

In memory of



Cathy's journey with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma began in Feb 1996, six years before her official diagnosis. In 1996, she raised \$3200 for LLS, possibly sensing her future battle. In Nov 2011, she developed symptoms and underwent treatment at Cleveland Clinic from 2012 to 2013, managing chemo and hair loss. She never complained and continued to work full-time and teach reading to underprivileged children one day a week during her scheduled lunch. And she continued to run at least 20 to 30 miles per week.

In Dec 2013, Cathy opted for an aggressive bone cell transplant. Despite the three-week sterile procedure, she remained active, walking the halls, spreading smiles, and resuming work and her normal physical activities, which included running, hiking, water aerobics, and yoga, post-release.

2014 brought ups and downs. Although she did not receive any further chemo, she required periodic scans and remained on medication for her lymphoma. Her attitude was great. Cathy managed a trip to New Hampshire, where she hiked to the top of Mount Washington. In the fall she hiked Sedona and the Grand Canyon.

In 2018, a scan revealed aggressive lymphoma B-cells, leading to a CART T Cell procedure in Columbus for three weeks. Cathy's resilience was evident as she exercised daily, read books, and attended events during recovery.

2019 to July 2023 involved emotional roller coasters with drug trials and chemotherapy, leading to hospital stays. Cathy's unwavering faith, commitment to Mass, and plans for future activities showcased her courage. Her greatest hope was to witness her eldest granddaughter's wedding day someday.

Despite her challenging "fight," Cathy embraced life, served others, and raised thousands of dollars for Blood Cancer United to help other people. Sadly Cathy lost her fight and she symbolically transitioned from bearing her "cross" to wearing her "crown."

Be like Cathyi Cowageous, Humble, Kind

Blood Cancer United

Our Mission:

The mission of Blood Cancer United is to cure leukemia, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma and improve the quality of life of patients and their families.

Three Pillars of Our Mission:

Research

We have invested \$1.2 billion in cutting-edge research, funding nearly all of today's most promising advances.

Patient Support

We provided free information, support services, and financial assistance to over 30,000 people last year.

Advocacy

Our network of more than 100,000 volunteers advocate for state and federal policies that benefit patients..

You May Be Surprised to Learn That:



Since the 1960's 5-year survival rates for blood cancers have increased by 2x, 3x and even 4x



LLS funded **15 OF 18** FDA approved treatments in 2017



Blood cancer research leads to treatment advances for other cancers and serious diseases



Since 2000 more than 40% of the new cancer therapies approved by the FDA are for blood cancer



Supported over **250** research grants, around the world



LLS funded more than 60% of the blood cancer therapies being used to treat other cancers

But There is More to Do:

Every

3

minutes, someone is diagnosed with a blood cancer More than

1.2

million people are living with or in remission from leukemia, Hodgkin's disease, and myeloma More than

33%

of blood cancer patients do not survive five years after diagnosis An average of

3,679

children and young adults are diagnosed with leukemia each year

Blood Cancer United Light The Night

Light The Night is an inspirational community event that raises awareness and funding for groundbreaking research and treatment options to eliminate cancer.

When a loved one hears the words "you have cancer," it is a dark and scary time. **Light**The Night brings light to the darkness of cancer through hope, research, and support
for patients, families, friends, doctors, nurses, researchers, colleagues, and caregivers.
Imagine if every time a patient saw light in a dark moment, they felt the warmth of 1
million supporters cheering them to a victory against cancer.

Imagine if every time a family member saw a lantern glowing bright, they knew a doctor or researcher was honing in on a treatment to eliminate cancer. Imagine if every time a caregiver saw a light shining in the window, they knew thousands of families were wishing them strength and courage. Light The Night is hope for the future. As the fastest-growing platform, Light The Night is reaching nearly 1 million people annually.

Light The Night is more than an event; it is a transformative experience that brings people together in the fight against blood cancers. By participating in or supporting this luminous event, you can contribute to a future where leukemia, lymphoma, and related diseases no longer cast shadows over the lives of those affected. As the lanterns light the night, they also illuminate the path toward a world without blood cancers, embodying the hope, strength, and resilience of the human spirit in the face of adversity.



Cathy Fischer 3rd Annual 5K run/1 mile walk **SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

Presenting Sponsor \$10,000

- Logo on 5K race bib
- Company representative official starter of the race
- Listed in event program handed out to all participants as presenting
- Corporate logo displayed on banner at the start/end point of the race
- Company logo displayed on route signage
- Company logo featured on all event forms and flyers
- Company logo displayed at post-race award ceremony
- Recognition on Hermes website
- Twenty free event registrations for corporate team
- Commemorative towel for each registered team member
- Recognition during pre-event presentation and awards ceremony

Platinum Sponsor \$5,000

- Corporate logo displayed on banner at the start/end point of race
- Listed in event program handed out to all participants
- Company logo displayed on route signage
- Company logo listed on all event flyers
- Recognition on Hermes website
- Ten free event registrations for corporate team
- Commemorative towel for each registered team member
- Recognition during pre-event presentation and awards ceremony

Diamond Sponsor \$2,000

- Company logo displayed on banner at the start/end point of race
- Company logo displayed on route signage
- Recognition on Hermes website
- 8 free event registrations for corporate team
- Commemorative towel for each registered team member
- Recognition during pre-event presentation and awards ceremony

Gold Sponsor \$1,000

- Company logo displayed on route signage
- Recognition on Hermes website
- 5 free event registrations for corporate team
- Commemorative towel for each registered team member
- Recognition during pre-event presentation and awards ceremony

Silver Sponsor \$500

- Recognition on Hermes website
- Two free event registrations for corporate team
- Commemorative towel for each registered team member
- Recognition during pre-event presentation and awards ceremony

Bronze Sponsor \$250

- Recognition on Hermes website
- Recognition during pre-event presentation and awards ceremony









Partnership Commitment Form

TO CONFIRM YOUR SPONSORSHIP, PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM & SUBMIT FOLLOWING THE DIRECTIONS BELOW.

EVENT DATE SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2026 - 8:30 AM START

PARTNERSHIP LEVELS ☐ Presenting Sponsor \$10,000 \$5,000 ☐ Platinum Sponsor ☐ Diamond Sponsor \$2,000 \$1,000 ☐ Gold Sponsor \$ 500 ☐ Silver Sponsor \$250 ☐ Bronze Sponsor Can't sponsor but still want to participate? Use this QR Code to PARTNER CONTACT INFORMAT register or donate to the event! Company/ Partner Name: Contact Name & Title: Email: Phone: Partner Signature: Our check is enclosed in the amount of \$ Credit Card payment of \$_______made online on ______. to confirm our sponsorship for 2026 Third Annual Cathy Fischer 5k Run on July 12, 2026 Make checks payable to: Hermes Sports & Events Write Blood Cancer United/ Cathy Fischer in memo line only Mail check and form to: Form and payment Hermes Sports and Events Attn: Adam Petrovic- Cathy Fischer 5k **Deadline July 12** 2425 West 11th St. Suite #2

Email form to: Adam - apetrovic@hermescleveland.com

Cleveland, Ohio 44113

Blood Cancer United is a 501c3 Non Profit Organization (EIN # is 13-5644916)

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