



Mission Statement and Financial Information

(as of June 2017)

The Michelle Lunn HOPE Foundation is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt non-profit organization that was established to make a difference in the lives of those suffering from blood cancer. Our mission is to raise funds to support critically needed blood cancer research, provide scholarships to deserving students and financially help patients and their families affected with a blood cancer diagnosis.

Our organization started raising funds in 2007 after the death of our daughter Michelle Lunn (age 22) from Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL). We received our tax exempt status in 2009 (#27-0615445). Prior to our nonprofit status we raised funds for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society organization with proceeds benefiting research.

Money is raised for our mission by either our fundraisers or by monetary donations. We put on several fundraisers throughout the year, with our golf outing being our signature event. Other fundraisers include Soup Cook-offs, Raffles, Restaurant Nights, and Bowling Benefits.

Each year we have donated majority of our funds to funding research through the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) and now the Van Andel Institute. From 2007-2014 we have donated approximately \$161,200 to LLS (some was raised prior to our tax exempt status). In 2014 we changed focus and decided to fund more locally where we know our money has a greater impact. VAI does not have any overhead cost so 100% of our donation is applied to their research. We contributed \$52,000 towards the late, Dr. Al Albert's Pre-Cancerous Cell Study (VAI). Last year we donated an additional \$25,000 which is currently funding the "Epigenetics Cancer Study" at the VAI. We have also donated in the past to the DKMS's Bone Marrow Program. Overall we have raised and donated \$238,200 towards cancer research to help find a cure.

Over the past years we have seen the need for more local patient help so we started to provide college scholarships and patient financial assistance (some are gas cards for patients to get to and from treatment) other is help with expenses not covered by their insurance. Since 2011 our organization has provided 13 scholarships to deserving students totally \$27,000. Our financial assistance (including scholarships) has totaled \$42,519.84 to date.

Since our inception our foundation has donated over \$280,000 which was raised from generous donors or our fundraising efforts.

Our foundation is 100% all volunteer (with no paid positions) and very little overhead (-1%). After expenses we donate 100% of what we make to blood cancer research, patients assistance and scholarships. We also educate people about blood cancers at all our events..

For more information regarding our foundation or golf outing please visit our websites (see address's below).

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