

Brain cancer is the no.1 disease killer of children

You can help change their odds



Mission:

To drive global paediatric brain cancer research advancements and support young patients while on their brain cancer journey

About

THE ROBERT CONNOR DAWES FOUNDATION

Inspired by a big heart and brain, the Robert Connor Dawes (RCD) Foundation was created in 2013 in the memory of 18-year-old Robert Connor Dawes. The foundation is battling paediatric brain cancer, which kills more children than any other disease, through funding research, care and development projects.

For 16 months, Connor's brilliant mind, strong body and gentle soul faced off against an ependymoma. Like many others, his brains and brawn gave it all to fight against the poor odds. But on April 20, 2013, Connor's own battle ended. Inspired by his spirit of *Aeternum Fortis*, meaning Eternal Strength, the RCD Foundation was created as a tribute to him and other young people facing brain cancer.

To date we have raised over \$20M to support paediatric brain cancer research, funding basic science, translational projects, clinical trials, fellowships, PhD scholarships and travel grants. We partner with like-minded, passionate organisations to achieve greater impact and have leveraged another \$12.5M through collaborative research initiatives. We are active members of the funders group in the Australian Brain Cancer Mission, DIPG Collaborative, Children's Brain Tumour Network, Collaborative Ependymoma Research Network, and the TarGet Collaborative.

WE'RE DREAMING *big*



Research

We are accelerating global research in new diagnostics, therapeutics and improved treatments regimes to change the odds for kids with paediatric brain cancer.



Care

We are expanding our unique, in-home Music Therapy Program to reach as many young brain cancer patients and their families as possible across Australia.

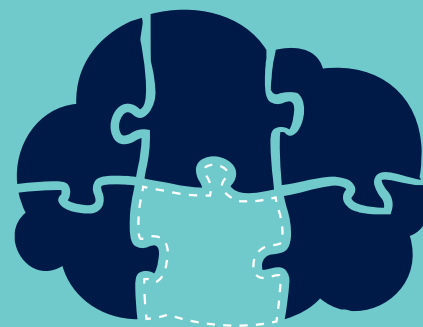


Development

We are building and inspiring the next generation of paediatric brain cancer researchers and clinicians.

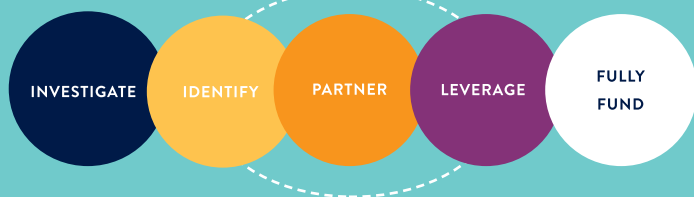
"I will never forget Connor's oncologist telling him that his brain cancer was incurable, that he would die from this disease. I sat there stunned that our 18 year old son was hearing these cruel words. Words without hope – because science hadn't advanced enough for a cure. I vowed then to devote my life so no other child and their parents had to hear these words. We are making exciting progress across many areas but there is still much to do. With your help, together we can change the odds and best of all, provide hope." LIZ DAWES OAM

BRAIN CANCER IS THE #1 DISEASE KILLER OF YOUNG PEOPLE



Join us to fund the missing piece in the puzzle

Thanks to the generous support of our donors, the RCD Foundation has been able to develop a proven formula of success to bring projects to fruition:



Our Head of Research Dr Kim Wark, in consultation with the Australian and international research community, has identified key areas of research in which we can have the greatest impact. These opportunities represent the 'missing piece of the puzzle' requiring investment.

We have successfully applied this approach to projects such as AIM Brain. This project involved the validation, translation into clinic and accreditation of a diagnostic to more accurately determine the type of brain tumour a patient has, enabling more targeted treatment. This placed Australia and New Zealand alongside the United States, Canada and United Kingdom as one of the few countries world-wide to offer clinically validated methylation profiling.

You can be part of our next success story as we move the needle closer to better diagnoses, treatments and a cure.

WHY SUPPORTING THE ROBERT CONNOR DAWES FOUNDATION WILL GIVE YOU *a warm, fuzzy feeling*

- Australia's largest Foundation solely focused on paediatric brain cancer
- We have been highly successful in leveraging your contributions: AIM BRAIN and ANZCHOG Clinical Trials (over \$11.4 million to date with government and other charities)
- Every dollars you donate is tax deductible (we have DGR status)
- Options to align your donation with particular investments if you wish. Discretion over what project(s) your funds will be allocated to and 100% of your donated funds will be used for these projects, nothing else
- Your contributions support Australian researchers working alongside our international collaborators to ensure the most cutting edge research
- We're all about positively engaging young people (and the young at heart) to help us raise money and awareness
- Our research strategy guides investments which are reviewed by world class leaders in the field from the UK, US, Canada, and Europe including Prof. Richard Gilbertson Director of Cambridge Cancer Centre Cambridge University, UK; Dr. Michael Taylor Neurosurgeon and Principle Investigator, Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, Canada; Dr. Amar Gajjar Co-Chair Department of Oncology, St Jude Children's Hospital, Memphis USA, help us identify and validate the most impactful research in Australia and the world to ensure every cent of your donation goes to the research that is deemed crucial towards finding a cure

YOU CAN SHOW THE WORLD THAT *Brains Matter*

As a steward of capital, who understands that life changing results require laser-like focus, passion and strategy, you are someone who genuinely wants to make an impact and save young lives NOW. **If you are serious about saving young lives, there is no more impactful way to do this than investing in helping to fight their no. 1 disease killer.** Your gift will truly help to dramatically change the odds for kids who are in the fight of their lives.

AETERNUM FORTIS SOCIETY ANNUAL *Giving* LEVELS



Big-hearted supporters leaving a gift in their will

We are asking for an annual 3 to 5 year commitment at the following levels. You have discretion over what project(s) your funds will be allocated to and 100% of your donated funds will be used for these projects, nothing else.

\$20,000 Per annum

Brain Trust

\$10,000 Per annum

Aeternum Fortis X Class

\$5,000 Per annum

Aeternum Fortis V Class

\$1,000 Per annum

Aeternum Fortis M Class

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