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solace for pediatric cancer patients

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CELEBRATING THREE YEARS OF IMPACT

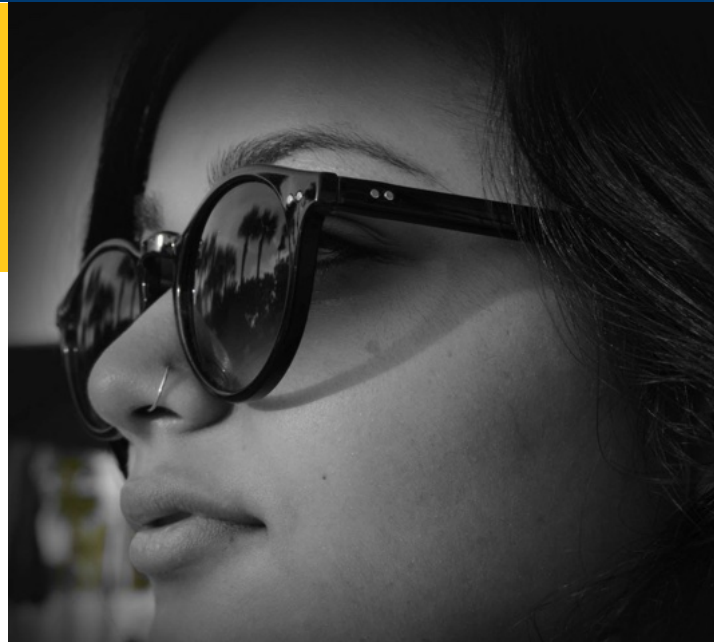
Silken Twine Charity was born from a simple dream: to weave a tapestry of hope and support for children battling cancer and their families. Today, as we celebrate our third anniversary, we are overwhelmed with gratitude for the threads of kindness you've woven alongside us.

With your unwavering support and generosity, we've had a profound effect on the lives of countless children suffering with cancer and their families.

Over the past three years, our collective efforts have provided:

Lifeline Support: *Through your generosity, we have been able to extend crucial financial support for financing groceries and medical supplies, providing rideshare services for hospital visits, and coordinating hotel stays for out-of-town patients and their families to about 300 patient families.*

Educational Support: *We believe in the power of education as a transformative force, and our scholarship program aims to support those who have shown incredible resilience in overcoming the challenges of cancer. We receive about 50-60 applications every year. In the last 3 years, we have provided scholarships to 11 college-bound cancer survivors.*



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BEHIND THE NAME

In February 2015, Sophie birthed "Silken Twine" – not just a name, but a vibrant online journal documenting her experiences living with synovial sarcoma cancer. Here, she wove together raw emotions with the threads of her life, and chronicled her experiences—candidly speaking about undergoing treatments, embracing her femininity, forging deep friendships, and coming of age amidst adversity. By providing the world a glimpse into her story, Sophie sought to provide solace to her peers going through similar journeys. In her own words:

"There's something good to be found in every hardship in our lives and finding those silken twines is what helps me, at least, get through the day."

*It is right it should be so;
Man was made for Joy & Woe;
And when this we rightly know,
Thro' the World we safely go.*

*Joy & Woe are woven fine,
A Clothing for the soul divine.
Under every grief & pine
Runs a joy with silken twine.*

from Williams Blake

AUGURIES OF INNOCENCE
The Complete Poems (1965)



Sophie's Steps

ANNUAL
WALK&RUN
EVENT

EVERY
STEP
COUNTS

Cancer touches the lives of so many in our community, and together, we can make a difference. Silken Twine Charity organizes an annual walk and run event in September to raise funds for the charity. Our fourth annual Sophie's Steps was held at Lukens Park in Horsham, PA on September 24th, 2023.

Through walk registration, donations, and sponsorships we were able to raise \$14k for the charity. We thank our participants, donors, and sponsors for their immense support.

The date for our fifth Annual Sophie's Steps is coming soon. Stay tuned for the official announcement.

PATIENT & FAMILY TESTIMONIALS

Thank you so so very much. This is amazing and will be such a huge support for my family.

Thank you so much! We very much appreciate your charity's generosity during our daughter's bone marrow transplant.

I just want to say thank you from the bottom of my heart for this generous donation. I can stock up on food and bring [Name] her favorite treats!! I'm so sorry to hear about your daughter and wish nothing but positive blessings moving forward. This brought tears to my eyes. I thanked everyone involved with helping with this process. Have a great and wonderful year, and blessings and well wishes for 2024.

I'm reaching out to let you know how extremely grateful we are to receive this gift card. It's been extremely hard to maintain all my bills and food while [Name] is in treatment. Currently [Name] is on her second relapse since she was diagnosed in 2019 as a single mom of 3 kids its hard to keep up when we are at CHOP 75% of the time. This relapse has been the hardest especially since she just finished up her last treatment in Feb 2023 and then had to begin treatment again in July 2023. So this giftcard definitely came in a time of need so thank you again from the bottom of our hearts.

SOPHIE MALAVIYA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

2020

Ryan Santhianathan (U. Penn)
Molly Garretson (Texas A&M)

2021

Maya Oberstein (Northeastern)
Emily Sarkar (Columbia)
Kareena Ratnesh (Temple)

2022

Helia Baez (FIU)
Madison Pflug (Grand Valley State)
Emma Harrison (Mount Holyoke)

2023

Natalie Burraston (U. of Oklahoma)
Audrey Labbe (UT Austin)
Samantha Vert (U. of Maryland)



LOOKING BACK AT PAST EVENTS

Three Years in Review

Blanket Making

For Patients of the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP)



Cookbook Release

We present you with a collection of healthy Indian recipes—composed of various preparations of vegetables, grains, and lentils. While the book is mainly made up of vegetarian recipes, a few poultry and pescatarian recipes have been included for diversity. We provide a detailed description of everyday recipes from the Malaviya family.

All proceeds of this book will go to supporting Silken Twine's mission of supporting pediatric cancer patients and their families.



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Get your own copy of
The Menu: Everyday Indian Home Cooking

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First Annual Sophie's Steps 2021



Wine With Silken Twine 2021-2023



JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT "WINE WITH SILKEN TWINE" EVENT!

April 18, 2024 @ 6pm
Nissley Vineyards
Peddler's Village, Lahaska, PA

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