



Rachel Lynn Henley Foundation Community Impact Report



2015 Financial and Effectiveness Summary
January 2016

Letter from Board President

What amazing gifts Rachel Lynn Henley gave to each of us, to our community and to our world. Rachel encouraged so many people to believe in themselves and to follow their dreams as they live their best lives. One of her dreams was to start a foundation to support other children and families who had been affected by cancer. She called us together at our annual family trip in May of 2015, told us her plan and asked for our help in making it happen. She fully expected to be a part of the work, but also gave us the gift of letting us know exactly what she wanted her foundation to do.

After Rachel's passing on June 2, 2015, we got to work on fulfilling her dream. The Rachel Lynn Henley Foundation was created in her honor and with the love and hard work of an incredible group of family and friends. Since receiving our non-profit determination in August, we have been completely overwhelmed and filled with gratitude for the support of our generous donors. We appreciate the trust they have shown in us. With their help we have raised an amazing \$20,327.15 in the past five months, far exceeding our wildest hopes and dreams. With these funds and the support of our donors we have been able to:

- 👉 Adopt a local child's wish through the Make-A-Wish Foundation;
- 👉 Donate \$6,000 to Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center for Rachel's oncologist to use for his ongoing research (which was matched by an anonymous donor to double the impact on research);
- 👉 Hold a dinner and craft night for the families at MultiCare Treehouse; and
- 👉 Collect toys for the patients at the Hematology/Oncology clinic at Mary Bridge Children's Hospital.

We are looking forward to growing even more and continuing to make a difference in 2016. We are currently working on planning our events for the year, including our largest event, our annual spring auction, along with other fun new events! We are working on partnerships with other non-profits that support pediatric cancer patients in different ways, and are excited to share news about these in the near future. We will continue to build our relationship with our local children's hospitals and follow ongoing pediatric research projects so that we can learn of their needs that we can support.

By combining the contributions from many donors, we have made and look forward to continuing to make a tangible and meaningful difference in our community. We are thrilled and grateful to our supporters for what we have been able to accomplish so far. We are excited for continued growth in 2016!

With gratitude,
Mary Henley



Background and Organization Information

Rachel Lynn Henley was an active and fun-loving freshman at Stadium High School in Tacoma, when her life was turned on end with a cancer diagnosis in 2007. She bravely and gracefully fought synovial sarcoma - a rare soft tissue cancer - for 7 ½ years before her battle ended peacefully on June 2, 2015. Throughout her fight, Rachel was passionate about helping others and raising money to support cancer research and support for other cancer fighters. With a strong team behind her, we proudly raised over \$80,000 in our previous eight years of fundraising as an American Cancer Society Relay for Life team.

One of Rachel's last wishes was to create a foundation that would allow us to more personally and actively support various cancer research organizations focusing on pediatrics and sarcomas, as well as organizations that enrich the daily lives of young cancer fighters. Rachel wanted to use all that she had learned during her fight to help others in similar circumstances. This foundation is created in her honor and it makes our hearts happy knowing that we are working toward carrying out her wishes.

The foundation received its non-profit determination from the Internal Revenue Service on August 19, 2015. The mission of the Rachel Lynn Henley Foundation is to support children and young adults going through cancer treatment by enriching their quality of life during their fight, and to fund the important and ongoing research needed to find cures for pediatric cancers. Below we have identified each of the Foundation's Core Programs, and show how we were able to make a difference in 2015 in each of these areas.



Rachel Lynn Henley Foundation Board of Directors: From left- Parker Crites, Janet Buzzard, Andy Buzzard, Nate Henley, Mary Henley, Kelly Lauricella and Sara Best.

Note that while we have a Board of Directors, the work of this foundation could not be done without the help of our family and friends.

