



RUTLEDGE FOUNDATION
Caring and Curing—Young Adult Cancer

Who We Are

The Rutledge Foundation was founded in 2011, after Carley Rutledge was diagnosed with stage IV Ewing Sarcoma. When friends and family learned there had been no change in cure rates or treatment options in over 30 years in teen and young adult cancers, they wanted to help make a difference.

Mission Statement:

The Rutledge Foundation exists to bring awareness and attention to the over one million young adults diagnosed with cancer. We are also committed to finding curative treatments for sarcomas, one of the most aggressive cancers in teens and young adults. The Rutledge Foundation is dedicated to Caring and Curing young adults with cancer.



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Carley's Story



On April 22, 2010, Carley Rutledge, was diagnosed with stage IV Ewing Sarcoma. She began the fight of her life, as she got her driver license, braces off, and ended her sophomore year of high school. After going through 11 months and 14 rounds, of five of the most toxic chemotherapies available, 43 days of radiation, and multiple transfusions, Carley successfully completed the front line treatment for Ewing Sarcoma. Twelve months later, shortly before graduation, she relapsed. While looking for options besides chemotherapy, her family found the Ewing Sarcoma vaccine trial at the Mary Crowley Cancer Research Center in Dallas, Texas. Carley had her tumor removed, and a vaccine was made from it that “attacked” her cancer cells. Eight vaccines were made that she received once a month. Through miracles, amazing science and lots of prayers, Carley currently is enjoying college, pursuing a degree in Environmental Science and is healthy and without active disease.



Core Objectives

- Support research and clinical trials for young adult sarcoma cancers
- Identify and meet the unique needs of all young adult cancer patients
- Increase awareness and early detection of all young adult cancer



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Events

Gold Ribbon Games

The Gold Ribbon Games are a co-ed kickball tournament that are held each Spring. Since April is National Young Adult Cancer Awareness Month, the Rutledge Foundation hosts this kickball tournament to raise funds and awareness. Participants including young adult cancer patients, families, friends, and the community at large, form teams and raise money for the foundation that will go directly towards AYA research and programs for patients.

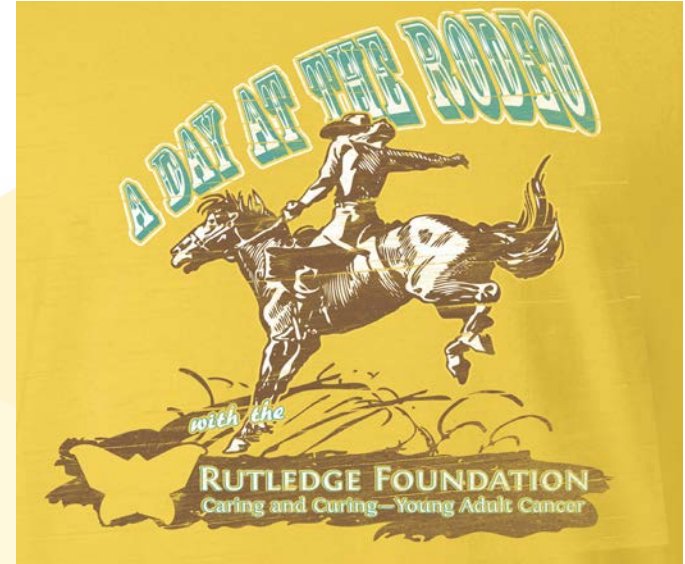




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Day at the Rodeo

Thanks to the Fort Worth Stock Show Syndicate, the Rutledge Foundation is able to host YA Rodeo Day where patients and their families can enjoy a day at the legendary Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo. The Syndicate is committed to supporting the growth of this event.





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Young Adult Night at the Ranger Game

With summer comes baseball and with baseball comes Young Adult Night at a Texas Rangers Game. At this event, young adult patients and a guest are treated to a day in a Ranger Suite courtesy of Approach Resources.





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Leddy's Ranch, Give YA Cancer the Boot Event

Rutledge Foundation has partnered with Leddy's Ranch at Sundance Square in downtown Fort Worth for a fun night of music, drinks and shopping. Leddy's Ranch will generously donate up to 20% of the proceeds to help fund young adult cancer care and research.





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Coming Home Christmas Concert

Coming Home is a Benefit Concert to be held in December that features local bands and artists at Live Oak Music Hall in Fort Worth.

This event is for the Fort Worth and Dallas community, for patients, their family and friends.





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Programs

Carley's Closet

Carley's Closet is an ongoing outreach program that provides resources and comfort items to decorate in-patient rooms, games, music, electronics and age appropriate activities for teens and young adult patients. Locations currently at:

- Cook Children's Medical Center, Fort Worth, Texas
- Baylor All Saints Medical Center Hospital, Fort Worth, Texas
- JPS Hospital, Fort Worth, Texas
- Mary Crowley Cancer Research Center, Dallas, Texas
- Medical City Children's Hospital, Dallas, Texas
- MD Anderson's Children's Cancer Hospital, Houston, Texas
- Texas Children's Hospital, Houston, Texas

CARLEY'S CLOSET



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Hearts of Gold Luncheon

This event brings awareness and education on new research and community action for young adult cancer programs and services in the Fort Worth and Dallas communities.





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