

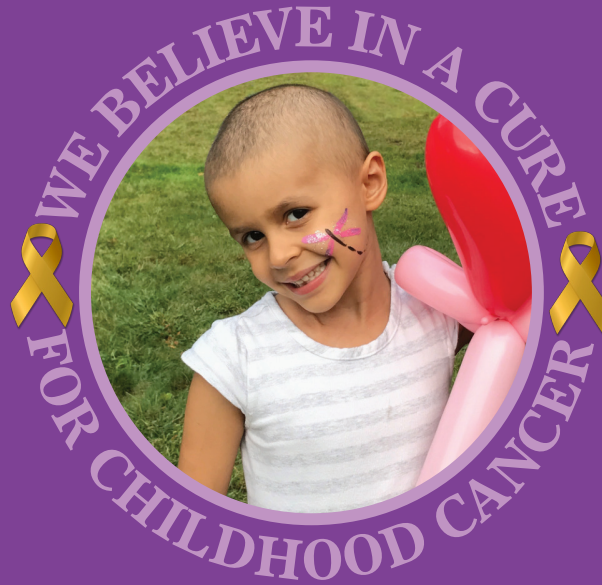
Daniela's Story

Daniela Marie Conte was an amazing 8 year old girl. Some of Daniela's interests included singing, dancing, hanging out with her friends, building Legos, reading, coloring and spending time with her family.

Daniela was diagnosed with Embryonal Rhabdomyosarcoma, on October 5, 2016, and fought courageously for 4 years. After a fight like no other, Daniela lost her fight against this terrible disease on March 2, 2020 due to a combination of a fourth relapse and complications from a procedure. The exact underlying cause of Embryonal Rhabdomyosarcoma is poorly understood and it is the family's wish to help find the cause and cure.

Daniela's legacy lives on through the Daniela Conte Foundation, which was created to raise awareness, fund research to develop less toxic, more targeted treatments for pediatric sarcomas with a specific focus on Embryonal Rhabdomyosarcoma (ERMS), and financially assist pediatric patients and their families going through treatment.

Although Daniela was taken from us far too soon by her illness, her generous spirit lives on through the Daniela Conte Foundation. Daniela showed us all how to live each day to the fullest, enjoying every moment. She reminded us that "giving someone a hug" would make you happy. Daniela Conte Foundation continues Daniela's work of bringing happiness, hope and hugs to children with cancer and their families. She remains always on our minds and forever in our hearts.



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FOR CHILDHOOD CANCER



**SUPPORTING
Research & Families**

Our Mission

Anthony and Katia Conte founded the Daniela Conte Foundation in 2020 to raise awareness, fund research to develop less toxic, more targeted treatments for pediatric sarcomas with a specific focus on Embryonal Rhabdomyosarcoma (ERMS), and financially assist pediatric patients and their families going through treatment. Daniela passed away from Embryonal Rhabdomyosarcoma on March 2, 2020. It is her legacy that we proudly carry on today.

We are a committed partner of Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory and Children's Cancer Therapy Development Institute and these laboratories are the beneficiaries of our fundraising efforts. The Daniela Conte Foundation is funding all phases of research, from clinical trials to translational and bench studies. These projects encompass numerous types of sarcomas. It is our hope that scientific advancements result in pediatric patients accessing better treatment options and having improved outcomes.

Sarcoma is a cancer of the connective tissue, such as bones, muscles, nerves, fat, cartilage, tendons and blood vessels. Sarcomas comprise about 15-20% of pediatric cancers. The overall relative 5-year survival rate of children with sarcomas is around 50%, a statistic that has not changed in almost five decades.



Where The Money Goes

Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory

CSHL is at the cutting edge in research of Rhabdomyosarcoma. They are one of the few labs in the world specifically developing new treatments for childhood sarcoma. They make extensive use of CRISPR-Cas9 genetic screens, epigenomics, and biochemistry to study gene regulatory mechanisms. Their goal is to develop a new generation of therapies that reprogram transcription to eliminate cancer cells. The Lab is run by Dr. Chris Vakoc.

Children's Cancer Therapy Development Institute

CC-TDI is a non-profit biotech lab on a mission to make childhood cancer universally survivable. Every year, the FDA approves on average 12 drugs to treat adult cancer, but has only approved 8 drugs to treat childhood cancer since 1978. CC-TDI is embarking upon a bold scientific course of discovery to send more targeted drugs into clinical trials for those childhood cancers that have the most dire outcomes. The lab is run by Dr. Charles Keller.

Family Assistance

Our need for financial assistance was one of our family's heaviest burdens during the 4 years Daniela fought Rhabdomyosarcoma. Having a solid support system within the healthcare community is equally important. Families are often faced with additional non-medical expenditures associated with traveling to and from the treatment institution, accommodation and meals away from home, as well as daycare for other young children at home. For this reason, the Daniela Conte Foundation was created to provide financial support to families with children fighting pediatric cancer.

Make-A-Wish Foundation of Suffolk County

While Daniela was undergoing treatments, she was granted a wish. It was a profound experience that created memories that we will forever hold dear to our hearts. Funds raised by the Daniela Conte Foundation will also support the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Suffolk County.

For more detailed information visit our website:

www.danielacontefoundation.org/where-the-money-goes

Our Programs

Daniela showed us all how to live each day to the fullest, enjoying every moment. Daniela told us that giving someone a hug brings happiness. Taking her lead, we have developed our Hug Program. Hugs are special surprises delivered through Hug Boxes at home, the clinic, or distributed at public events to children who are currently diagnosed with and receiving treatment for any form of childhood cancer.

Hug Boxes are based on Daniela's list of favorite things. Families of children fighting cancer can also request a Hug Box via our Hug Box link below.



Our current Hug Boxes include, but not limited to:

- #1. Grab Some Friends and Have a Lunch Date Box.** It contains gift cards to favorite local restaurants and a handcrafted clay keepsake.
- #2. Watch a Funny Movie Box.** It contains iTunes gift card, popcorn/movie candy and a handcrafted clay keepsake. Something the whole family can enjoy.
- #3. Think of Happy Thoughts Box.** It contains a journal, pen, coloring books, colored pencils, pencil sharpener and a handcrafted clay keepsake.
- #4. Hear Some Nice Music Box.** It contains a small pillow, earbuds, iTunes gift card and a handcrafted clay keepsake.
- #5. Think About Puppies Box.** (This is designed for younger children). It contains a stuffed puppy, reading books, personalized bag with a poem and two token bears.

Visit our website for more information:

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