

OFC OUR FRIEND CHRISTOPHER

*Improving and inspiring
the lives of others*

2022 IMPACT REPORT



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Our Friend Christopher originated as a campaign in 2020 following the passing of Christopher Miles. In 2022, OFC incorporated and received 501c3 status.



OUR MISSION

Honor Our Good Friend Christopher Miles by improving and inspiring the lives of pediatric cancer patients & young adults in our community.



Support Pediatric Cancer Patients



Brain Cancer Research, Awareness



Award College Scholarships

Our Friend Christopher is enthusiastic about three main categories:

Pediatric Cancer Patients: Our Friend Christopher is enthusiastic about supporting pediatric cancer patients and their families during their journey with cancer. We can help with medical bills, provide valuable resources, or help with fundraising.

Brain Cancer Research & Awareness: Brain Tumors are now the number one cause of cancer related deaths in children under the age of nineteen. The standard of care and improvement of survival or quality of life has not changed in the last 50 year. Our Friend Christopher is building relationships and supporting organizations that work to eliminate the challenges of this cancer.

Higher Education: Our Friend Christopher provides a minimum of two college scholarships a year to deserving young adults in our community to honor our good friend Christopher Miles who finished his battle with Glioblastoma Brain Cancer in 2020. Christopher was an outstanding student, athlete, and a friend to all who knew him.

Because of our wonderful sponsors, donors, advocates, and partners, we were able to make a generous impact in 2022 towards our mission. Our Friend Christopher donated over **\$30,000** towards our mission in 2022, influenced over **\$20,000,000** towards brain cancer research and gave over **five hundred hours** in community support and fundraising. 100% of donations go directly toward our mission.



2022 IMPACT

HIGHER EDUCATION & COMMUNITY IMPACT

- In 2022, Our Friend Christopher awarded **three college scholarships** to deserving young senior athletes in Gwinnett County in honor of Christopher Miles.
- In 2022, Our Friend Christopher supported community charities such as Young Life, Find Your Fire Foundation, NG Hoops & The North Gwinnett Co Op. All these organizations work to improve and inspire young adults in our community.

PEDIATRIC PATIENT IMPACT

- Our Friend Christopher provided over **\$15,000** in direct pediatric cancer patient support in 2022. Our team was pleased to help **Five families** with medical bills and equipment, travel expenses for clinical trials, Christmas support and valuable resources to these families.
- Our Friend Christopher also provided patient support at The Children's Hospital of Atlanta. We provided over **one hundred comfort gifts**, including: Christmas gifts, overnight care packages and other support to make their stay there a more comfortable one.
- Our Friend Christopher supported the 95.5 WSB Care-a-thon for the third year, helping to raise a record breaking **\$1.8 million** for the Aflac Cancer Center for patient support and family services.

AWARENESS & RESEARCH IMPACT

- Our Friend Christopher donated over **\$10,000** to organizations that support new immunotherapies and early detection of brain cancers, including: The National Brain Tumor Society, The Glioblastoma Foundation, and The Curemedullo Foundation.
- Our Friend Christopher spread awareness around brain tumors and built relationships with organizations that work to eliminate the challenges of this cancer.

In 2022, Our Friend Christopher partnered with The National Cancer Institute & The National Brain Tumor Society as well as other organizations around the US building relationships, raising awareness, and educating those who pass critical bills and approve funding for brain tumor research and support. Here are the results:

- Increase of **\$20 million** for brain tumor research funding, totaling \$435 million dollars
- The STAR Act and Childhood Data Initiative received full Funding for 2023
- Full funding for the Gabriella Miller Kids First Pediatric Research Program for 2023
- Congress united to support Glioblastoma Brain Tumor Awareness tripling support in the House to thirteen co-sponsors
- The Stop the Wait Act gained twenty-four new co-sponsors in the House supporting a bill that eliminates the 'wait time' required to receive Medicaid benefits for terminal patients.
- The National Institute of Health added a pediatric oncologist to its board of directors for the first time in history. This is something we advocated for on behalf of our pediatric brain cancer patients