RUTLEDGE CANCER FOUNDATION

Ease the Impact. Raise Survival Rates. Find a Cure.



A life that inspired a mission.

In 2010, at 15 years old, Carley Rutledge was diagnosed with Stage IV Ewing sarcoma after 11 months of undiagnosed pain.

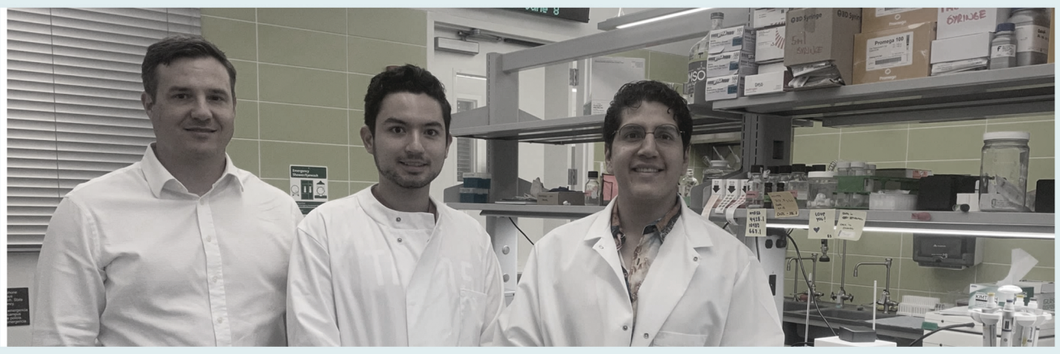
Her courage and determination to help other young people inspired a mission that would grow far beyond one family and their friends.

2011

The Beginning

- Founded 501(c)(3) Carley J. Rutledge Sarcoma Foundation, now Rutledge Cancer Foundation
- Mission: ease cancer's impact, raise awareness, fund less toxic sarcoma treatments
- First Gold Ribbon Kickball Game raised $35K for Cook Children's Teen Room and Ewing research





2012 - 2014

Building the Foundation

- Launched Carley's Closet at Cook Children's and MD Anderson, expanding to Texas Children's and Vannie Cook (McAllen)
- Began patient outings to build community
- Invested $900K in less toxic Ewing sarcoma treatments
- Helped establish Cook Children's first full-time AYA psychologist

2015 - 2019

Building Better

- RCF funded first community-wide program Fertility Preservation Program in Fort Worth, Texas
- Later expanded to Cook Children's and MD Anderson
- Funded the Solid Tumor Program at Cook Children's with $150K
- $30K to Children's Therapy Development Institute for rare pediatric sarcomas





2020 - 2023

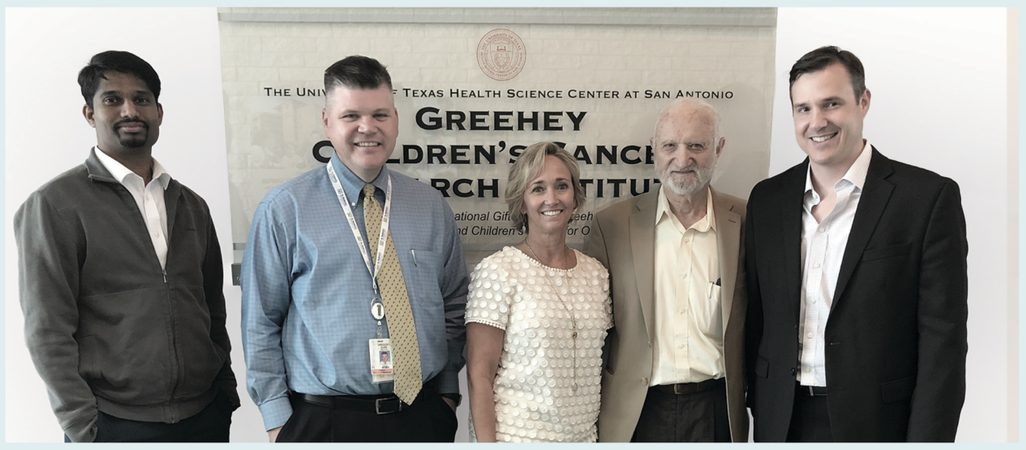
Hope Becomes Momentum

- Funded $50K for mRNA vaccine for Ewing's at Cleveland Clinic
- Carley's Closet opens in Denver
- After 11 years, Carley relapsed and fought for 14 months; her bravery carries her legacy forward
- $100K grant for IL1RAP research in Ewing sarcoma (Dr. Poul Sorensen, BC Cancer)

2024 - 2026

The Next Chapter

- Acquired CareGather.com, an app connecting cancer patients, families and friends to support and provide resources
- RCF invested $220K in Moncrief's AYA Mental Health care plan
- Hired first paid Executive Director and grew staff
- Awarded $1.5M ACES Grant to develop a Ewing sarcoma vaccine



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