

Introducing HALI

Tackling the Toughest Leukemias Together

The High-Risk Acute Leukemia Initiative (HALI), brought to you by The WillStrong Leukemia Program at The Morgan Adams Foundation



The Morgan Adams Foundation is proud to help launch the **High-Risk Acute Leukemia Initiative (HALI)**—an ambitious new initiative bringing pediatric and adult experts together to find better answers for patients facing some of the rarest and hardest-to-treat leukemias.



HALI recently held its official kickoff and **first Tumor Board meeting**, led by Dr. Maureen O'Brien, Leukemia/Lymphoma Program Leader at CU Anschutz on the pediatric side and Dr. Dan Pollyea, Clinical Director of Leukemia Services at CU Anschutz on the adult side. The meeting brought together physicians, researchers, pathologists, and leaders including Dr. Terry Fry, Director of Cancer Immunotherapy at CU Anschutz and Dr. Lia Gore, Section Head of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology/BMT at CU Anschutz—all focused on difficult-to-treat leukemias and bone marrow disorders.

The group reviewed three particularly challenging patient cases, sharing perspectives and exploring potential treatment options. Just as importantly, those conversations sparked new research questions around these rare diagnoses—demonstrating exactly what HALI is designed to do.

HALI will create a bridge between pediatric and adult leukemia experts, connecting clinical care with laboratory research to better understand high-risk leukemias, uncover new treatment targets, and ultimately move promising discoveries toward clinical trials for patients across all ages.

Why the Need for HALI?

High-risk leukemia subtypes can be incredibly rare, leaving too few patients within traditional pediatric or adult research groups to study them properly. Yet research does show a 5-year-old and a 60-year-old whose leukemias share the same molecular features may have more in common biologically than their ages suggest.

HALI brings those worlds together. By connecting experts, patients, and research across pediatrics and adults, HALI can create new opportunities to study rare leukemias, understand why treatments fail, and pursue better options for patients who desperately need them.

For The Morgan Adams Foundation, HALI represents exactly the kind of bold, collaborative thinking we believe can change what is possible for patients facing the toughest diagnoses.



Research Spotlight

The Science Behind the Science: Funding Bioinformatics

Behind nearly every breakthrough in pediatric cancer research is an enormous amount of data.

Today, researchers can study individual cancer cells, identify genetic changes that drive tumors, understand why cancers return, and determine which treatments may work best for a specific child. Bioinformatics is what helps turn all that data into answers.

Combining biology, computer science, mathematics, and data analysis, bioinformatics helps researchers find meaningful patterns hidden among millions of pieces of genetic and molecular information.

That's why, thanks to your generosity, The Morgan Adams Foundation is proud to support the Pediatric Hematology Oncology and Bone Marrow Transplant bioinformatics core at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus. This shared resource supports dozens of research projects and technologies, from single-cell sequencing and organoids to precision medicine and artificial intelligence.

MAF donor support has helped expand computing capabilities, incorporate AI into research, and give scientists better tools to analyze their data. This work has already contributed to discoveries about cancer recurrence, NIH-funded grants, and publications in leading scientific journals.

Bioinformatics may be research you never see, but its impact is everywhere.

“The WillStrong Leukemia Program and The Morgan Adams Foundation’s support has already had a major impact on building a modern, high-functioning bioinformatics program for pediatric cancer research.”

— **Dr. Tzu Phang**, Associate Professor of Bioinformatics at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus



Thanks to your generosity, the bioinformatics team has supported projects that have benefited thousands of childhood cancer patients.

Ambassador Spotlight

From Patient to Pediatric Oncology Nurse

Meet Grace. What began as a numb foot and difficulty walking led to treatment for a disease no child should have to face—a diagnosis of a brain tumor in 2011.

