



# 2025

Annual Impact Report



**Arizona Cancer**  
Foundation for Children



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ACFC was there for our family in ways we will never forget. Your help with rent, gas, holiday support, and the many family events you offer eased so much of our stress.

Maria, mom of warrior Marcelo



# Meeting Families Where They Are

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This year, families facing childhood cancer carried more than the weight of a diagnosis.

With reductions in federal assistance programs and rising costs of everyday living, many of the families we serve found themselves navigating not only treatment schedules and hospital stays, but also growing financial instability. Groceries became harder to afford. Utility bills piled up. Essential household needs stretched budgets already pushed to their limits.

And more families turned to ACFC than ever before.

In 2025, we met that moment.

Our Pantry shelves were stocked consistently to ensure families could access fresh food and household staples without hesitation. Our Clothing Market provided dignity and relief — allowing parents to shop for their children at no cost, knowing they could leave with what they truly needed. Essential items like toiletries, cleaning supplies, diapers, gas cards, and emergency financial assistance became critical lifelines, not extras. One mother shared with us that after her son's diagnosis, she had to leave her job to manage his treatment schedule. When federal benefits were reduced, she wasn't sure how she would cover groceries and rent in the same month. Through ACFC, she filled her cart in the Pantry, selected school clothes for her daughter in the Clothing Market, and received assistance to keep her utilities from being shut off. She later told us, *"For the first time since diagnosis, I felt like I could breathe."*

What may look like simple resources on the surface — a bag of groceries, a new pair of shoes, a package of diapers — represent something much deeper for a family in crisis. They represent stability. They represent breathing room. They represent one less impossible choice.

As more safety nets tightened across the country, ACFC strengthened ours. We expanded access to direct financial assistance, ensured essential supplies were readily available, and continued creating a space where families could walk in feeling overwhelmed and walk out feeling supported. The need grew — and so did our commitment.

ACFC exists to ensure that when everything else feels uncertain, families know exactly where to turn.

This year reminded us that our role is not simply to provide programs — it is to bridge the gap when systems fall short. And because of the strength of this community, we were able to do just that.

The work ahead remains urgent. Families are still navigating rising costs and changing benefits. But we are prepared. We are steady. And we are deeply committed to meeting every family with practical support, compassion, and dignity.

When families needed more, ACFC became more.



Chrisie Abramo  
President and Founder, Arizona Cancer Foundation for Children



# Our Mission

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Arizona Cancer Foundation for Children provides social, emotional, and financial support directly to families managing the health and well-being of a loved one with pediatric cancer.

ACFC's 12,000 square-foot facility provides a centralized hub of support for childhood cancer warriors and their families, all within one location. By providing critical services and programs, we aim to alleviate the burdens associated with childhood cancer and provide support to the entire family.

**A place where kids with cancer can be kids.**





# Program Pillars of Support

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Social

Emotional

Financial



# Social Support

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ACFC was built on a simple belief: kids with cancer deserve to be kids.

In 2025, that belief continued into something even greater. Inside our 12,000 square-foot facility, families found comprehensive support that addressed the social, emotional, and financial realities of childhood cancer.

What begins as a sunshine visit often becomes a lifeline — a place of belonging, stability, and hope. When families come to ACFC, they receive access to:

- Art Studio
- Baxter's Kitchen
- Clothing Boutique
- Family Pantry
- Family Room
- Imaginative Play Areas
- Paint Splatter Room
- Teen Center
- Toy Store
- Tutoring Services

**Family events create moments of joy, connection, and normalcy beyond treatment.**





# In 2025, ACFC:

Provided Support to

**477**  
families

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Enrolled

**112**  
New families

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Hosted

**180**  
families for Sunshine visits

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Welcomed

**1,700**  
people to ACFC for family events





# Financial Support

Financial support provides stability through quarterly grants, gift cards for essential needs, and compassionate end-of-life assistance.

