



2025

ANNUAL REPORT

The Dragonfly Foundation

FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO YOU



Dear Friends of Dragonfly,

I am so grateful to be reflecting with you on 15 years of The Dragonfly Foundation. Fifteen years ago, my youngest son, Matt, was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma at age ten. Fifteen years ago, we did not know what his outcome would be. And fifteen years ago, we started Dragonfly to fill a gap in social and emotional support systems for pediatric cancer patients and their families that we had seen with our own eyes while Matt went through treatment. We had no idea if or how this little idea might blossom. But today, I am so happy and proud to share that not only is Matt cancer free, the organization inspired by him continues to expand its impact and reach in our community. On the following pages, you'll read about exciting new updates, meet courageous Dragonflies, and see creative ways you can help support our mission. The work we do at Dragonfly is only possible because of the generosity and kindness of our community of donors, volunteers, partnering hospitals, and incredible Dragonfly families.

Thank you for believing in us fifteen years ago, and thank you for continuing to walk alongside us today.

Warmly,

CHRISTINE NETZKE,
Executive Director and Founder
of The Dragonfly Foundation

Mission: Our mission is to support pediatric cancer patients and their families as a whole at time of diagnosis, throughout treatment, and beyond.



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PROGRAM IMPACT

Since 2010, **more than 8,000 patients and family members served**

THIS YEAR:

122 new Dragonflies served

OVER 130 CARE BAGS brought to the hospital this year

277 patient events with 2,555 total attendees

WHAT WE DO...



The impact of pediatric cancer goes far beyond treatment.

Emotional, physical, and financial challenges often linger long after treatment ends. We believe in a holistic approach to supporting families, ensuring they have the resources and encouragement to face these challenges. Once a Dragonfly, always a Dragonfly: we ensure no family walks this journey alone.



CARE BAGS

Each newly diagnosed family receives a care bag filled with essential items to help adjust to the hospital stay.



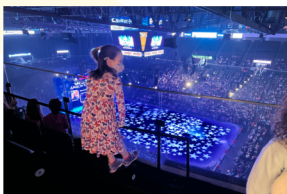
HOSPITAL SUPPORT

Dragonfly fulfills requests by the hospital to help them when caring for our Dragonflies



I AM STILL ME

Our ISM publication offers insight to patients experiencing hair loss. It is paired with a soft pillow case and gifts to help cope with the effects of chemotherapy.



PATIENTS & FAMILY EVENTS & GIFTING

Dragonfly provides gifts and experiences to help families find fun ways to spend time together.



ADOPT-A-FAMILY

Every holiday season, Dragonfly provides support to families in and outside of the hospital to make the holiday season bright.



BEADS OF COURAGE

This program provides Dragonflies with a tangible and visible way to document their treatment journey.



THE LANDING & FARMER FAMILY DRAGONFLY CENTER

These spaces are beautiful, communal spaces for families to take time away from the hospital.



URGENT REQUESTS

Dragonfly fulfills incoming requests to support urgent needs and finds ways to help make things better every day.



JOY CART

Monthly, Dragonfly takes time to appreciate front-line oncology staff at our partner hospitals with a cart filled with treats to ensure that they take a moment to care for themselves as well.

This year brought joyful new traditions and easier access for Dragonfly families to connect and celebrate together.



Our first Dragonfly Fall Festival welcomed 60 attendees and 14 volunteers for a day filled with laughter, games, crafts, a mini pumpkin patch, and festive fall fun. Families shared:

“We felt like we belong,” and “It’s nice to be around people who also have this same world view... we feel very cared for as a family.”



Our new Birthday Bash program has already celebrated 11 Dragonfly families since launching in August, with themed gatherings from breakfasts to pizza parties and trivia nights. One family shared,

“We felt loved and special. Our son was so excited about his gift and the kids didn’t want to leave.”

Each event continues to bring moments of joy, connection, and belonging to the families we serve.

Access to our Farmer Family Dragonfly Center also became easier this year through the Cincinnati Children’s Hospital shuttle route. This exciting development means patients and caregivers can reach our Center directly from the main hospital campus.

The shuttle is one more way Dragonfly is reducing barriers and ensuring that every family, no matter their circumstances, can access moments of rest, joy, and community in a space created just for them.

