

## Who are we

The Wilms Cancer Foundation, is a charitable organization that supports and represent the needs of children, families and healthcare organizations affected by the childhood kidney cancer nephroblastoma (commonly known as 'Wilms').

## What is 'Wilms'

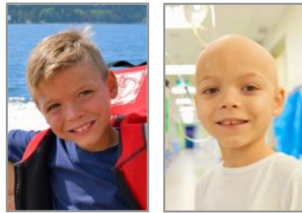
Wilms is the most common childhood kidney cancer and the 4<sup>th</sup> most common paediatric cancer overall with about 1:10,000 children diagnosed each year in North America. The tumour grows on the kidney and can begin while the child is in the womb. The tumour can become much bigger than the kidney itself and the most common symptom is a sudden swollen stomach. Ultimately both usually require removal.

The disease has a good survival rate if detected early but if diagnosed late the cancer can be fatal, spreading to the lungs, liver or bones. Sadly, many children like William go undiagnosed for years and require extensive, life-threatening treatment including chemo & radiation therapy and surgery over many months or even years.

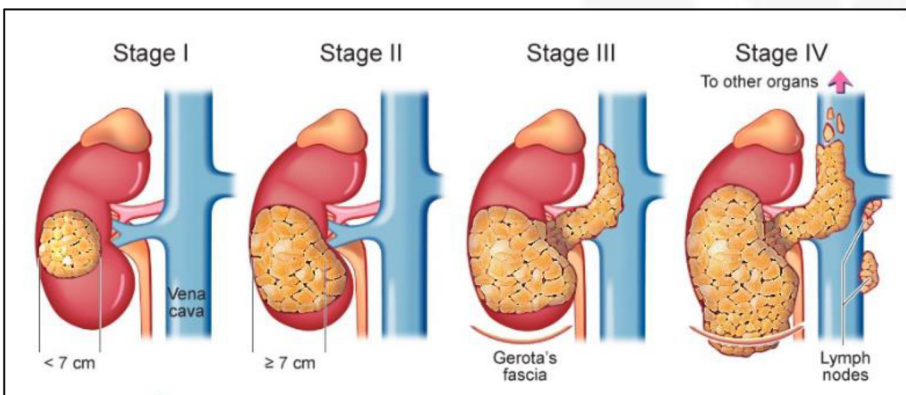
## Every Parent's Nightmare

Complaining of nothing more than a 'tummy ache', William was diagnosed, out-of-the-blue, with stage 4/5 Wilms cancer at just 7yrs. old. An active little boy (football, swimming, etc.) tests discovered a massive tumour on his kidney and a further nine in his lungs. His 'late diagnosis' lead to over 3 years of intense and protracted chemo & radiation therapy, multiple lifesaving operations, 2 relapses and finally a bone marrow/stem-cell transplant in an attempt to beat the disease. Although currently clear William (now 11yrs.) has exhausted all treatment options and his life still hangs in the balance.

**Importantly, 'early diagnosis' would have prevented this pain, stress and heartache (as well as the unnecessary strains on our healthcare system).**



Wilms Tumor Staging: 5yr. Survival Rate (Diffuse Anaplastic)					
Stage	Stage I	Stage II	Stage III	Stage VI	Stage V
Survival %	75-80%	80-85%	50-70%	30-45%	65-70%



## Objective

Our objective is to establish a national program of awareness, education, advocacy, early detection and treatment to tackle the spread of this devastating cancer and to ensure that children, like William, and his family are not faced with the same life-threatening situations.

## Advocacy Early Detection Education Fundraising Grants Treatment Support

We also seek to support children, families and organizations as they tackle Wilms through initiatives such as our 'Dream-Making' program, which provides financial support to lighten the emotional and financial burden they face at time of crisis.



## Support

Children like William (and his family) should never have to face the ordeals and life-threatening situations that he has been confronted with at such a young age and, importantly, they don't need to.

Through numerous WCF programs there is an opportunity to ensure early detection of this tragic disease and to relieve the emotional and financial burden, suffered by families in these tragic situations. However, we cannot do this alone and we rely on the ongoing support and partnership of individuals and organizations to help us continue providing our services because without them children like William and hundreds of families like his will face desperate situations.

If you or, someone you know, is in need of information & emotional/ financial support or would like to discuss making a tax-free financial donation in order to provide immediate support to a child, their family or healthcare providers, please donate or contact us right away.

Online Donations: [www.WilmsFoundation.org](http://www.WilmsFoundation.org)

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**Don't wait, a child needs your support... Now !**

Note\* All inquiries are treated in the strictest confidence.

Presenting: Abdominal and lung Wilms tumor