## Distribution of Assistance

**339**  
direct financial grants

**18**  
families received  
end-of-life support

**314**  
gift cards at events

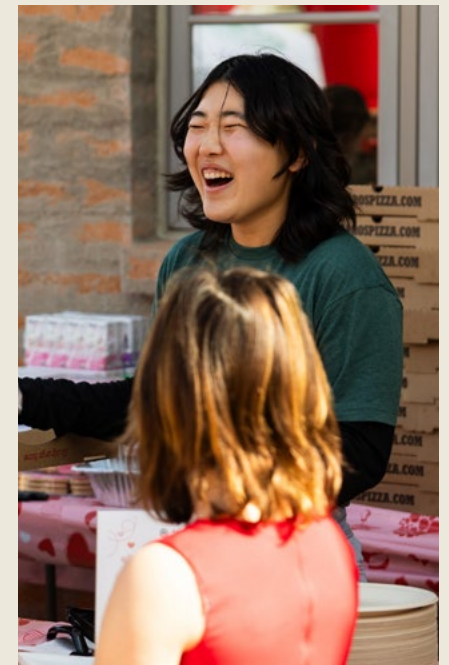
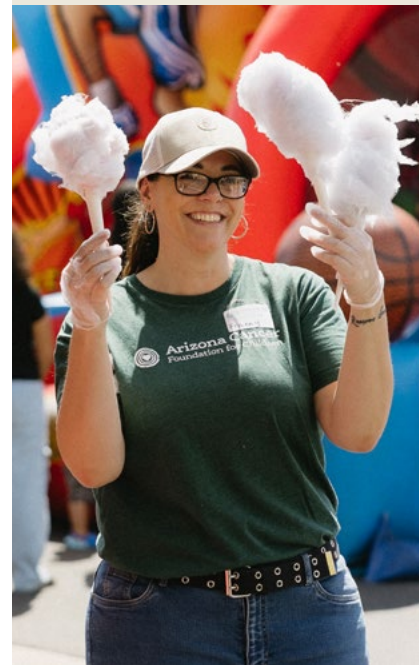
**\$78,300**  
in total food support

**310**  
hours of tutoring

**9,140**  
meals through our pantry and  
in-person meal services

# Volunteers

Volunteers are an essential part of who we are and the work we do at ACFC, enabling us to extend our reach and deepen our impact for the families we serve. They generously give their time, energy, and enthusiasm. Showing up with intention and heart, they create meaningful moments to ensure families feel supported, valued, and cared for. Whether they're serving meals, organizing donations, helping at events, or working alongside our team, their commitment strengthens our mission and makes a difference every day.



I really wanted to find an organization where I could offer meaningful support. I love seeing the impact it makes within families. Between the Sunshine Visits, family events, and fundraisers, I've seen how much support it gives and I'm grateful to be able to be part of it.

Emily, ACFC volunteer



## Volunteer Highlights

415

Volunteers

+

2,161

Hours Served

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\$72,378

Cost savings to ACFC



I visited the facility and instantly knew this was where I wanted to be. Seeing the mission in action made me want to get involved right away.

Lori, ACFC volunteer

# Events

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## 6th Annual Ava's Tree House Gala



Ava's Tree House Gala 2025 Co-Chairs:  
Ashley & Justin Upton, Caroline & Matt Londen

