Dear Friend of Swifty,

Welcome to our 2018-2019 Impact Report. It is our chance to say thank you to everyone who has supported the mission of the Swifty Foundation this past year and to let you know what we have been up to, thanks to your generosity!

Our brother, Michael, donated his brain after his death so researchers can find better treatments. His choice to give his tissue has influenced everything Swifty has done to improve the lives of children diagnosed with brain cancer. In 2019, Swifty launched a national initiative called Gift from a Child.

We are so proud of Gift from a Child because it is part of Michael’s legacy and the initiative has united families just like ours across the country and so becomes part of their children’s legacy. Most importantly, we know it is a game changer in empowering childhood brain cancer research. In these pages, you will read what we have accomplished together and what still needs to happen to get more tissue into research labs.

What’s with the handstands? Glad you asked. September is Childhood Cancer Awareness month and Give a Hand, Take a Stand is a campaign to raise awareness of the children who are living and dying with cancer as well as the families, medical professionals and friends who are caring for them. Read all about it on page 3.

In these pages, Swifty shines its spotlight on some very special teachers and one very special doctor who you will want to meet. In addition, you can find our audited financials, the list of grants we made and our favorite page...our honor roll of donors who make it all possible.

Thank you for continuing to help us work toward making our brother Michael’s dream of ending childhood brain cancer a reality!

Ian and Bridget Gustafson
Michael’s Brother & Twin Sister
Together Toward Hope

Swifty wants to spotlight and THANK four teachers who have inspired their students and school community to care for others and stand up for children with cancer.

For three years now, Jeni Rogers and Ann Brotherly-Lamb have helped their fifth-grade student council host Coin Wars for Swifty. The student council generates excitement to get every classroom of the grade school involved. Students from each class bring in loose change or other money they have collected from forgoing a treat or asking for donations. The winning classrooms get to celebrate with ice cream and pizza. Students raise thousands of dollars each year and it is the Swifty Foundation who is the real winner! We are humbled each year by their generosity.

Matt Horan and Creighton Getting inspire their students and school community to go the extra mile and to do it with a smile. For four years now, November means no shaving for the male teachers at their junior high. No Shave November is not only a time when beards grow, but facial hair is taken to an art form. The teachers shave their beards into creative designs and the students and faculty vote on the best “Mustache for Michael”. Each vote costs $1...vote early and often and for your favorite facial hair!

Give a Hand Take a Stand
In August we launched our Give a Hand, Take a Stand campaign to shine a light on childhood cancer patients. Michael Gustafson was a handstand champ and they are a great metaphor for the cancer journey. Cancer turns our world upside down just like a handstand does. Both require courage, strength and perseverance. Participants are asked to either do a handstand or give a hand to someone who inspires them, then challenge five others to do the same. Look to FB, Twitter and Instagram for examples of people taking the challenge and learn more at www.giftfromachild.org.

SWIFTY SPOTLIGHT: Teachers!

Do you believe in destiny? Well, we do and Angela Waanders is the proof. Michael had a Master Plan and Dr. Waanders had a dream of accelerating research through autopsy tissue donation. In 2016, those forces came together and now there is Gift from a Child. Angela’s passion, dedication, broad vision, caring and her super smarts have been invaluable in shaping Swifty’s post-mortem tissue efforts. It is so true to say, we could never have done it without her!
**MICHAEL’S MASTER PLAN**, a plan that began with his decision to donate his own tissue after he died, focused the Swifty Foundation on two goals for empowering childhood brain cancer research:

1. To create the structure for a family living anywhere in the U.S. to be able to donate their child’s brain tumor and tissue after death.

2. To be the catalyst for a cultural change, through education and advocacy, so autopsy donations become the rule rather than the exception, equipping researchers with the data to understand why brain cancer treatments are failing our children.

In order to accomplish these goals, we needed to build a movement and a message bigger than Swifty. Three years in the making (building the strategy, infrastructure, and relationships), Gift from a Child has been launched! GFAC is a Swifty led national initiative empowering brain cancer research through post-mortem donation. It is supported by families who lost children to brain cancer, foundations, researchers and medical professionals. Find us at [www.GiftfromaChild.org](http://www.GiftfromaChild.org).

**Family Forum**

Fifteen families gathered at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia in December to attend Swifty’s Family Forum meeting. Each of the families had lost a child to brain cancer and either donated their child’s brain to research...or wanted to but were unable. We want to thank our friends at Children’s Brain Tumor Foundation and KidsvCancer who helped in the planning.

We began by sharing stories and pictures of our children. We laughed and we cried remembering these beautiful children who were taken too soon. As we shared our donation experiences, hope and determination emerged. All were comforted knowing our children’s donations are helping find new treatments for children currently living with cancer. What a gift tissue donation is, not only for research but to each family as we try to heal from our profound loss.

Swifty learned much from the experience and wisdom of the families gathered and we revised our plans for Gift from a Child accordingly. The families have since joined us as advocates and partners in the work to empower research through autopsy donations.

Watch these families tell their stories at [www.GiftfromaChild.org/family stories](http://www.GiftfromaChild.org/family stories).
Goal#1
Making it possible for families to donate anywhere in the country.

