

Impact Report 2022-23



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Everyday, families are facing the unthinkable reality of a cancer diagnosis. For many, this journey represents treatment, financial stress, and worry about the future. For the fortunate ones, this journey leads to remission. But for others, the outcome leaves a void that can never be replaced.

Despite this, there are some patients who face this diagnosis with determination and higher purpose. This was the case for Bill Uehlinger. He enjoyed being with people, helping people and taking care of people, even when he needed support himself. To believe in the life of love, to walk in the way of honor, to serve in the light of truth. Bill vowed to live every day of his life in this way and did so until he lost his battle with colorectal cancer in September of 2021.

While Bill no longer walks with us on this Earth, his spirit remains with us and is carried on through The Bill Flounder Uehlinger Live For More Tomorrows Foundation. As we present this, our first annual report for the Foundation, our hope is that Bill is proudly smiling down knowing that so many of the people whose lives he has touched are working to honor him and keep his spirit of service to others alive.

Chuck Domonkos, President

*The Bill Flounder Uehlinger
Live For More Tomorrows Foundation*



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BILL'S STORY

As shared by his wife, Lisa

Bill once said that if he gave back or did one kind thing for someone each day, he was being a Sigma Nu, the University of Akron fraternity that he joined as a college student many years ago. The impact Bill had on his community in his short life, was significant. His kindness, his giving spirit, and his legacy will live on for a long time to come. Bill was often referred to as "The Mayor" because he was a people person. Everywhere he went, he'd find someone he knew! From our first date at Blue Canyon, to our honeymoon in Disney World, to some of his last chemo treatments down at the Taussig Cancer Center, he was always running into someone. His huge smile and big hugs told you how pure his heart was. He enjoyed being with people, helping people, taking care of people. It always showed and if you needed help with something, Bill would be your man to volunteer his time.

From the first days I knew him, he was always giving his time to others. He voluntarily coached cheerleading at the University of Akron for many years. He loved being with the college students, reliving his years of cheering for Akron U, and living for each "Gameday"! He would wake us up on Saturday mornings early with his chants, and have his Akron sweats on ready to go! He

loved going to games, and always cheered for the Zips. When the kids were born, he dressed them up for game day as well, (though I tried to split the outfits between his Zips and my Irish!) He grew to love and support two college teams throughout the years!

Bill served as a Chapter Advisor for his beloved Sigma Nu Fraternity. He would attend their meetings, meet with the young men of the Fraternity and helped to revitalize their chapter, bringing in new members who would live those same values in life, and make a difference in the world. He loved his Fraternity days in college so much. He made so many outstanding memories with his brothers and wanted these young men to know that they would have an impact on whatever they chose to do in life if they followed the Sigma Nu creed. In 2010, Bill was given the Advisor of the Year award from the University. It was

one of his proudest moments. Bill also worked hard to keep the Alumni Chapter of Sigma Nu active. He helped to plan alumni events and keep the strong bond between his brothers. Sigma Nu put such a big smile on his face! It was in his blood.

Bill continued to coach and advise, but eventually stopped coaching when Emma and Will arrived in our family. Having two young kids required



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man to man coverage, and we devoted our time to our young family, and watching them grow and thrive. During this time, Bill found a new interest in which to get involved with, Relay for Life. He was "Chair" of the team from his office at Ascent Global Logistics for many years, and eventually became one of the Chair position organizers of the entire event in Hudson, Ohio, for several years. He would donate his time to monthly meetings, and when the event came around each spring, he would be gone for several days setting up the track, purchasing luminaries for loved ones, helping out wherever he was needed. He loved working at this event, and meeting people, and giving back to his community. He believed that it was so important to find a cure for cancer, and knew the impact that Relay for Life had on generating funds for cancer research. He had no idea that several years later, he himself would be impacted by cancer.

As the kids became older, Bill's passion for baseball was reignited. He loved coaching both Emma and Will and their teams. It was on these fields that he met some friends who he really connected with, and the Streetsboro Junior Baseball and Softball organization became another important part of his life, as did giving back to his community in Streetsboro, Ohio. Bill coached for four years. During his last year of coaching in Streetsboro, Bill became Vice President of the organization as well as the coach of two teams. It was during the baseball season in 2019 that Bill was diagnosed with cancer. Bill had been having some problems with his digestive tract for a few months, and in June of 2019, he

could no longer take the pain he had endured. If you knew Bill, you knew that he didn't feel pain, so this pain had to be immense. He took himself to the ER where they did a scan and found a total blockage of his colon. He was shocked, as were we all. It was at that moment that we truly realized how fragile life really is. Within days Bill had his first surgery where the doctors removed 3 feet of his colon. His life was changed as a result of that surgery. He had an ostomy bag. He took time to explain to the kids how he was sick and would be going to the hospital to get medicine to help him get better.

