



About the Connor Hunt Memorial Foundation

Imagine having to tell your child he/she has cancer. I guarantee it is one of the hardest things you would ever have to do in your life. What is even more difficult is telling your child that all known curable treatment options have been exhausted. Unfortunately, my wife and I have had to have both of these conversations with our son Connor.

In November of 2012, when Connor was twelve, he was diagnosed with stage 4 Alveolar Rhabdomyosarcoma, a rare and aggressive form of childhood cancer. Connor's treatment protocol consisted of 54 weeks of intense chemotherapy and radiation. He was cancer free for almost a year but it returned in 2015 when he was in 8th grade. He went through another two years of chemotherapy and radiation. During this time Connor was forced to give up contact sports. In order to experience being part of a high school sports team he joined the golf team. He absolutely fell in love with the sport and golf became his passion. The cancer returned a second time in the summer of 2017 prior to his junior year of high school. In early October of 2017 a CT scan revealed the disease had progressed and our family received the devastating news there were no known curable treatment options left. Connor passed away peacefully on February 13, 2018 at the age of 17. He battled this disease for more than five years with an incredible amount of strength, courage and grace.

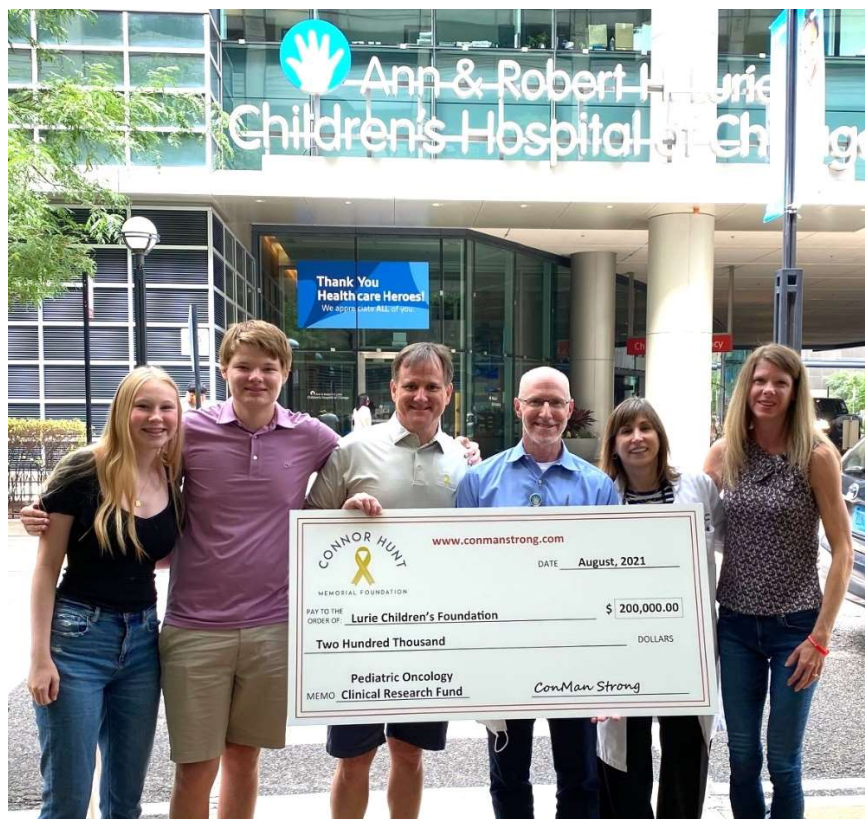


While survival rates for many pediatric cancers have improved significantly during the past several decades, advances in the treatment of aggressive, recurrent tumors have been limited. Moreover, the development of new anticancer drugs for children and adolescents remains an area of high unmet need. There is an urgent need to accelerate discovery and develop better, less toxic therapies to give all children the opportunity for a healthy future. Clinical research is vital to this process.

The Connor Hunt Memorial Foundation was started with the main goal of raising much needed money to support the pediatric cancer clinical research efforts of Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital in Chicago. Through our fundraising efforts last year we were able to present a check to the Lurie Children's Foundation in the amount of \$200,000. These much-needed funds were donated to support the pediatric cancer clinical research efforts of Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital in Chicago.



As one of the premier children's hospitals in the United States, Lurie Children's Hospital participates in clinical trials managed by government agencies and/or third party organizations. The goal of these clinical trials is to produce and evaluate the effectiveness of new treatments. It takes significant resources to support these clinical trials in order to admit new patients. With support of the funds donated by the Connor Hunt Memorial Foundation, Lurie Children's Hospital was able to sustain a robust and experienced clinical research team for the administration, implementation and coordination of these clinical trials. The results from these trials not only benefit kids being treated in Chicago it also benefits kids around the world. For some children, these clinical trials may be their last hope for survival.



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