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1980s – Incorporated a non-profit organization intending to support groundbreaking pediatric cancer research.

1983 – Funded the first major project focused on Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL), the most common form of childhood cancer, which paved the way for Children's Medical Center Dallas to have worldwide prominence.

1985 – Launched the annual Tom Thumb Run for the Children at Oktoberfest in Addison. 39 years later it is still running!!

1987 – Launched the Ambassador Program (now known as the Warrior Program), which provides fun events for children with cancer, their siblings, and parents.

1988 – Funded a research project at Children’s Medical Center Dallas on the long-term follow-up of the childhood survivor of cancer that helped inspire and launch the “After Cancer Experience” program at Children’s Dallas. This is one of the first programs ever offered globally on the continuum of follow-up care to monitor the late effects of cancer and its treatment on the child cured of cancer.