



JUST TRYAN IT
Supporting Families Fighting Childhood Cancer



2024 IMPACT REPORT

Families battling pediatric cancer face not only the emotional toll of the disease but also overwhelming financial strain. Lost income and skyrocketing out-of-pocket expenses force many to make impossible choices—pay for life-saving medication or keep a roof over their heads.

2024 JTI PATIENT FAMILIES REPORT:

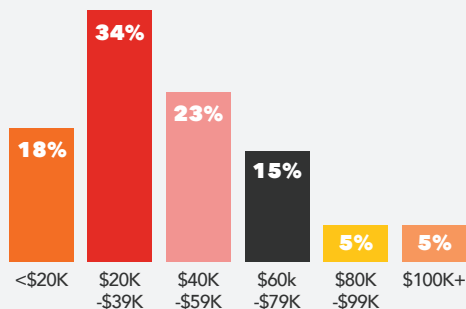
75% have a household income of \$59,000 or less

49% of families needed assistance to cover transportation costs

42% were concerned about how to pay their rent or mortgage

46% of patients are under the age of 10

PATIENT HOUSEHOLD INCOME



RACE AND ETHNICITY

27% Black/African American
25% Hispanic/Latino
22% White
4% Asian
22% Multiracial/Other

JUST TRYAN IT is on a mission to ease the financial burden of pediatric cancer treatment for families in need. We provide vital financial assistance, ensuring parents can focus on their child’s health instead of mounting bills. Through education and action, we rally communities to stand beside their neighbors in the fight against pediatric cancer. Our youth triathlons and fundraising events ignite passion in young athletes, empowering them to make a real difference by raising critical funds. This report celebrates the incredible impact we’ve made together over the past year.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2024

Financial Assistance:	Fundraising Success:
Provided \$371,446 in grants to 163 families with a child in cancer treatment, impacting over 800 individuals across six partner hospitals in Maryland, Virginia, Washington, D.C., and North Carolina.	Through individual, corporate and foundation donations, we raised over \$674,000 to expand our reach and impact.
Community Engagement:	Volunteer Support:
More than 750 young athletes participated in our triathlons, raising awareness and funds to support pediatric cancer families.	Over 400 volunteers dedicated their time and effort to organizing and running our events, ensuring success and fostering a sense of community.

Our deepest appreciation to everyone who has contributed to our mission. Your dedication and generosity are what make our work possible. Together, we are making a difference, one family at a time.

“It wasn’t until a year into treatment that I realized how much we were struggling. I was so relieved when I heard about JUST TRYAN IT, I was grateful that we would get help with our bills, and it meant so much to me to know that we were not alone. There was a whole community of people who cared about my son and our family.”

– Ana, JTI grantee



JUST TRYAN IT SUPPORTS TWO KEY GRANT PROGRAMS:

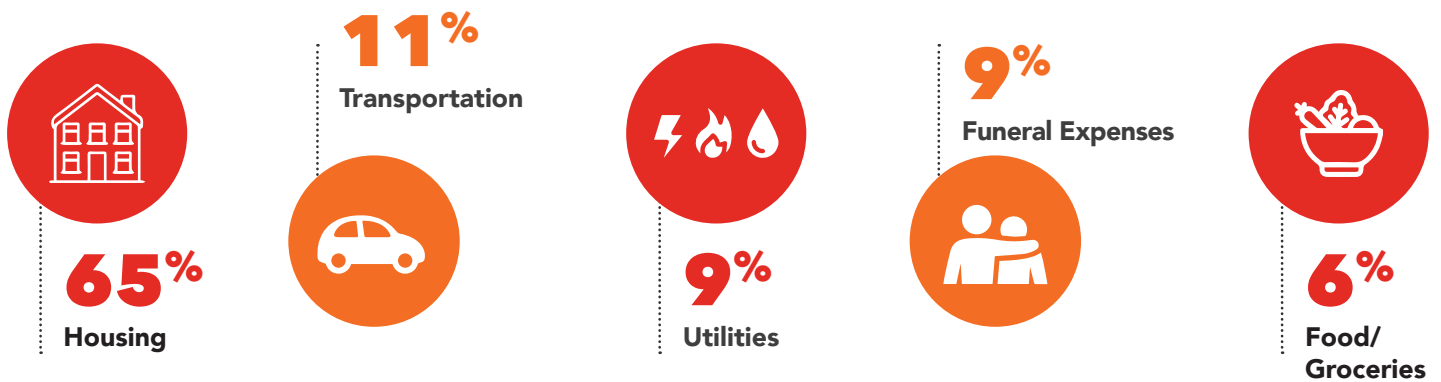
Emergency Assistance (EA) Grant Fund

In 2024, the average EA grant was \$1,652, providing immediate relief for urgent financial needs.

Deep Needs (DN) Grant Fund

These grants provide more sustained financial relief over a longer term, with an average DN grant of \$5,907 in 2024.

Our goal is to ease the financial strain on families so they can focus on what truly matters—their child's recovery. By providing critical financial assistance, we enable caregivers to direct their resources toward essential treatment costs like medication, co-pays, and hospital bills. These aren't just necessities; they are lifelines that improve health outcomes for children and bring peace of mind to their families. When parents don't have to choose between paying for treatment or keeping the lights on, they can provide the care and support their child needs to fight cancer. In 2024, JUST TRYAN IT provided grants to meet the following needs.



MEET CAMILA

Camila, a vibrant and determined young girl, was diagnosed with high-risk neuroblastoma in August 2023, just shy of her fourth birthday. Over the ensuing months, she underwent five rounds of chemotherapy, a significant surgery to remove a tumor from her abdomen, and began her first bone marrow transplant in February 2024. Throughout this challenging journey, Camila's spirited personality shone through. Her mother, Veronica, affectionately described her as "a spicy little thing" who "gets what she wants at all cost" and has her older brother, Sebastian, "wrapped around her finger."