RENEW, RESTORE, RENOVATE

The last phase of construction renovations to The Landing have been under way since late spring, and we couldn't be more excited for this final transformation. The third floor of our historic home is becoming an extension of the family-focused environment we've created in the Farmer Family Dragonfly Center. We've added more quiet, private areas and are also bringing the ballroom back to its former glory so our Dragonflies and their families can use the entire space for rest, celebration, learning, and community.



BEFORE

Now, it's time to turn these new spaces into a welcoming home for our Dragonflies. **Financial donations are still needed** to purchase furniture and equipment for the third floor. You can help complete our home by donating through the QR code or contacting our Development Team:
development@dragonfly.org.



DURING

Many thanks to the following professionals who have brought the 3rd floor and main floor kitchen to life:
CMSquared, LLC
Michael Schuster
Associates Inc/MSA Design

The beautiful, open ballroom will be the perfect place for group gatherings. We're excited to introduce more health and wellness opportunities like yoga, and hold space where our families can connect to one another. We'll also be able to facilitate special requests like birthday parties and Dragonfly weddings here, as well as have ample meeting space for our staff.



BEFORE

When completed, our kitchen will bring new opportunities for us to offer additional holistic support to our families through healthy food, holiday meals, education, and community.



DURING



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We are excited to introduce two new Family Rooms with the completion of the third floor. Families can have a private room just for them, away from the noise and congestion of the hospital. There will be comfy furniture and a TV for family movie watching, a desk where parents can work or kids can do homework, and more! Making sure that families have spaces to connect together is always one of our top priorities.



DURING

Adding a Kitchenette to the third floor is a must to add comfort and functionality for our families when they visit.

FUTURE PLANS: Children and families facing cancer and other life-threatening illnesses experience not only medical challenges but also heightened levels of stress, anxiety, and sensory overwhelm. Our hope is to convert one third-floor space into a sensory room that will be filled with tools carefully chosen with help from specialists at Cincinnati Children's Hospital and other organizations. This room would help young patients and siblings regulate their emotions, build coping strategies, and find moments of comfort during a very difficult journey.

We are so grateful to the following funders who have made the construction phase of this renovation possible:

**THE HAROLD C. SCHOTT FOUNDATION
LOUISE TAFT SEMPLE FOUNDATION
OHIO CAPITAL BUDGET GRANT**



**STRENGTH
COURAGE
JOY**



Lily, Age 5

LILY'S TALE OF COURAGE

Lillian is a radiant burst of energy; spirited, joyful, and endlessly loving. Her greatest joys are singing and dancing. A true social butterfly, Lily has a gift for turning strangers into friends in an instant. Whether at the park, a party, or just out and about, you'll find her laughing, running, and playing with others, her enthusiasm is simply contagious.

In March 2023, just weeks after celebrating her third birthday, Lily came down with what seemed like a routine cold. Her brother had just recovered from one, so we followed the same treatment plan, expecting it to pass quickly. But something felt different. After a primary care visit and evaluation at Cincinnati Children's Hospital, we went home with a treatment plan and Lily perked up.

Lily finally wanted to play outside, but what happened next was the most terrifying moment of my life. After climbing a small mulch pile, she didn't feel well, and before we knew it, she was unresponsive. We called the paramedics, and she was taken back to Children's Hospital.

Lily was admitted, and after bloodwork was completed and a long and difficult three days passed, our worst fears were confirmed: Lily was diagnosed with B-Cell Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia. The doctors immediately shared a detailed two-year treatment plan, one with very high success rates. We felt reassured and confident that Lily was in the best possible hands.

During Lily's intense first phase of treatment, we were introduced to The Dragonfly Foundation. **Our social worker brought us the blue Care Bag filled with essentials we hadn't even realized we needed, the small comforts that made a big difference.**

Balancing life became a challenge. We had to split our time between being with Lily in the hospital and caring for our son at home. And as if that weren't enough, about three weeks into Lily's stay, we had to leave to welcome her baby sister, Lyla, into the world. In our absence, Lily's grandparents, aunts, and uncles stepped in to support her with love and care.

We were deeply grateful, not only for our family's help, but also for the gifts and resources from Dragonfly that brought comfort and a sense of normalcy to Lily during such a difficult time.