Grace's treatment at Children's Hospital Colorado was guided by groundbreaking research from Dr. Nick Foreman, funded by The Morgan Adams Foundation. Through innovative tumor "chip" analysis, Dr. Foreman discovered that Grace's tumor had characteristics of two different types of brain tumors. That discovery allowed her medical team to tailor her treatment precisely, giving Grace a better chance at a cure that traditional diagnostic methods alone may not have provided.

After an intense treatment regimen, it proved successful. Today, Grace is a healthy young woman who has turned her experience into a remarkable way of giving back.

Grace is now a pediatric oncology nurse, caring for children facing cancer, just as she once did.

Along the way, she also became a passionate advocate for pediatric cancer research, founding Grace's Race to raise thousands of dollars and awareness for The Morgan Adams Foundation.

Grace's story is a powerful example of why we fund research: helping children survive cancer, grow up to pursue their dreams—and, sometimes, come back to help the next child through it.



Meet Grace

Diagnosed at age 11 with a Glioblastoma/PNET Brain Tumor

Join the MAF Family Council

An opportunity to dive deeper into making a difference

The Morgan Adams Foundation Family Council brings together passionate families and friends to make a more direct impact with our mission. As a vital engine of our growth, Council members extend our reach by raising awareness and leading community fundraising efforts.

Meeting 3–4 times a year (in person and online), the Council offers opportunities to get more involved: exploring the pediatric cancer funding landscape and connecting with local and national resources. The Council also creates a welcoming community where families unite to advocate for our kids and support one another along the way.

As a member, you can champion your own custom event focused on your unique passions or jump into turnkey, streamlined initiatives. It's a powerful way to stay connected, keep learning, and make a tangible difference.

Interested in joining the Family Council? Reach out to Catarina@morganadamsfoundation.org to learn more.





#GoingGold

Shout out to all the amazing business partners who supported The Morgan Adams Foundation during Childhood Cancer Awareness Month!

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, and several generous businesses joined us in raising funds to support our work. These incredible partners donated a portion of their proceeds to The Morgan Adams Foundation or RadFlix—helping fund better, more effective treatments for kids with cancer and programs that make treatment a little easier.

Let's keep supporting these incredible partners—because as they give back, together, we all make a difference for kids and families facing cancer.



Research Roundtables!

Join us for lunch, learning, and a private lab tour

Our Lunch Lecture series has a new name, but the same great opportunity to get a behind-the-scenes look at the pediatric cancer research your support makes possible.

Led by The Morgan Adams Foundation Leadership and Program Officers, each Research Roundtable includes lunch and an intimate conversation with one of the doctors and researchers whose work we fund, followed by a private tour of the labs themselves.

See your generosity at work, learn about promising research underway, and meet the people working to create better, safer treatments for kids with cancer. To RSVP or for more information contact robin@morganadamsfoundation.org.

Upcoming Research Roundtables

October 29: Blood Cancer Breakthroughs

Matthew Witkowski, PhD, Assistant Professor of Pediatric Hematology, Oncology at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus

November 10: Bioinformatics In Action

Tzu Phang, PhD, Associate Professor of Bioinformatics at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus



Matthew Witkowski, PhD



Tzu Phang, PhD

READY. SET. FLIP for a CAUSE!

RadFlix and The Morgan Adams Foundation are flipping the script on childhood cancer—and we're inviting kids, teens and young adults everywhere to get in on the action. Flippin' Cancer is our first-ever youth-powered fundraiser, where kids help kids via the sports and activities they already love.

Swimmers can count flip turns. Gymnasts and Cheer Squads can tumble. Soccer players can flip kick to the net. Skiers, skaters, and snowboarders can do what they do best. Not into sports? No problem! Flip pancakes, flip water bottles, or come up with your own unique way to participate.

The idea is simple

Pick your activity. Add a flip. Set a goal. Raise some money. Make an impact!

We're looking for coaches, parents, teachers, youth leaders, and young changemakers to rally their teams, schools, clubs, or communities to join the fun! Ready to get flippin'?