Achievements in 2015

The Core Programs of the Rachel Lynn Henley Foundation are listed below, along with some examples of our accomplishments in 2015:

- ☞ **Directly work to enrich the lives of young cancer fighters:** During her battle, Rachel experienced the importance of the kind gestures she received from people she knew as well as complete strangers who reached out with small tokens that reminded her that she wasn't fighting alone. These gestures gave her strength and hope and made her feel so loved. We will provide tangible support to young cancer fighters both locally and from afar through our own efforts as well as through partnerships with other existing non-profit organizations.

Our first fundraising goal was to adopt a wish for a local child through the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Rachel's wish trip in 2008 allowed her to visit her brother and his family who were stationed in the US Air Force in Germany was one of the highlights of her life. It was an amazing opportunity and allowed her to just forget about things for a while. It was one of the organizations that Rachel was anxious to give back to. We were able to adopt our wish after our first fundraising event and have now been matched with our "Wish Kid". We are so looking forward to being a part of making our adopted child's wish come true!



Rachel and her niece Brooke in Germany



Toys collected in 2015

We are working with Mary Bridge Children's Hospital in Tacoma to determine ways that we can support patients and families in their fight. In December, we went Christmas caroling to spread holiday cheer and included a toy and art supply drive for the patients at the Hematology/Oncology clinic at Mary Bridge as a part of that effort. These children get gifts of encouragement periodically for milestones in their treatment, and we were pleased to add to their choices.


- ☞ **Indirectly working to enrich the lives of young cancer fighters:** We will provide financial support and/or resources to other existing non-profit organizations that provide meaningful support to young cancer fighters. This will also include sharing information about these other important organizations with our community and other friends of our foundation.

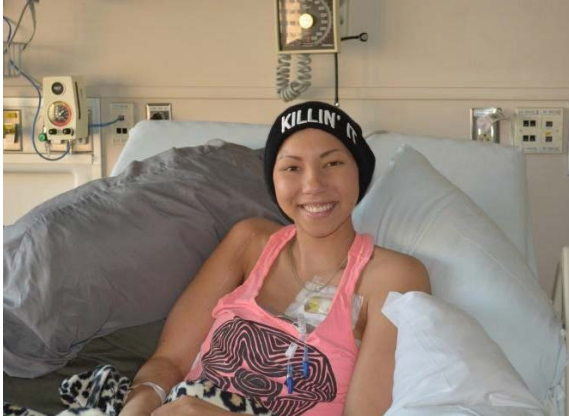
We are working on plans to support organizations such as Beads of Courage, which provides incentive beads to kids fighting cancer to acknowledge every poke, scan, doctor visit, hair loss, etc. It gives patients a fun thing to collect while tangibly recording their journey. Whether we make a financial donation, collect beads contributed by our supporters, or work with our local arts community to create our own unique beads, we feel that this non-profit is one example of a project worthy of our support.



Rachel's beads from Beads of Courage




 **Funding ongoing research for pediatric cancers, with emphasis on sarcomas:** Rachel's oncology team in Seattle and others are working constantly on important research related to sarcoma, other childhood cancers, and reducing the effects that cancer treatment has on the future lives of children and young adults living with a cancer diagnosis. We will work to provide funding as directly as we can to these researchers to support their important work.



Rachel preparing for one of her many infusions with a smile

We are so fortunate to have amazing doctors in this area doing cutting edge research. Rachel participated in a number of clinical trials and research projects through the years, fully knowing the importance of these projects in working toward better outcomes for young people living with and fighting cancer. We are working through the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center to provide funding directly to the promising immunotherapy and vaccine trials for synovial sarcoma being done by her oncologist that she had hoped to be a part of.

 **Increasing awareness of individual and family issues related to a childhood cancer diagnosis:** We will work to share important information and statistics related to pediatric cancers and the effects that they have on children, young adults and families living with a cancer diagnosis. We will do what we can to help others understand how they can help make a difference for these families, with financial, emotional, and physical support.

This includes awareness of both the foundation, so that we can share statistics and other information through that platform, as well as sharing information from different perspectives about living with and fighting cancer. In September we posted a reminder about Childhood Cancer Prevention Month, and in November we posted a number of photos and perspectives from cancer fighters about the importance of their caregivers.