He and I knew life would be changed for our family, and we made every choice for our family going forward with that in mind. We lived our life the best we could making memories and enjoying each moment. Bill was able to coach a few more games at the end of the season, while he was still recovering. He gave baseball his all, and loved being out there with his kids. Bill began going to the Taussig Cancer Center for bi-weekly treatments in July of 2019. He was so strong and determined to beat cancer. He walked into his treatments greeting everyone with a big smile. The staff down there loved him. He never had a different attitude all throughout his treatments. He would continue to fight, and not give up. Whatever the next step was, he did it without complaint. The countless pokes and prods, and tests never were a problem, because he had more tomorrows to live for.

In 2020, when COVID hit, the world shut down. Bill was sent home to work, which took him away from people, but kept him safe from COVID. We

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worried about him getting sick, with his immunocompromised body. He believed that a vaccine was coming and did everything he could to stay safe. But being at home all the time was isolating, especially for a "people person." The baseball season in Streetsboro was canceled, so we found a spot for Will to play baseball in Chagrin Falls, and Bill jumped on board coaching him there, and pitching to the team in between his treatments.

The parents on his team were in awe of his strength. You'd never know by looking at him how truly sick he was. Bill continued to go to his bi-weekly treatments throughout 2019 and 2020. If I didn't go with him, a family member or friend would go. He enjoyed the company and it helped to pass the time for him. Six hours of sitting in a chair, was not his speed on a typical day. Going to treatment allowed him to get out of the house and see people though, and he enjoyed seeing his doctors, social worker, and nurses. During one of his chemo treatments, Bill struck up a conversation with a man who was about to have his first treatment. The man told Bill that he was thinking of leaving because he was nervous about the treatment and the side effects. Bill took the time to talk this man through everything that would happen to him. He calmed his nerves down and was able to convince him to stay for his treatment. He shared the same oncologist as Bill, and Bill told the man how great she was and how he had complete trust in her. Because of Bill's kind heart and giving spirit, the man stayed for his treatment.

While getting his treatments at Taussig Cancer Center, Bill became a patient advocate of sorts. He

had tremendous ideas for how the hospital could improve the facilities and make patients more comfortable. He presented his ideas to his social worker, who shared them with hospital administrators. As a result, Bill was asked to put together a list of improvements that would benefit all. His ideas were so thoughtful and would benefit patients everywhere. Hopefully the hospital had the potential to help patients everywhere.

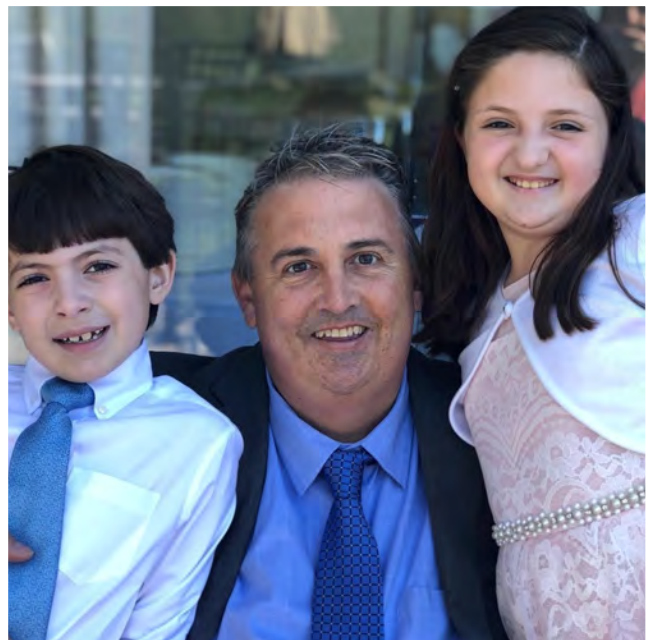
In the Fall of 2020, Bill was still undergoing treatments, still working, and still serving his community. He was asked to serve on the Streetsboro Zoning Board. He also became the President of Streetsboro Junior Baseball and Softball. Deep down in his heart, he had political aspirations and wanted to really be the Mayor! But for now, he'd settle for President of this organization. He would do what he could for the kids of Streetsboro. Bill was still coaching Will on his Chagrin Falls team, while he was running the Streetsboro league even though his own kids did not play on a Streetsboro team. When 2021 rolled in, we did not think it would be his last year. He had many more tomorrows to live for. But in March of 2021, his doctors informed us that the treatment he was on was not working, and that we should look for other options. I had done a lot of research, and we looked everywhere for another doctor who could help, who might be willing to try something different. With COVID still very active, the options were limited. In April, Bill was fully vaccinated and felt safe traveling. He was admitted into a Phase II trial in Bethesda, MD at the National Institute of Health. Bill would travel there by himself every other week to receive treat-

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ments. After his initial treatment, he came home and slept for four days. I didn't know what to do. He lost 10 pounds in less than a week and was weak. I thought this trial might kill him, yet still he wanted to continue. On his fourth trip to Bethesda in June, I was able to go with him. I was nervous about this treatment because I knew that it would once again rock him to his core. We had just finished up a hospital stay (the first of many to come) and I didn't want him to continue on this trial, but he insisted. The doctors at NIH looked at his most recent scans, they looked at him and Bill was taken off the trial. He was devastated. It broke his spirit, and though we knew it was the best thing that could happen to him, it left us with few options. After visiting with his oncologist at the Cleveland Clinic in late June, we decided that before starting his last line of treatment, we would go on our vacation and enjoy living for tomorrow. We had an amazing time down in Hilton Head. We survived a hurricane! Bill didn't have the stamina to play golf and do everything he wanted on this trip, but he loved being down there and being with his family. Being in the warm sun and listening to Jimmy Buffett were good for his soul.

