the kind of hope that he needed to heal his soul. I am so full of gratitude. Thank you so much."

Morales also said throughout the years, His Grace Foundation has helped with gas, food, parking assistance and provided great meals and snacks in the unit which were a lifesaver.

"His Grace Foundation is one of a kind and has provided the most helpful and heart-warming support we could ever have received. I hope I can one day return all the love you put into our lives."

¡Dios Ama al que da con Alegria! GOD loves those who give with joy," said Morales.



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Meet Evie Reed - As Told by Her Mom, Dayna

Evie brought smiles to our faces and joy to our hearts with her larger-than-life personality, but in 2016, she got sick and received a diagnosis of acute lymphoblastic leukemia, a rare and aggressive blood cancer. This changed life for Evie and our family. Childhood cancer was not on our radar.

In 2017, Evie had a bone marrow transplant at Texas Children's Hospital (TCH). She was 5 years old for most of her treatment and enjoyed the simplest things. In the unit, she loved sitting in the rocking chair outside her room and inviting the nurses to imaginary pool parties. Having a party was one of her favorite things to do.

Being at the hospital on the transplant floor is challenging for any parent. It's not an easy thing to see your child go through treatment. You can feel pretty isolated. It's a journey, but you're not alone.

His Grace Foundation helped Evie and our family keep our spirits up,

keep us going, and made things easier for us as we heard the disease was still there. Surprisingly, two weeks after the transplant, we found out the cancer was gone, but due to complications of another treatment, Evie passed away on March 2, 2017, just two days after her 6th birthday.

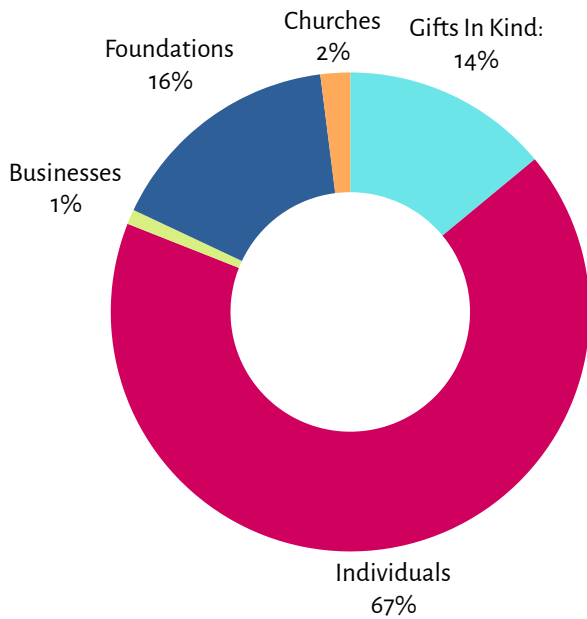
After moving to Houston sometime later, I accepted an opportunity to volunteer through the Junior League of Houston. I recognized the name of His Grace Foundation from our family's time at TCH, and thought this is a perfect time to give back and to remember Evie. I am happy that I am helping improve the well-being of families going through a similar journey.

2024 VOLUNTEERS

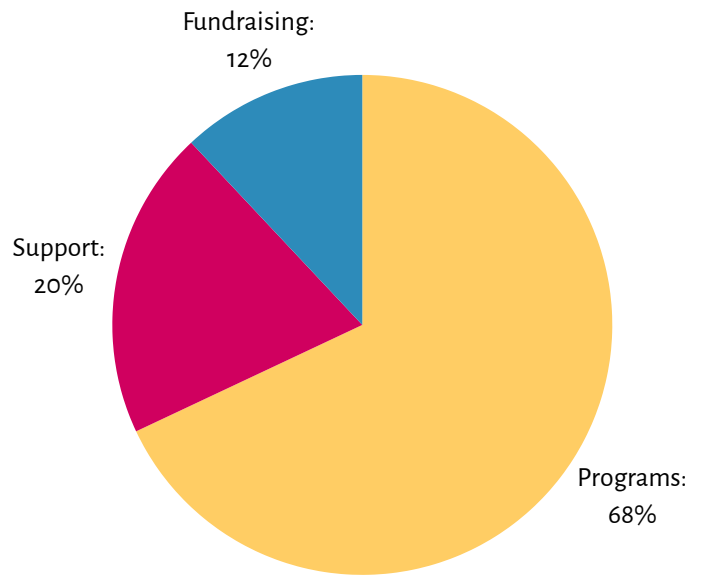


2024 FINANCIALS

Revenue Sources



Where Your Donation Goes



Total Assets \$2,757,010.60
Total Liabilities \$0
Net Assets: \$2,757,010.60
Total Liabilities & Equity: 2,757,010.60

Net Operating Revenue: \$1,286,994.19
Unrealized Investment Gains: \$14,387.11
Operating Expenses: \$739,309.38
Change in Net Assets: 562,071.92

2024 PHOTO GALLERY



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A LEGACY OF GRACE

When John and Erin Kiltz founded His Grace Foundation, they wove the name of their youngest daughter, Rebekah Grace "Gracie" Kiltz, into the very heart of the organization's name.

The Kiltz family designed HGF to provide the type of support to bone marrow transplant patients and families that they themselves had received from a close network of family and friends during Gracie's treatment for leukemia at Texas Children's Hospital.

Since His Grace Foundation's inception, Gracie's story has been the cornerstone of HGF's mission to ensure a legacy of hope and care for BMT patients and families.

On September 8, 2018, Gracie's life on this earth came to an end. As the HGF family grieves the loss of our beloved friend and inspiration, we also have the honor of stewarding Gracie's legacy as His Grace Foundation continues to carry her name.

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