Shortly after we returned to the hospital to be with Lily, she completed the induction phase of her treatment. A follow-up bone marrow biopsy revealed no detectable leukemia blasts! With that hopeful news, we were finally able to come home and be together as a family of five.

Over the next couple of years, Lily continued to go in and out of the hospital for treatment. While the therapy targeted her cancer cells, it also affected healthy ones, leaving her more vulnerable to illness.

Despite these challenges, **Dragonfly gave Lily the chance to experience a more "typical" childhood.** She attended Reds and FC Cincinnati games, holiday parties, Disney on Ice and the magical experience of seeing the Descendants Tour. Dragonfly understands the unique needs of children undergoing treatment, offering isolated seating and hosting smaller, safer events so no child has to miss out.

While we carried the weight of fear from her diagnosis and treatment, I truly believe Lily didn't. **Dragonfly filled her days with joy, helping her forget the harsh realities of her medical journey.**

Dragonfly has also helped us find support by connecting us with other families facing similar diagnosis. Through these connections, we've found a shared understanding, not just of the hardships, but of the joys as well, speaking the same language of experience and hope.

We're overjoyed to share that Lily completed her treatment in June 2025 and remains in remission! Our hearts are full of gratitude for our incredible friends and family, and **we are truly grateful to be part of the Dragonfly family.**



Liz, Artie & The Schaller Family

A Year In Review

2025 FINANCIALS

For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025

(For financial information regarding The Dragonfly Foundation, please see our audited financials and Form 990 at [Dragonfly.org](#))

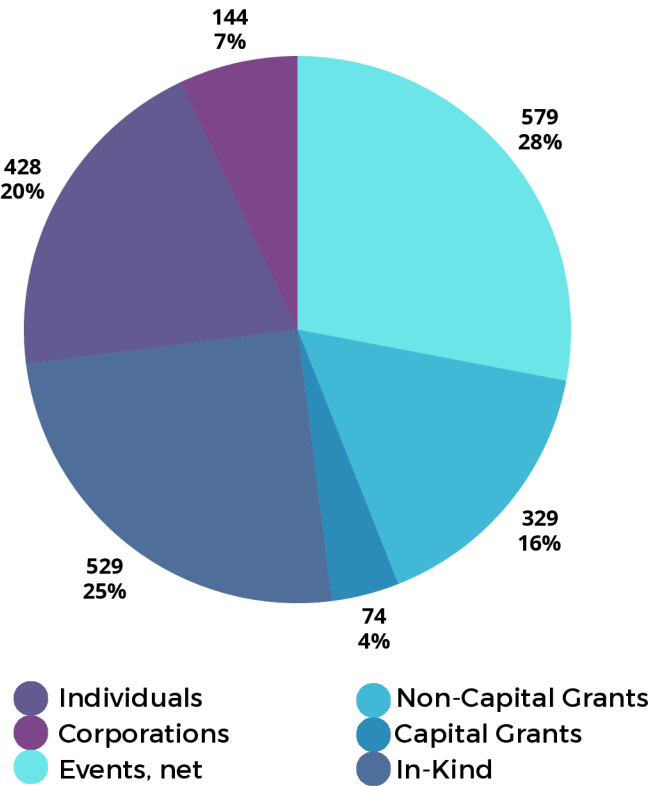
Financial Position as of June 30, 2025 (\$000's)

Cash	\$1,469	Current Liabilities	\$192
Other Current Assets	131	Long-term Debt	531
Property & Equipment, net	2,935		723
Total Assets	<u>\$4,535</u>	Net Assets ^(a)	
		Without Donor restrictions	2,373
		With Donor restrictions	<u>1,439</u>
			<u>3,812</u>