Centers of Excellence
The cornerstone of GFAC are its Centers of Excellence. They are regional sites for the coordination, processing and sharing of donated autopsy tissue. Swifty funds tissue navigators who work collaboratively across institutional lines to help ensure any family can choose to donate.

In 2018, Swifty’s annual appeal (California Here We Come) raised the dollars necessary to fund a tissue navigator at Stanford AND thanks to your generous response we were also able to fund a tissue navigator at Children’s National in Washington, DC. as well. We are ahead of schedule...there are now four Centers of Excellence in the GFAC network! Meet the Swifty supported navigators at each site:

- **CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL OF PHILADELPHIA:** Kella Trans-Du
- **CHILDREN’S NATIONAL, WASHINGTON DC:** Augustine Richard Eze
- **LURIE CHILDREN’S, CHICAGO:** Melissa Williams
- **STANFORD HEALTHCARE, PALO ALTO:** Madeleine Lee

**Transparency Creates Accountability**
When a child’s tissue is donated for research, families want the researcher to be the very best steward of the gift received. In addition to being able to process a whole brain donation, each Center of Excellence is committed to sharing the gift of the child’s tissue broadly across the research community. We are developing metrics that will be used to publicly report the outcome of each and every donation received by the centers on the GFAC website. The metrics included: labs where the tissue was sent, whether cell lines/mouse models were created, and studies/publications the tissue advanced.

“I recognized the importance of the donations and how impactful they were for the families. Passion drove my desire to be in a more forward-facing role.”
-Kella Trans-Du, Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia

“It was a great way to be able to help families at the most difficult time in their lives and also to be able to advance research to help improve treatments and find cures for these devastating brain cancers.”
-Melissa Williams, Lurie Children’s Chicago
Family Companioning
No family should be alone as they decide whether donation is the right choice for their child. Driven by the wish that we’d had someone to turn to when we were losing our children, some of the families who gathered at our Family Forum chose to do something about it. Our friends at Children’s Brain Tumor Foundation, Live Like John, Unravel Pediatric Cancer and Victoria Haggenmiller helped us develop a Family Companioning program for GFAC. Trained parents of children who donated tissue after death, are matched with families whose children are at the end of their life. It is an opportunity for a family contemplating donation to ask the most delicate questions and confide in someone who has walked the path before.

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Swifty on the Road...
promoting Gift from a Child

- Assoc. of Pediatric Oncology Social Workers Conference, Phoenix | April 2019 – Exhibitor
- PBTF’s Translating Discoveries to Cure the Kids Conference, San Francisco | May 2019 – Presenter
- National Cancer Institute’s Enhancing Biobanking for Childhood Cancer, Rockville, MD | May 2019 – Presenter
- Curefest for Childhood Cancer, Washington DC | September 2019 – Bronze Sponsor

Goal#2
Changing the culture so autopsy donation is no longer the exception but becomes the common practice.

Thanks to decades of education and advocacy, most of us register to be organ donors because we know if something tragic should happen to us, something positive can be brought to the life of another by donating our organs. This wisdom applies even for families who confront the unspeakable tragedy of losing a child to brain cancer.

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“Walking with a companion in the dark is better than walking alone in the light” — Helen Keller

THANKS
to Gift from a Child’s fellow funders!

Edward and Wanda Jordan Family Foundation + McKenna Claire Foundation + Wylie’s Bay Foundation
2018

Swifty By The Numbers

Statement of Financial Position
December 31, 2018

ASSETS
- Cash & Equivalents $377,872
- Investments $1,137,639
- Accounts Receivables $88

TOTAL ASSETS $1,515,599

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Liabilities
- Grants Due $350,000
- Accrued Expenses $12,755

TOTAL LIABILITIES $362,755

Net Assets
- Unrestricted $837,534
- Board Restricted (Admin Expenses) $315,310*

Total Net Assets $1,152,844

TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS $1,515,599

* The founders of the Foundation made a contribution to the Organization in 2013 to be restricted for use in paying any and all administration expenses. As part of the Foundation’s annual review of designated assets, the Board has restricted $315,310 as of December, 2018. Administrative and fundraising costs of $46,655 were paid and released during the year ended 2018.

** In 2018, Swifty received contributions of $464,599 and issued $460,000 in grant awards.

Statement of Activities
For year ended December 31, 2018

REVENUES & OTHER SUPPORT
- Contributions $464,599
- Unrealized Loss $(120,543)
- Realized Gain $25,404
- Dividends & Interest $28,099
- Investment Fees $(6,049)

TOTAL PUBLIC SUPPORT & REVENUE $391,510

EXPENSES

Program:
- Grants $460,000
- Advocacy $49,585
- Website $6,494
- Equipment & Misc. $2,815
- Administrative $39,800*
- Fundraising $6,855*

TOTAL EXPENSES $589,797

Change in net assets $(174,039)

Net assets, beginning of year $1,326,883
Net assets, end of year $1,152,844

To receive a copy of Swifty Foundation’s 2018 independent audit report conducted by Desmond & Ahern Ltd., please contact info@swiftyfoundation.org

Summary of Swifty 2018 Grant Making

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