

15 YEARS OF IMPACT

2011–2014

The Beginning

A Life That Inspired a Mission.

In 2010, at 15 years old, Carley Rutledge was diagnosed with Stage IV Ewing sarcoma after 11 months of undiagnosed pain.

Her courage and determination to help other young people inspired a mission that would grow far beyond one family and their friends.



2015–2019

Building Better Care

Creating more possibilities for young cancer patients.

2020–2026

Hope Becomes Momentum

Carrying Carley's legacy forward through research, programs, and AYA care.

2011

The Foundation is Born

- Established the Carley J. Rutledge Sarcoma Foundation as a 501(c)(3), later becoming Rutledge Cancer Foundation.

- Mission: Ease cancer's impact, raise awareness and fund research for less-toxic treatments for sarcoma and solid tumors.

- The first Gold Ribbon Kickball Game raised \$35,000 for a Teen Room at Cook Children's and Ewing sarcoma research.

2012

Carley's Closet

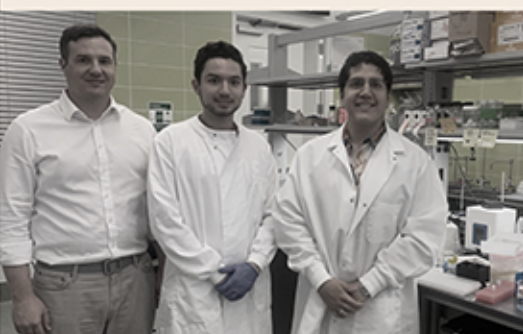
- Established at Cook Children's and MD Anderson.
- Expanded to Texas Children's and Vannie Cook in McAllen, Texas.



2013

Community & Research Expands

- Began patient outings to build community and connections.
- Invested \$900,000 in targeted, less toxic Ewing sarcoma treatments.



2014

First AYA Psychologist

- Helped establish the first full-time psychologist at Cook Children's for AYA cancer patients.



2015

Oncofertility Preservation

- RCF funds first community-wide program with Moncrief.
- Later expanded to Cook Children's and MD Anderson.



2016–2017 Growing Research

- Funded Solid Tumor Program at Cook Children's with \$150,000.
- \$30,000 to Children's Therapy Development Institute for rare pediatric sarcomas.



2018–2020 Expanding the Mission

- Funded \$250,000 to establish FitSteps for Life, now Kourage Health.
- New research collaboration with Greehey Children's and Oana Therapeutics (over \$400,000).
- NIH R21 Grant for nanoparticle drug delivery.
- Carley testified for fertility preservation coverage in Colorado and Texas.



2020 Cleveland Clinic Research

- Funded \$50,000 for mNRA vaccine development.
- Carley's Closet opens in Denver.



2021–2023 Carley's Legacy & Research Expands

- After 11 years, Carley relapses and fought for 14 months; her bravery leads her legacy forward.
- \$100,000 grant for research targeting ILIRAP in Ewing sarcoma (Dr. Paul Sorensen at BC Cancer)



2024–2026

A New Chapter in AYA Care

- Acquired CareGather app that connects all cancer patients, families and friends to support and resources
- RCF invests \$220,000 for Moncrief's AYA Mental Health care plan for cancer patients.
- Hired first paid Executive Director and expanded staff.
- Awarded a \$1.5 million ACES Grant to develop a Ewing sarcoma vaccine.