Recognizing the financial strains of Camila's treatment, JUST TRYAN IT provided her family a grant of \$2,500 to assist with car payments, phone bills, and a partial mortgage payment. By January 2025, Camila had successfully completed her treatment regimen and, by the grace of God, was in remission. She is "super energetic," enjoying outdoor walks and visits to ponds to observe the fish. Her love for Disney Princesses, creativity with Play-Doh, and cherished moments with Sebastian highlighted her joyful return to childhood. The family expressed deep gratitude to JUST TRYAN IT for their unwavering support and for consistently checking in on Camila's progress, stating that it "means the world" to them.



JUST **TRYAN** IT collaborates with six partner hospitals across the Washington Metropolitan and Triangle regions to provide financial assistance to families with children undergoing cancer treatment. The following chart outlines the distribution of grants among these hospitals for the year 2024:

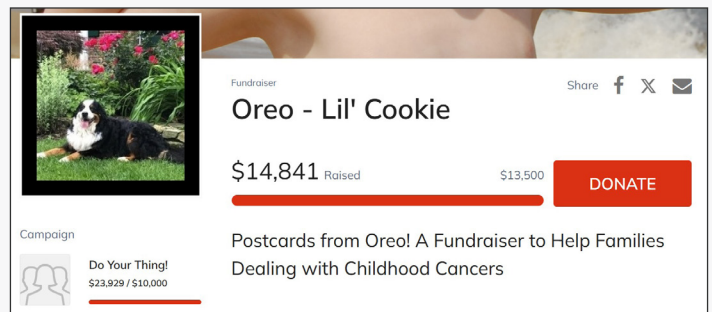
Hospital Regions	Hospital Name	Emergency Assistance (EA) Grant Fund		Deep Needs (DN) Grant Fund		Total	
		#	\$	#	\$	#	\$
DC/ Baltimore	Children's National Medical Center	41	\$68,607	6	\$40,629	47	\$109,235
	INOVA Children's Hospital	10	\$18,921	3	\$19,902	13	\$38,823
	Johns Hopkins Children's Center	16	\$31,057	7	\$32,469	23	\$63,527
	Samuelson Children's Hospital at Sinai	4	\$6,415	1	\$8,000	5	\$14,415
Subtotal		71	\$125,000	17	\$101,000	88	\$226,000
North Carolina	Duke Children's	43	\$65,159	3	\$17,851	46	\$83,010
	UNC Children's	25	\$39,525	4	\$22,911	29	\$62,436
Subtotal		68	\$104,685	7	\$40,761	75	\$145,446
Total		139	\$229,685	24	\$141,761	163	\$371,446

FUELING JUST TRYAN IT YEAR-ROUND

JUST **TRYAN** IT aims to expand our fundraising throughout the year to increase our financial support to families in need. We continually look for new ways to encourage racers, volunteers and other supporters to raise funds. In 2024, 61 racers achieved **STAR Supporter** status, raising more than \$1,000 to support children in treatment. We celebrate them on race day, honor them with special race T-shirts and encourage others to follow their lead.

There are many ways for individuals to utilize JUST **TRYAN** IT's fundraising platform to raise funds throughout the year. Here are just a few of the **Create Your Own** fundraisers in 2024:

- Ryan Darby and his brothers in Phi Delta Gamma (FIJI) at the University of South Carolina raised money through their annual Head Shave for Hope benefit.
- The Portner Family sells handmade Mother's Day cards.
- The Powers Family and their dog, Oreo, raise funds through an annual postcard campaign and maple syrup sales.



- Wake Forest JTI Club hosts campus candy sales and other campus events.
- Terri Tomoff auctioned off her handmade Christmas quilt to benefit JUST **TRYAN** IT families during the holidays.
- Several JTI racers have dedicated their Mitzvah projects to JUST **TRYAN** IT.

These stories exemplify the remarkable efforts of families and individuals who, inspired by their personal experiences, actively contribute to the mission of JUST **TRYAN** IT.

JUST TRYAN IT 2024 KIDS TRIATHLONS

In 2024, we celebrated fifteen years of JUST TRYAN IT. We have helped over 4,000 families since we were founded. Thank you to the racers, volunteers and sponsors who made this year a success.

BETHESDA



446
Racers



235
Volunteers



\$184,421
Racer Fundraising



\$57,100
Sponsorship

CHAPEL HILL



330
Racers



188
Volunteers



\$114,563
Racer Fundraising



\$59,633
Sponsorship

A FAMILY AFFAIR BY DALIA MACK

Our family's JUST TRYAN IT journey began in 2017 when a family friend invited us to donate and attend the race. We didn't know what to expect, but we immediately fell in love with the organization and its mission. Our son, KJ, registered for his first JTI triathlon in 2020. Although it converted to a virtual race, KJ gave it his all and raised over \$2,000.

Over the next four years, KJ was recognized as the top Chapel Hill fundraiser, raising a total of nearly \$40,000 through creative fundraising pursuits such as composing an original piece on piano, drums, and trumpet, and authoring his "Zagor Problems" novel trilogy. KJ also started JTI teams at Montessori School of Durham and Carolina Friends School.

It is truly a family affair as Dad (Kervin) has served as Chapel Hill Run Captain for the past 3 years and Mom (Dalia) continues to serve on the JTI Board and Chapel Hill Host Committee. Since aging out of the triathlon, KJ is now a volunteer and member of the JTI Youth Advisory Committee. Our family is committed to the mission of supporting local families battling pediatric cancer. We also love the fact the entire family can serve the community together and use our unique strengths to make a difference.

