

silken twine



solace for pediatric cancer patients

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Celebrating Six Years of Compassion and Connection

This year marks a momentous milestone for Silken Twine Charity — **six years of weaving hope, kindness, and change into the lives of those who need it most.** What began as a small initiative with a big heart has grown into a vibrant force for good, touching lives across communities with compassion and purpose.

Over the past six years, Silken Twine has:

- Supported more than **400** pediatric cancer patients and their families through our programs.
- Raised over **\$300,000** to fund groceries for patients' families, college scholarships to high school senior cancer survivors, rideshares for hospital visits, medical supplies, and hotels stays for out-of-town patients.
- Partnered with the American Association of Cancer Research (AACR) to amplify our reach by aiding early-career scientists with travel expenses to expand the impact of their work and progress the field of oncology research.
- Built a dedicated community of volunteers, donors, and advocates who share our vision of a more compassionate world.

The name “Silken Twine” symbolizes the delicate but strong threads that bind us together — and for more than half a decade, that thread has connected hearts, uplifted voices, and inspired transformation.

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A TIME TO REFLECT AND REIGNITE

A Letter from Silken Twine's Founder and President

Dear Supporters,

As we celebrate this incredible journey, we also look to the future. The challenges remain great, but so is our resolve. We're more committed than ever to expanding our reach, deepening our impact, and staying true to our core values of dignity, empathy, and community.

A big "thank you" to our supporters. You are the reason Silken Twine continues to flourish. Whether you've donated, volunteered, shared our message, or walked alongside us, you are part of this story.

Here's to six years of love in action — and to many more.

With Gratitude,

Ravi Malaviya

Ravi Malaviya, Ph.D

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Annual Travel Award

A New Initiative

This past year, Silken Twine launched its Annual Travel Award, a new initiative designed to support outstanding graduate students and postdoctoral fellows in presenting their cancer research at the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) Annual Conference.

This Award aims to facilitate professional development by funding recipients' travel to the Conference, providing an opportunity to engage with leading scientists and exchange innovative research ideas. Through this initiative, Silken Twine seeks to empower emerging researchers, broaden their professional networks, and contribute to advancements in cancer research.

We are thrilled to share that our inaugural Travel Award was presented to Elena Vasileva, PhD, who attended the 2025 AACR Annual Conference in Chicago. Dr. Vasileva is a dedicated medical researcher at Children's Hospital Los Angeles, USC, whose work in Ewing sarcoma research is both innovative and inspiring. Dr. Vasileva's contributions exemplify the spirit of innovation and compassion we value at Silken Twine.

Congratulations to Dr. Vasileva – our charity is proud to support your journey, and we look forward to the impact your research will continue to have.

Visit our website to watch our interview with Dr. Vasileva and to learn more about her story and the vision behind Silken Twine's commitment to empowering the next generation of scientists. In our discussion, Dr. Vasileva reflects on her research trajectory and the scientific significance of her work. We also explore the importance of fostering early-career development and in advancing the mission of organizations such as Silken Twine to support promising investigators in cancer research.

SilkenTwineCharity.org/interview

Dr. Elena Vasileva
Postdoctoral Fellow
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WINE WITH SILKEN TWINE



April 2025

April 2024



FIFTH ANNUAL

SEPTEMBER 2024

Sophie's Steps



WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE NEXT SOPHIE'S STEPS!

September 28, 2025 @ 9am
Luken's Park, Horsham, PA
SilkenTwineCharity.org/events

We extend our special thanks to Windmill Day School and Camp for making a generous donation to Silken Twine, planting two trees on their campus in the name of Sophie, and honoring Sophie by placing her initials (SM) on Windmill staff T-shirts.



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