After our vacation, Bill began to decline steadily. His liver started to fail, and he eventually lost his will to fight. He had fought cancer with every fiber of his being. Someone reminded him of the words of Stuart Scott, "You beat cancer by how you live, why you live, and the manner in which you live." Well, with all he did in his short life, Bill beat cancer. He never let it hold him back. He lived for his family and those in his life. He lived to help others, to love others, and to honor others. And he did all that while he was suffering himself. The legacy of his life and his service to others will live on through his kids. Emma and Will have seen all that their dad has done, and his values are carried on through them.

Bill Uehlinger was one of a kind. He was an incredible husband, father and friend. He always had a head full of knowledge, a heart full of love, an ear ready to listen and a hand willing to help others. He is a great example of living your life with purpose. He lived a rich, full life, and left us way too soon. We know he is looking down on us and smiling. And he is still cheering on his beloved Zips and Cincinnati Bengals.



OUR MISSION

*The mission of the Bill Flounder Uehlinger Live for More
Tomorrows Foundation is to honor the legacy of Bill, a
wonderful husband, great father, dedicated Sigma Nu, and
courageous cancer patient and advocate.*

*Through the Foundation, we support causes that
were closest to Bill's heart:*

Scholarship funding for his children and his fraternity

*Support for fellow cancer patients and their families
during their cancer journeys.*

*Through this support, the Foundation can help others to be
inspired and as Bill did, and "live for more tomorrows."*

A BUDDING FOUNDATION

MAKING AN IMPACT

In April of 2022, the Bill Flounder Uehlinger Live For More Tomorrows Foundation earned its status as a recognized 501(c)3 tax exempt organization. This began our journey of working to honor Bill and keep his spirit of service to others alive. Since its inception, the Foundation has raised nearly \$50,000 to support causes that were so important to Bill and impactful in our community. With more grants to come, some highlights of the Foundation's impact include:

MEET OUR 2023 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



Cody Graham, an accounting student from the University of Akron and member of the Kappa Lambda chapter of the Sigma Nu Fraternity, was awarded the Foundation scholarship in 2023. Cody shows great dedication to his fraternity and is fully committed to helping the chapter succeed in fulfilling its mission to develop ethical

leaders inspired by the principles of love, honor and truth. He serves as chaplain of his chapter and fosters a spirit of community and support. As a student who exemplifies so many of the values that Bill embodied, Cody was awarded a \$5,000 scholarship to continue his education.



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SUPPORTING THERAPEUTIC ART FOR CANCER PATIENTS AND FAMILIES AT THE CLEVELAND CLINIC



As a cancer patient, Bill and his family had the opportunity to participate in a hand casting project that served as an avenue for hope and healing. This art therapy not only offered a lasting memory for the family, it is a sacred

reminder of the strength of their family unit. The project was so impactful for Lisa, Emma and Will as they experienced the grief of losing their husband and father to colon cancer, that they wanted to give back. To ensure that other families also have the opportunity for projects like these, the Foundation presented a donation of \$2,500 to the Cleveland Clinic in support of important programs like art and music therapy for cancer patients and their families.



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A BUDDING FOUNDATION MAKING AN IMPACT

GIVING FAMILIES A BREAK FROM THE REALITIES OF CANCER TREATMENT WITH ONE DAY TO REMEMBER



More than 5 million children in the United States have a parent battling cancer.* Understanding the need for a break from treatment, financial stress, and worry about the future—especially for children on this journey with a parent — One Day To

Remember works to provide special family outings, taking their unique interests and needs/abilities into consideration. They understand how hard it can be for families facing this stress to coordinate this kind of respite on their own, especially when time and money that might have gone toward fun family activities are often redirected to appointments for treatment and medical bills. This is precisely when the need for quality time is greatest. While the Uehlinger family did not have the opportunity to take part in such an outing, they realize how important these family times are, and wanted to pay it forward by making a \$5,000 donation to this valuable organization.

* Source: Center for Disease Control & American Cancer Society data analyzed by Decision Resources Group)

OUR SIGNATURE EVENT

The Bill Flounder Uehlinger Memorial Golf Classic



With the support of Bill's Sigma Nu brothers who have continued their dedication to service as alumni, the Bill Flounder Uehlinger Memorial Golf Classic became a reality. For the past two years, the primary source of donations to the Bill Flounder Uehlinger Live for More Tomorrows Foundation has been through this signature event, hosted at Medina's picturesque Bunker Hill Golf Course. Each year, this event is a great opportunity to honor and remember Bill, increase awareness for colon cancer, and raise important funds to make a difference for other families on their cancer journeys. The outpouring of generosity has been astounding, and serves as motivation to continue making an impact—just as Bill undoubtedly would.



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