## 3rd Annual ACFC Golf Classic



Madison and Nolan Gorman

## Tom Londen Memorial Golf Classic



The Londen Family

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## Troon Tackles Cancer



## Enterprise Golf Tournament



## Spines to Pines





*Ava's Tree House Gala*



*Ava's Tree House Gala – ACFC Staff*



*Goldy Award Winners: Desert Mountain Health & Desert Cove Recovery*



*Tom Londen Golf Classic*



*Spines to Pines*

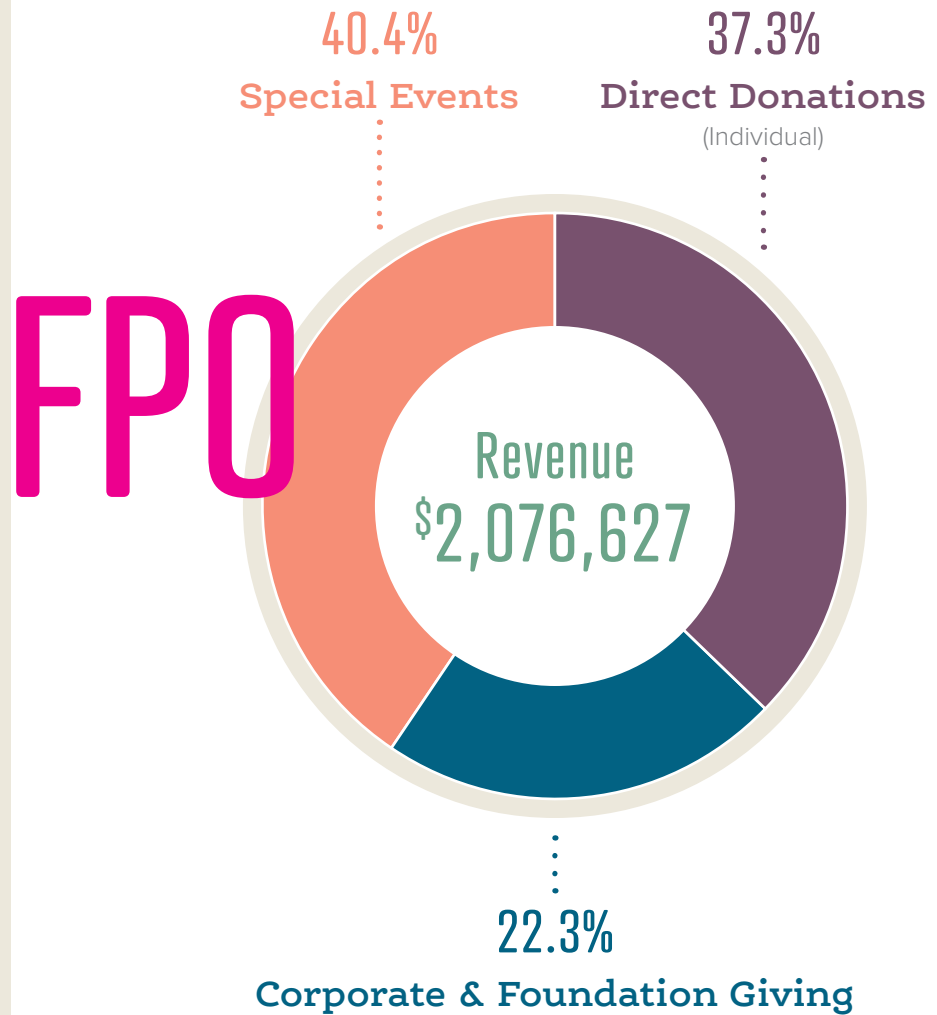
# Financials

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The kids and families we serve are extremely vulnerable. I'm amazed by the level of individualized support each child and family receives.

Justin Dufour, Managing Partner,  
Desert Cove Recovery, Board of Directors



# Our Board & Staff

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## Executive Board

Chrisie Abramo  
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Benjamin Hayes  
Todd Juhl  
Alex Kjellsen  
Jennifer Mackay

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Matt Londen  
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Glenn Zeldin

## Staff

Chrisie Abramo President and Founder	Alyssa O'Brien Programs Director
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Meg Emory Director of Events	Cara Woolery Executive Assistant
Bailey Finch Program Assistant	Paws Mascot
Bailey Fisher Case Coordinator	Leo Therapy Dog



# Campaign

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*The Kids With Cancer Can Be Kids Campaign* represents ACFC's bold commitment to building a permanent, comprehensive model of support for families facing childhood cancer. What began as a vision has grown into a transformative movement—one that ensures families have access to consistent, long-term support under one roof.

Through this multi-year initiative, we have strengthened and expanded the services families rely on every day: direct financial assistance, pantry and clothing resources, essential household items, professional counseling, therapeutic spaces, and programs designed to restore joy and stability. This campaign has allowed ACFC to meet families not only in moments of celebration, but in moments of real and urgent need.

As we look ahead to 2026, we are focused on raising the final \$3 million needed to complete this campaign and fully secure the future of ACFC's programs and services. This next chapter is about sustainability—ensuring that families facing childhood cancer can rely on ACFC not just today, but for years to come.

This campaign is more than bricks and walls. It is about strengthening the safety net for families when other systems fall short. It is about providing stability in uncertain times. It is about ensuring that kids with cancer can truly be kids.

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Our vision has always been simple: to provide a place where kids with cancer can still be kids and families can feel supported every step of the way. This campaign allows us to complete that vision and ensure ACFC will be here for generations to come.

Chrisie Abramo, President and Founder,  
Arizona Cancer Foundation for Children







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ACFC has been a tremendous help to our family, especially with rent and utility assistance. Their support has lifted a significant weight off our shoulders, allowing us to focus on the little joys and truly be present for both of our children during Sara’s most difficult times. We are forever grateful for ACFC.

Araceli, mom of warrior Sara