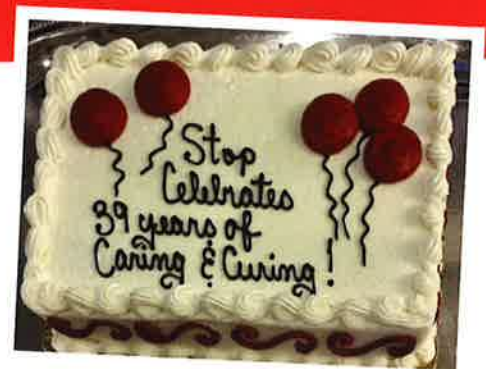


# Stop Children's Cancer History

By Stop Children's Cancer



**S**top Children's Cancer (Stop) was founded in 1981, by a 10-year old girl, named Bonnie, diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia or ALL. At the time, the survival rate for ALL was 35%; now in 2020 it is 90%!

Bonnie wanted to raise money to help other children and their families, so they would have a better future. Bonnie passed away in 1983 at the age of 12. Stop continues with the Mission: Committed to the Prevention, Control and Cure of Childhood Cancers.

Beginning in 1985, from the donations raised the Board of Directors started funding researchers, equipment and projects at UF Health. After donating over \$5 million dollars, Stop Children's Cancer Medical Advisory Board suggested supporting

Clinical Trials. In 2010, for the next 7 years, Stop pledged to donate \$1,050,000 at \$150,000 per year for the Stop Children's Cancer / Bonnie R. Freeman Clinical Trials.

In 2018, for the next 5 years, an additional \$1,000,000 was pledge: \$750,000 at \$150,000 per year to continue the Stop Children's Cancer / Bonnie R. Freeman Clinical Trials and \$250,000 at \$50,000 per year to establish the Sarcoma Clinical Trials. In 2019, the Board renamed the Sarcoma Clinical Trials in memory of Kimberly to the Stop Children's Cancer / Kimberly H. Flaitz Research Grant.

Teaming up with Sister Hazel's Lyrics for Life Foundation in 2019 and 2020, a generous gift of \$100,000 each year, totaling \$200,000, was donated to Stop. In memory of Jeffrey,

this gift established the Lyrics for Life / Stop Children's Cancer Jeffrey A. Block Research Grant for personalized targeted immunotherapy for T-cell Lymphoma and Leukemia.

To date, Stop Children's Cancer, a 501(C) (3), has raised over \$8 million dollars for significant research of childhood cancers at UF Health. As a result of Stop's many years of "seed money" donations to UF Health, an excess of well over \$20 million has been secured by Doctors and Researchers from additional donors advancing clinical trials and critical research. Stop continues donating to UF Health with the support of our amazing and giving community!!

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July 3, 1983  
Dear Friends,

My parents, Howard and Laurie, and my sister, Carolyn and I started the Stop! Children's Cancer Fund. We started this fund 2 1/2 years ago. This fund is to help other children be cured of cancer.

Our family has put a lot of time and energy into this fund. I want everyone to appreciate all the hard work our family and others have done. I feel that since the money from this fund is for all the kids in the world, everyone should help! We need your help to raise over \$1,000,000.

Money is not the only way you can help. We need people to make things to sell, work on paper stuff and spread the word of the fund to others.

I don't want other kids and their families to go through all the same things which we had to.

Love,  
Bonnie Freeman  
12 years old



Bonnie R. Freeman was born October 8, 1970 and died at home on July 10, 1983 after a 2 1/2 year struggle with Leukemia.

B.R.F.  
7/3/83

#### Data

- Cancer is the #1 cause of death by disease in children.
- 2% of federal funds for cancer research is earmarked for children's cancer research.
- Daily, 43 families hear their child has cancer. 12% of these children do not survive. Of those who do survive, 60% suffer devastating late effects such as secondary cancers, muscular difficulties & infertility. (Data from Curesearch)



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### Bonnie's 50th Birthday Bash

This October, Bonnie would have been 50 years old. We hope you will follow Stop Children's Cancer on Facebook and join "Bonnie's 50th Birthday Bash" throughout October. These much-needed donations will help continue her vision; cures for childhood cancers!

To learn about all our events, how to get involved and more about Stop Children's Cancer, by visiting [www.StopChildrensCancer.Org](http://www.StopChildrensCancer.Org).

### Ways YOU Can Help...

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**T**his year has been one of the most unusual in our lifetimes. The challenges for the past months have tested our abilities to adapt and most certainly our patience. It has been especially tough on the health providers in our communities. I hope you can keep a big smile under your mask and appreciate the little things that make up our daily lives.

The past year has been a year of many positive things for Stop Children's Cancer. Thanks to the hard work of the Board of Directors, Christy Gibbons, our new Administrative Director, Tracy Christie, Accountant and many, many volunteers we have been able to stabilize and grow our financial status. Thanks to our many donors we continue to fund support for the research and pediatric clinical trials at UF Health Shands under the guidance of Dr. Bill Slayton.

It is amazing the work being done and the progress toward stopping children's cancer. There are over 60 clinical trials open currently, 42 treatment trials and 20 trials that are pure science. Funding has been focused in two areas; The Bonnie R. Freeman Clinical Trials Fund and the



## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Stop Children's Cancer/Kimberly H. Flaitz Research Grant.

Our fundraising efforts beginning June of 2019 through March of 2020 achieved record highs!! Starting with the 25th Annual Bob Dooley Invitational Golf Tournament, the 1st Bonnie's Birthday Bash, the 26th Annual Charity Golf Classic, the 7th Annual Kickin' It Martial Arts Tournament & Expo, the 21st 93.7 K COUNTRY Bear-a-Thon, the 38th Annual Gainesville Street Rods Event then celebrating the year end with the 32nd Annual Fantasy Event Roaring 2020's!

We lost two dear friends and longtime Stop Volunteers this past year. Sue Boate was a longtime Board Member, Distinguished Director and served as our Executive Director from 1990 to 1995. For over 25 years, Archie McCormick contributed to Stop as a longtime Board Member & Chaired the Decoration Committee for both our Fantasy Events & Holiday Traditions.

As we move forward we are working to

expand our outreach and you can help. If you are on Facebook please LIKE our Stop Children's Cancer page. Invite all of your friends and be sure to SHARE our posts. Our website continues to improve and keep you up to date.

We would like you to be an advocate for Stop Children's Cancer. With your assistance we can reach thousands more people. Be sure to keep in touch and check us out at StopChildrensCancer.Org.

Serving as the president of Stop Children's Cancer and as a longtime board member I want to "thank you" for your support of our organization. Our board is dedicated to continuing Bonnie's dream of stopping children's cancer. Great strides have been made but there is so much more to do. With friends like you and the support of so many volunteers, the doctor's at UF Health, the Board of Directors and our staff, we will continue the mission.

Stay healthy, and we are looking forward to resuming our fun events and seeing you soon.

**Jim Robertson**  
President



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