Scan here for more info or reach out to heather@Radflix.org



Every dollar raised through Flippin' Cancer supports RadFlix (a program of The Morgan Adams Foundation) and its work to bring comfort to kids with cancer via breakthrough technology that lets kids watch their favorite shows during radiation treatments.



October is National Estate Planning Awareness Month!

It's the perfect reminder to make sure your plans reflect the people and causes that matter most to you.

By including The Morgan Adams Foundation in your estate plans, you can create a lasting legacy for kids with cancer while becoming part of **The Iris Society**, our community of supporters committed to helping fund better, safer treatments for generations to come.

Have you already included The Morgan Adams Foundation on your estate plan? We would love to recognize/honor your gift! Please email Claudia@morganadamsfoundation.org and let us know!

Put Your Giving to Work on DAF Day

DAF Day is October 8! If you have a donor-advised fund, it's a great time to put your charitable dollars to work for kids with cancer.



The Iris Society

THE MORGAN ADAMS FOUNDATION



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An incredible Morgan Adams Concoors weekend, made possible by you!

From the first vehicle arriving on the tarmac to the final guest heading home, The Morgan Adams Concoors d'Elegance is a powerful reflection of the incredible people who believe in our mission and come together to make this extraordinary event possible.

Nearly 2,000 guests were in attendance to celebrate, connect, and support our critically important mission. Attraction owners generously shared more than 200 spectacular automobiles, motorcycles, and aircraft. Sponsors helped make the weekend both possible and unforgettable. And dozens of volunteers gave countless hours before, during, and after the event to bring every detail together.

To everyone who attended, donated, sponsored, volunteered, or shared an extraordinary vehicle, motorcycle, or aircraft with us: thank you for making this remarkable weekend possible and for fueling new hope for kids and teens with cancer.

3-Days of Events

Over 200 spectacular attractions:

43 airplanes
125 automobiles
50 motorcycles

2,000+ guests:

A sold-out celebration bringing together attendees from all over the U.S.

Countless volunteer hours: From months of planning to event-day details, our incredible volunteers made it all possible.

Nearly \$1.5 million raised: An extraordinary result that will truly make a lifesaving difference

One amazing community: To everyone who contributed, thank you for making the 2026 Morgan Adams Concoors unforgettable!



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2026 Morgan Adams Concours Ambassador Austin and his Army hit \$100,000 dollars raised!

Austin and the Mollhoff Family continue to amaze us. We were thrilled they joined us as the 2026 Morgan Adams Concours Ambassadors—but they stepped up even more to expand their own fundraising initiatives. After a recent setback in his Austin's brain tumor treatment, Austin's family did what they do best: turning a challenge into action. They rallied their local Austin's Army—and have now raised an incredible \$100,000 for The Morgan Adams Foundation!

Research funded by MAF—with support from the Mollhoff family and so many more generous donors like you—has helped give Austin's doctors a confident plan for what comes next for Austin.

Today, we're celebrating Austin: his courage, his determination, and the incredible impact he and his family are making for other kids with cancer.

Interested in getting more involved with the Morgan Adams Concours d'Elegance? We're always looking for passionate volunteers to join our planning committees and help bring this incredible event to life. To learn more about year-round committee opportunities, contact Nicki at Nicki@morganadamsfoundation.org.

WE BRING THE HEAT! YOU BRING THE HOPE!



**NOVEMBER 14th
FROM 6-9PM
THE ARCH IN RINO**

Calling all fans of Colorado's best Chili, Brews and Booze!

Mark your calendar for Saturday, November 14, when Chili, Booze & Brews returns to Denver for one delicious night benefiting kids, teens, and young adults with cancer.

This friendly food and beverage competition brings together Colorado craft breweries, small-batch distillers, and chefs from local Denver restaurants to serve up their best—all while raising critical funds for The Morgan Adams Foundation.

Join us at The Arch in Denver from 6–9 p.m., or come early with VIP entry at 5 p.m., and eat, drink, vote for your favorites, and help us Bring the Heat and Bring the Hope!

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