

Adolescent and Young Adult Cancer Treatment, Research, and Care

Grant Type: **Dollar and nondollar support**

Dollar Amount: **\$23 million+**

Foundation Name: **The Char and Chuck Fowler Family Foundation**

What was your objective with the grant or initiative?

Our impact surrounding Adolescent and Young Adult (AYA) cancer include a few grants: The Angie Fowler Adolescent and Young Adult Cancer Institute at University Hospitals, First Descents, M Powerment, Flying Horse Farm, The Gathering Place, Teen Cancer America, and Case Comprehensive Cancer Center for AYA. These grants provide support, treatment, research, and care to 12- to 35-year-olds diagnosed with cancer. With varying methods, these organizations offer promising new medical treatments and social and emotional care. Hand-in-hand, these programs strive to provide better outcomes for young adults diagnosed with cancer.

What were the results of this grant or initiative?

The awareness of AYA-specific cancer treatment has increased in the region. Organizations are modifying the way they support and care for these patients, including changes in physical environments, programs offered, and communication formats and platforms. The largest grantees, The Angie Fowler Adolescent and Young Adult Cancer Institute at University Hospitals and the Angie Fowler Cancer Research Initiative at the Case Comprehensive Cancer Center, are working together to provide hope to young people with cancer through innovative and collaborative discoveries, treatment, and care.

For example, the funds help accelerate the development of therapies to stop the spread of tumors in this unique population, which often show a different biological disposition and require a different approach to care than children and adults.

Why would you say this grant or initiative had outsized impact?

The national momentum on treating the AYA population as a unique patient cohort is encouraging. With the capital grant to University Hospitals, the addition of a rooftop garden and new facility has made a tremendous impact on patients and their families as well as on the faculty. Our national and local grantees that support the AYA patient and his or her family have produced collaborative programs, opening lines of communication among various supporting organizations and creating a more holistic approach to patient care.



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