2015 Financial Statement Rachel Lynn Henley Foundation

Income:		
Donations	\$11,467.31	
In-Kind Donations ¹	\$805.20	
In-Kind Professional Services Donation	\$2,250.00	
Sponsorships ²	\$1,067.14	
Fundraisers		
Jamerry	\$60.50	
Chili Feed	\$258.00	
Casa Mia Takeover	\$715.00	
Trash to Treasures Sale	\$2,094.00	
Pampered Chef Party	\$1,000.00	
Painting Sales	\$610.00	
Fundraising Total	\$4,737.50	
Total Income	\$20,327.15	
General Expenses:		
Business/Non-Profit Filing Fees		\$539.48
Operating Expenses ³		\$87.13
Professional Services ⁴		\$2,250.00
Website Hosting and Domain		\$169.05
Promotional Materials ⁵		\$60.53
Miscellaneous Fees ⁶		\$140.56
	Total General Expenses	\$3,246.75
Expenses in Mission Fulfillment:		
Adopt A Wish Donation		\$5,000.00
Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Donation		\$6,000.00
Treehouse Dinner and Craft Night Supplies		\$289.56
	Total Expenses in Mission Fulfillment	\$11,289.56
Cash Balance		\$5,185.64
In Kind Donation Balance		\$605.20
Total Balance		\$5,790.84

Financial Notes:

¹ In-kind donations are for toys collected in 2015 for donation to Mary Bridge Children's Hospital in January 2016, as well as for the catered meal and cookie supplies for the Treehouse dinner

² Sponsorships are donations made specifically to offset general expense fees and fees associated with the Treehouse Dinner

³ Operating expenses include office supplies and stamps

⁴ Legal and accounting services to establish organizational documentation

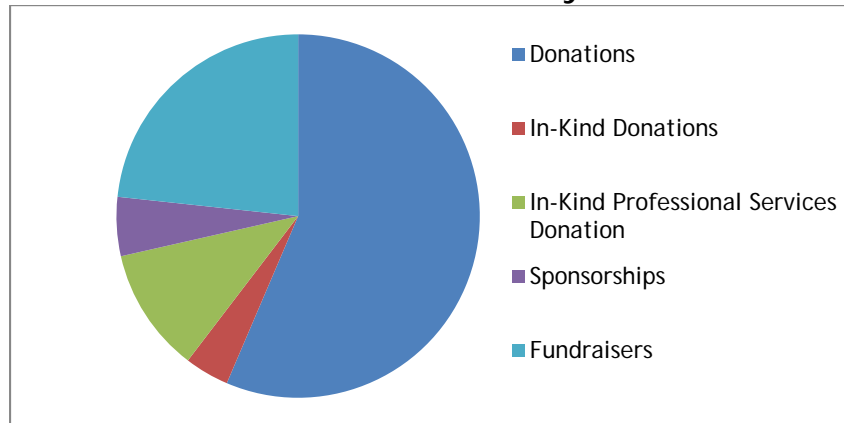
⁵ Includes postcard printing and foundation banner

⁶ Miscellaneous fees include PayPal fees at the non-profit rate of 2.2% plus \$0.30 per transaction as well as bank fees and a monthly charge for accounting software



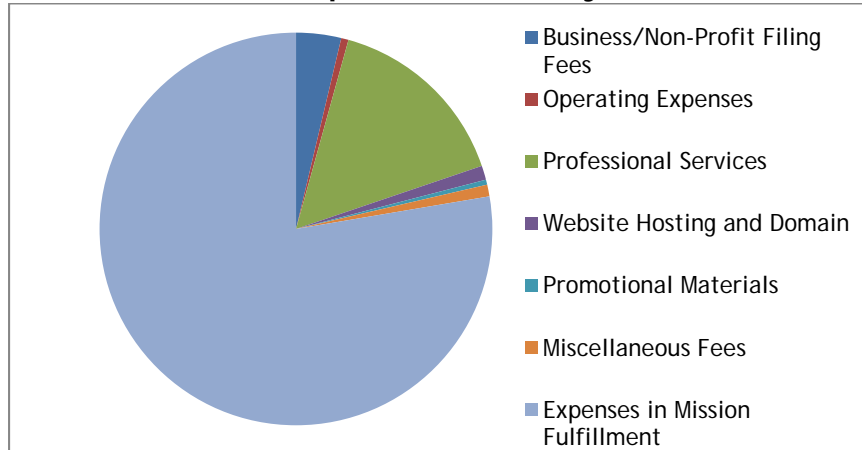
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Total	\$14,536.31



