

I'm Not Done Yet believes that all adolescent & young adult cancer patients and survivors deserve the support they need to live their lives as fully as possible.



I'M NOT DONE YET ANNUAL REPORT 2021



THE NEEDS

- Approximately 90,000 adolescent and young adults (AYA) ages 15-39 are diagnosed with cancer every year in the US. This represents a 30% increase since 1973. More than 9,000 of them will die.

- An increasing body of evidence indicates that tumors in AYAs are molecularly distinct from those in both younger and older age groups, and have a higher risk of long-term and late effects, including infertility, sexual dysfunction, cardiovascular disease, and future cancers.
- Longterm AYA survival rates lag, their participation in clinical trials is low; treatment options have remained largely unchanged for decades; they report a higher rate of isolation, anxiety and depression.

OUR PROGRAMS

BOBBY'S COACHES

\$75,000

"Bobby's Coaches", initiated at Duke University, is a text-based peer-to-peer connection network between AYA cancer patients and survivors. Each survivor mentor is carefully vetted and trained. The program is free and available for AYA patients at Duke, greater North Carolina, and across the country.

In a recent study of the effects of Covid-19 on AYA cancer patients, participants reported feeling loneliness, anxiety, lack of psychosocial support, and lack of physical contact. In addition, lack of rehabilitation and lack of support during hospital visits, which may specifically influence the disease trajectory, were reported. -- Journal of Adolescent and Young Adult Oncology



FIRST DESCENTS OUT LIVING IT!

\$50,000

Research shows that cancer patients and survivors attending AYA-specific group meetings, social outings, and/or trips helped them meet other young adults with cancer and feel less alone (97% agreed), emotionally deal with the cancer (92% agreed), vent issues and concerns related to care (90% agreed), and learn about other programs available to them (90% agreed). Nearly 70% of respondents reported that they attended because they wanted to meet other young adults with cancer. I'm Not Done Yet is excited to partner with [First Descents](#) to fund outdoor adventures and connection for AYA cancer patients and survivors.



While the doctors and medicine may have saved my life, First Descents taught me how to live again.



AYA SARCOMA BENCH RESEARCH

\$50,000

Dr. Scott's lab, rather than focusing on specific genetic changes that encode sensitivity to therapy (as most laboratories do), focuses on the evolutionary processes that allow cancer to beat any treatment, including chemo- and radio-therapy. One such evolutionary process is "collateral sensitivity," a phenomenon where resistance to one treatment may lead to sensitivity to another treatment.... With 13 independent cell line populations, Dr. Scott and his team will be testing response to 128 drugs plus radiation, documenting how therapeutic response changes through time and as resistance to standard-of-care chemotherapy evolves. - [Case Comprehensive Cancer Center, OH](#)

The Huang laboratory is applying novel and classical immunological techniques to study various aspects of anti-tumor immune responses, immune-host-pathogen interaction, T cell-mediated memory immunity, and chemokine - receptor biology. In the past year, Dr. Huang and his team made tremendous progress in the realm of AYA sarcoma immunotherapy research and translational initiatives that were supported by the I'm Not Done Yet Foundation. - [Case Comprehensive Cancer Center, OH](#)



Dr. Jake Scott



Dr. Alex Huang

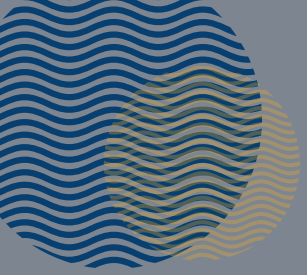
OUR PARTNERS

- DUKE CANCER CENTER
- CASE COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CENTER
- NYU LANGONE/LI CANCER CENTER FOR KIDS
- FIRST DESCENTS

- HOSPITAL FOR SPECIAL SURGERY
- ELEPHANTS & TEA
- STUPID CANCER
- TRIAGE CANCER

OUR "WHY"





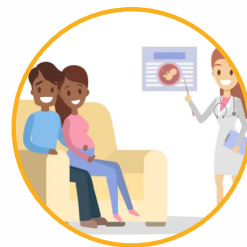
FERTILITY PRESERVATION SERVICES

\$75,000

Cancer treatments often cause compromised fertility just when young people are beginning to think about eventually starting a family. I'm Not Done Yet is proud to fund fertility preservation services for AYA cancer patients at the Duke Cancer Center, as well as at AYA cancer centers in greater North Carolina and beyond.



Thinking about my future babies gives me hope in my darkest days. I'm grateful that someone talked to me about fertility preservation and I took the steps I needed to before it was too late.



THERAPEUTIC JOURNALING

\$18,000

Journaling can improve sleep, reduce fatigue and aid in the psychological adjustment to a cancer diagnosis and treatment. I'm Not Done Yet is partnering with Elephants & Tea to fund therapeutic journaling workshops for AYA cancer patients in both out- and in-patient cancer hospitals, clinics, and treatment centers across the country.



I am so grateful for a place where I could vent and share scary emotions without being judged or causing alarm to my family and friends. I guess eventually I'll share many of my posts with them so they can understand what I'm going through, so this group also paved a way to dialogue with my support system.



MEMORIAL BLOOD DRIVES

Covid has created an opportunity for I'm Not Done Yet to expand the scope of its Memorial Blood Drives. In 2021, we hosted three blood drives and collected almost 250 pints of blood.



AYA - APPROPRIATE TREATMENT SPACES

Ground has finally broken at the [NYU Langone/LI Cancer Center for Kids](#) for the Bobby Menges "I'm Not Done Yet" Adolescent & Young Adult treatment lounge! Stay tuned for updates!



ADVOCACY

- Triage Cancer 2021 workshop sponsor
- Stupid Cancer Bill of Rights signatory
- American Childhood Cancer Organization - training and lobbying participant



I'M NOT DONE YET - THE POD

Join us as we host various members of the AYA community for interesting and engaging conversations. On Apple and Spotify..



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