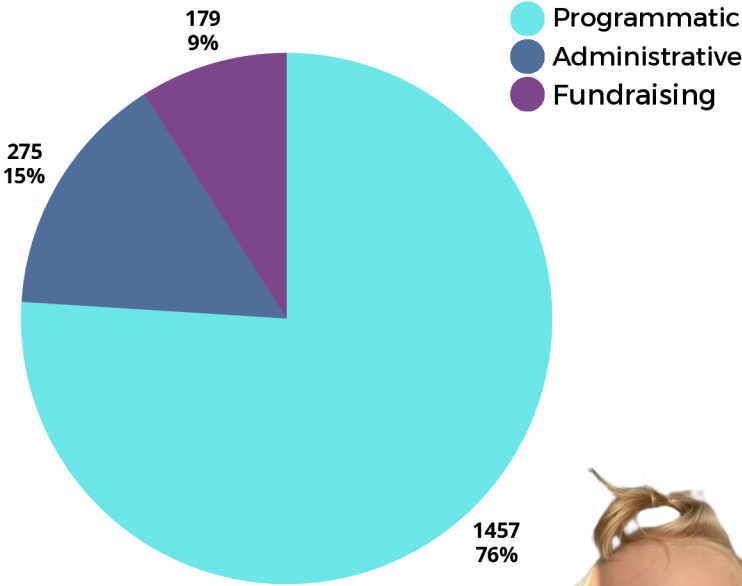
Total Liabilities and Net Assets \$4,535

a - For fiscal year 2024 the change in net assets was \$251

FY 2025 Revenue Components (\$000)



FY 2025 Expense Components (\$000)



“The support we received from The Dragonfly Foundation was invaluable and really made a difference in softening an extremely hard and terrible experience.”

- Sarah, Maddox’s Mom

Maddox, Age 2



There are many ways to make a lasting impact on The Dragonfly Foundation



One impactful way for supporters to help future generations of Dragonflies is to leave a gift to The Dragonfly Foundation in their will. This is also called a “bequest,” and it can be accomplished in as little as one sentence.

You can leave a specific dollar amount or asset, a percentage of your estate, or the residue of your estate. These gifts help you leave a lasting legacy and often lessen the burden of taxes on your family.

Residual Bequest

- After ensuring your loved ones are taken care of, you can leave the remainder of your estate to The Dragonfly Foundation.

Specific Bequest

- You may designate a fixed dollar amount, a percentage of your estate, or specific assets like cash, securities, or personal property to The Dragonfly Foundation.

Give the Gift of Stock

Did you know you can support our mission by donating stock? It's simple, smart, and may even help you save on taxes. By giving appreciated stocks, you can make a larger gift at no extra cost to you. Ask your broker to transfer shares directly to our account, and we'll take care of the rest!

*For more information and transfer instructions,
Email: development@dragonfly.org*

Did you know you can name The Dragonfly Foundation as a Beneficiary?

You can also support our mission by designating us as a beneficiary of your IRAs and retirement plans, life insurance policies, commercial annuities, and bank accounts.

How to Name TDF as a Beneficiary

1. Contact your plan administrator, insurance company, or bank/financial institution to request a beneficiary designation form.
2. Specify the percentage (1-100%) of your account you would like The Dragonfly Foundation to receive.
3. Submit the completed form to your provider.

These planned gifts ensure that your legacy of generosity continues to support pediatric cancer patients and their families for generations to come.

Have you already added The Dragonfly Foundation to your Will or Estate Plan? Let us know: development@dragonfly.org.

Donor-Advised Funds (DAFs)

Simplify Your Charitable Giving
Donate to The Dragonfly Foundation through a DAF to enjoy tax benefits and make grants at your convenience.

Direct your gift to:
The Dragonfly Foundation,
506 Oak Street,
Cincinnati, OH, 45219
Tax ID: #27-3183929



FUNDRAISING EVENTS

THE DRAGONFLY GRAND GALA

Our Grand Gala, presented by Cincinnati Children's Hospital, hosted more than 400 guests at Cincinnati Music Hall. The event was incredibly successful in raising funds for our programs and services. Exciting entertainment included a fashion show by Cincinnati's own Asha Ama Daniels.



VITO'S RIDE FOR DRAGONFLY

Riders from around the area came together to support the annual Ride for Dragonfly, presented by The Basement Doctor. The event hosted over 100 bikes, several vendors, and live music. This year's ride was held in honor of Vito Carchedi, the founder of the ride event, who lost his battle with cancer this year.



THE DRAGONFLY GOLF CLASSIC

Our Annual Golf Classic presented by Titan Siding & Roofing was held at Wetherington Golf & Country Club. More than 130 golfers enjoyed a day of fresh air and golf. The rain didn't keep our guests from fundraising to bring strength, courage, and joy to our Dragonflies!



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thank you!



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