List of Donors

Thank you to the following donors for their financial support. We couldn't do our work without you, and together we are making a difference!

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In addition, we thank Travis A. Mahugh, Gordon Thomas Honeywell; Matthew Longhurst; Katie Brooks; and Gina Almonte for donating their services to support the foundation.

*I didn't fight
cancer, we did.*





The Ladybug Effect

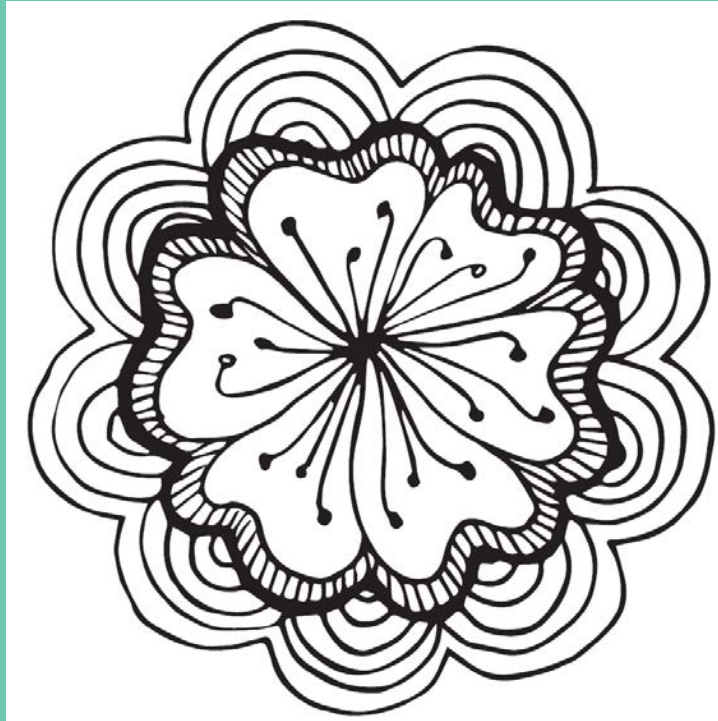


At Rachel's memorial we talked about our Ladybug Effect project. For those who weren't able to attend, ladybugs were a symbol to Rachel of good luck and hope. It started on the day of her diagnosis in November 2007 when we found a ladybug crawling across the floor in her windowless examination room, inside the clinic, inside Seattle Children's Hospital. After that, we found ladybugs often, and it always brought a smile to Rachel's face. They seemed to congregate around her, particularly in her rooms at both of the houses she lived in.

Traditionally, ladybugs have been seen as messengers of delight and promise, and they can be a reminder to us to release our worries, live our best lives and follow our dreams. This was how Rachel lived. Since Rachel passed, many of her family and friends have seen ladybugs, sometimes in the strangest of places including flying into the windows of moving cars and once even in a pre-packaged salad purchased from a store on the day of her memorial! These sightings have brought tears but also a smile and sense of peace.

In Rachel's honor, we plan to place ladybugs around town, in the form of paintings, perhaps on rocks, buildings or sidewalks. When you see any ladybugs, whether a real one or one of ours, please take a moment to think of Rachel and honor her by remembering to live your best life and follow your dreams. You can also use it as a reminder to pass that feeling on to others with a smile, and the sharing of love and encouragement.





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