



2025 Impact: Paula Takacs Foundation for Sarcoma Research

Thank you for your partnership in 2025. Through your collaboration with Family Reach, we have been able to help individuals facing a sarcoma cancer diagnosis access our Financial Resource Center — a centralized, easy-to-use online platform that connects patients to immediate and ongoing support for essential needs such as food, housing, utilities, and transportation.

Your investment in the Financial Resource Center provided people with sarcoma:

- The ability to continue accessing their life-saving treatment
- Direct and timely financial assistance for essential needs such as food, housing, transportation, and utilities during treatment
- Downloadable tip sheets to help manage finances and save money on everyday expenses
- 24/7 access to Family Reach's zip code search tool, providing personalized, up-to-date resources to meet basic needs

Through your support, **patients accessed the Financial Resource Center**, allowing them to continue their treatment.



32

patients supported
with a sarcoma
cancer diagnosis



\$31,447

distributed through the
Financial Resource Center
from March 3 - June 4



200,000+


patient resources available
24/7 in the Financial
Resource Center

Helping Families Like Jacob's

"Before we learned our 3-year-old son Jacob had cancer, we lived a fairly normal life. My wife and I both worked, living paycheck-to-paycheck with two children at home. One day, a small bump showed up on our son's arm, and two months later it was diagnosed as Ewing's sarcoma," explained Brian, Jacob's dad.

"There was no time to plan or save. My wife stopped working to manage Jacob's care, and without two incomes, we couldn't pay our mortgage and other bills. We are now nearing two years of lost income."

"We learned about Family Reach through our social worker. They responded quickly with immediate assistance, which was **much-needed good news for a family used to non-stop bad news,**" Brian shared.



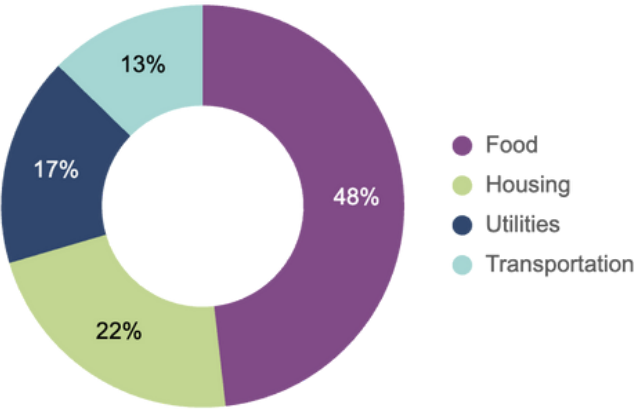
We would not have a home for our son to come back to without this support."

— Jacob's parents



Patient Basic Needs Supported

Financial Assistance by Basic Needs



In partnership, the Paula Takacs Foundation for Sarcoma Research and Family Reach, provided \$31,447 in financial assistance, along with access to a self-navigation tool and education to 32 patients through the Financial Resource Center. The financial interventions available within the Financial Resource Center ensured patients’ basic needs were met enabling them to access their treatment in the first half of 2025.

The average grant size was \$983.

We’ve seen food costs rise nationwide for people facing cancer, and this was especially true for the community served through your funding. During the time funding was open for sarcoma patients (March 3 to June 4), 341 individuals in North Carolina accessed the self-navigation zip code search within the Financial Resource Center and conducted 1,135 searches for local resources. Out of all the searches for local resources, 17% were for food/groceries (roughly 193 searches).

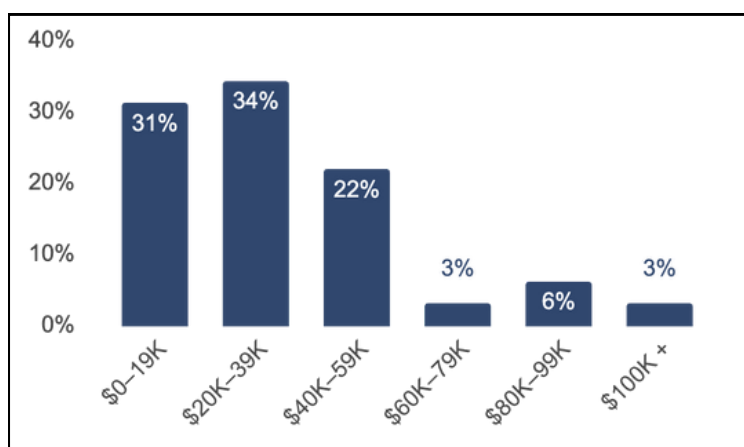
Needs Supported by Family Reach’s Financial Resource Center

Patient Need	Amount (\$) Distributed
Food	\$15,152
Housing	\$7,000
Utilities	\$5,295
Transportation	\$4,000

Patient Demographics

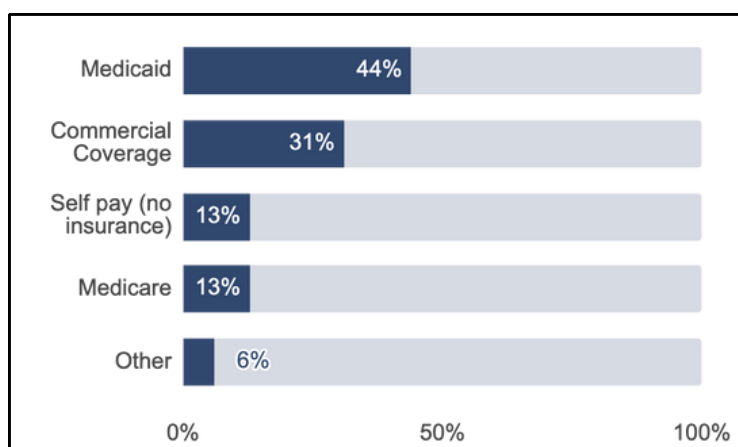
Patient Income

The average household size among this patient population was four, and 94% of those supported were living at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level.



Insurance Type

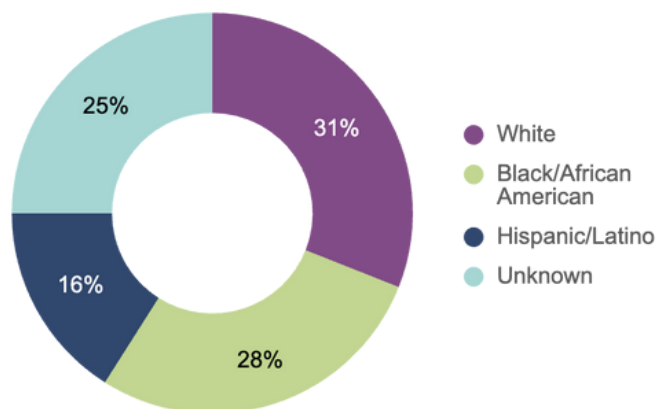
With 94% of patients falling within lower income brackets, Medicaid enrollment rates are notably higher among these individuals.



**Total exceeds 100%. Patients may be enrolled in multiple insurance types.*

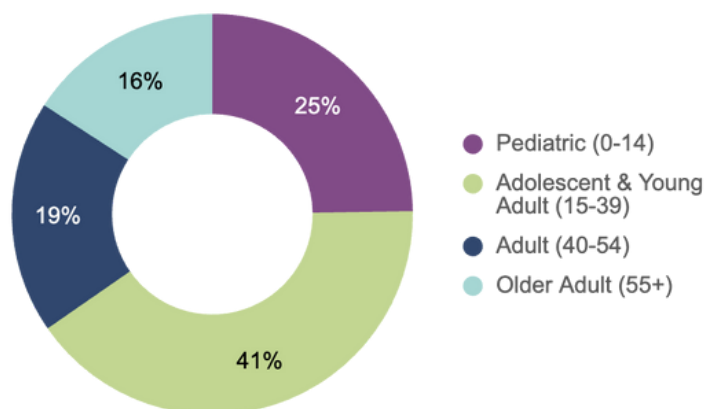
Patient Race & Ethnicity

The 32 patients supported represented a diverse range of racial and ethnic backgrounds.



Patient Age

More than half of those supported were 39 years old or younger.



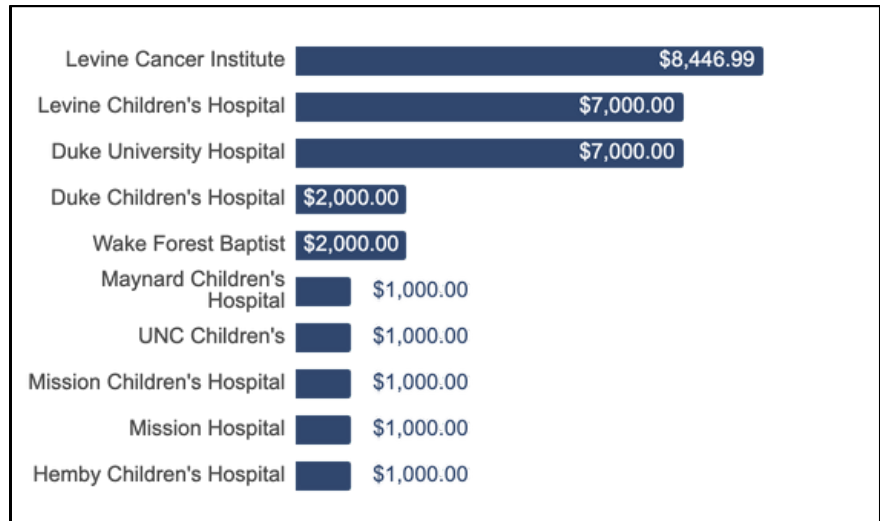
Patient Reach

Patient Geography

The Paula Takacs Foundation for Sarcoma Research supported patients in **10 hospital sites** across the state of North Carolina.

The top five hospitals where patients received treatment were **Levine Cancer Institute, Levine Children's Hospital, Duke University Hospital, Duke Children's Hospital, and Wake Forest Baptist**.

While **91%** of patients both lived and were treated in North Carolina, **three** patients traveled from South Carolina to North Carolina to receive treatment.



Closing the Gap Together

In 2025, an estimated **17,000** people in the United States will be newly diagnosed with a form of sarcoma.^{1,2} We also know that **1 in 3** of these patients are likely to struggle to afford basic needs like food, housing, and transportation during treatment.³

Family Reach's Financial Resource Center significantly reduces financial distress, and The Paula Takacs Foundation for Sarcoma Research ensures that this critical support reaches people facing sarcoma at the time they need it most. Thanks to our continued collaboration, we're helping patients focus on what's most important: their health and healing.

From all of us at Family Reach — **thank you** for your impactful partnership.

¹ American Cancer Society. "Key Statistics for Bone Cancer." Updated 2025. Accessed July 29, 2025. <https://www.cancer.org/cancer/types/bone-cancer/about/key-statistics.html>.

² American Cancer Society. "Key Statistics for Soft Tissue Sarcoma." Updated 2025. Accessed July 29, 2025. <https://www.cancer.org/cancer/types/soft-tissue-sarcoma/about/key-statistics.html>.

³ Bona K, London WB, Guo D, Frank DA, Wolfe J. Trajectory of Material Hardship and Income Poverty in Families of Children Undergoing Chemotherapy: A Prospective Cohort Study. *Pediatr Blood Cancer*. 2016;63(1):105-111. doi:10.1002/pbc.25762