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Together, We **Weave Hope** for Children with Cancer.



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A Message from the President

Dear Friends,

Thank you for being an important part of the Silken Twine Charity family. Your generosity, compassion, and commitment continue to bring hope and practical support to children battling cancer and their families.

This year, together, we have provided essential assistance with groceries, transportation, lodging, and other everyday needs, helping families focus on what matters most—their child's care. We have also recognized inspiring cancer survivors through our scholarship program and continued to support pediatric cancer research through our travel award.

“helping families focus on what matters most—their child's care.”

As we look ahead, I invite you to join us at our annual Sophie's Steps Walk/Run on September 27, 2026. This special event is a wonderful opportunity for our community to come together, celebrate courage, honor the children and families we serve, and raise hope for those still fighting.

All of this is possible because of our dedicated volunteers, generous sponsors, healthcare partners, and loyal donors. Every contribution, no matter the size, makes a meaningful difference.

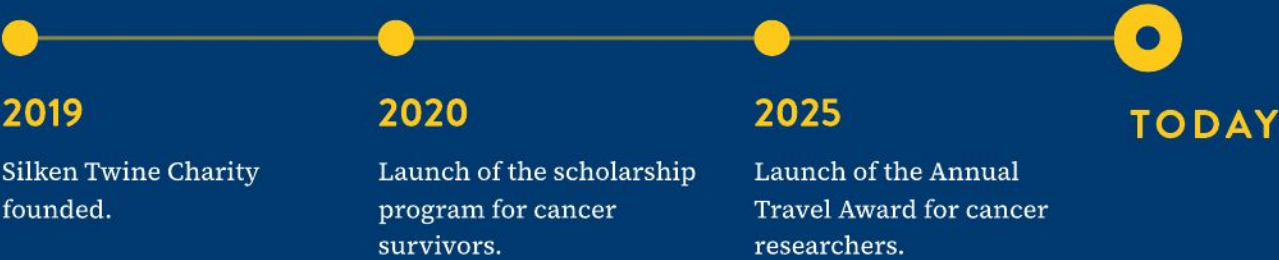
Thank you for believing in our mission and for helping us weave hope into the lives of children and families facing pediatric cancer.

With gratitude,

Ravi Malaviya

PRESIDENT & FOUNDER
SILKEN TWINE CHARITY

Eight Years of Weaving Hope



500+ pediatric cancer families supported	Growth of Wine for Silken Twine and Sophie's Steps into an annual community tradition	Expansion of support to families receiving care at hospitals across multiple states
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Our Impact So Far in 2026

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, sponsors, volunteers, and community partners, Silken Twine Charity continues to make a meaningful difference in the lives of children battling cancer and their families.

TOGETHER, IN 2026, WE HAVE:

 Supported over 60 pediatric cancer families with financial assistance and compassionate care.	 Provided grocery assistance to help ease the burden of everyday living expenses during treatment.
 Assisted with transportation and lodging , enabling families to travel for life-saving medical care.	 Awarded scholarships to resilient cancer survivors as they pursue higher education and their dreams.
 Supported pediatric cancer research by providing travel awards that enable researchers to share discoveries and collaborate with colleagues around the world.	 Mobilized volunteers and community partners who generously donated their time, talents, and resources to advance our mission.

Every dollar donated, every hour volunteered, and every act of kindness helps relieve the financial and emotional burdens faced by families navigating pediatric cancer. Together, we are providing more than assistance—we are offering hope, compassion, and the reassurance that no family has to face this journey alone.

“Thank you for becoming part of our story and helping us move forward.”

Dear members of Silken Twine Charity,

As a family, we want to express our deepest gratitude. Walking through our son's leukemia treatment has been one of the hardest journeys we have ever lived. We have faced fear, uncertainty, exhaustion, and days that felt heavier than we could carry. But we have also found light, support, and hands willing to lift us when we felt we could no longer stand. One of those hands has been yours.

Your support arrived at a moment when our family desperately needed relief. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to focus on what truly matters: being present for our son, supporting him with strength, calm, and love. You did not only provide financial help; you offered hope,

comfort, and the reassurance that we are not alone in this fight.

Each one of us—as parents, as siblings, as a united family—has felt the impact of your kindness. Rodrigo has felt that there are people who believe in him. Santiago has learned that even in difficult moments, kindness exists. And we, as mom and dad, have felt held during moments when our hearts were overwhelmed.

Thank you for seeing us as a family.

Thank you for standing with us during such a vulnerable time.

Thank you for becoming part of our story and helping us move forward.

With gratitude born from the heart,

The Mezquia Family

PATIENT TESTIMONIALS

“My family and I are very grateful for the support you have given us. Thank you, and may God bless you.”

“Thank you so much our family really appreciates the help. It is always a little tougher around the holidays.”

“Hi thank you so much, my son and I really appreciate it, thank you so much it really has made a positive difference. We can get to the appointment in PA from NYC thanks to your kindness and generosity. Thank you so much. We are so forever grateful.”

“Thanks so much for helping us out with this Thanksgiving”

“Thank you so much for your thoughtful message and the generous gift card. Your kindness truly means a lot to us.”



Every Step Made a Difference

The 6th Annual Sophie's Steps Walk/Run, held on September 28, 2025, brought our community together in support of children battling cancer and their families.



70+
PARTICIPANTS

\$8,000
FUNDS RAISED



10
SPONSORS

**Lukens Park
Horsham, PA**
LOCATION

Walkers, families, and four-legged supporters at Lukens Park, Horsham, PA.

Every dollar raised helps provide groceries, transportation, lodging, and other essential assistance to pediatric cancer families.

We celebrated the strength of pediatric cancer patients, survivors, and their families.

Volunteers donated their time to make the event a success.

Thank you to our sponsors, donors, volunteers, and participants for making every step count.

Wine for Silken Twine 2026

A memorable evening of wine, friendship, and giving back.



50
GUESTS



10
AUCTION / RAFFLE
ITEMS



Every dollar
supports families
year-round

An evening at Nissley Vineyards: tastings, live piano, raffle, and good company.

EVENING HIGHLIGHTS

Wonderful wines and
local cuisine

Inspiring stories from
families and supporters

Meaningful
conversations and new
friendships

Community united for
children battling cancer

SPECIAL THANKS

Our sincere appreciation to **Nissley Vineyards** (nissleywine.com) for graciously hosting Wine for Silken Twine and helping create a memorable evening in support of children battling cancer and their families. Their hospitality and partnership played an important role in the event's success.

A special thank-you to **Frankie Pinto** (frankiepinto.com) for sharing his musical talent and creating a beautiful atmosphere with his piano performance. We truly appreciate his generous support!

Our sincere thanks to **T. Nick Williams**, CEO, Sitehound, for generously donating his time and expertise to revamp the Silken Twine Charity website on a pro bono basis. His creativity and dedication have helped us create a more engaging platform to share our mission, connect with our community, and reach families who may need our support.

Our heartfelt thanks to **Charles Haig**, RSCM, for generously providing pro bono tax preparation services to Silken Twine Charity.

Thank you, Charles, for being a valued part of the Silken Twine family!



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Joshee Black

Hi, my name is Joshee! One way I support the charity is by managing its website, helping with things from event updates and maintenance to user issues and billing. While the work itself is behind the scenes, it's my way of supporting a cause that means a lot to me. I do this for Sophie. I've always admired her passion for social work, and this is the least I can do to honor her. One of my favorite memories was the very first Sophie's Steps event. It was part of a larger run/walk, and seeing so many people come together in support of such a great cause was truly special.

MEET OUR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to our 2026 Sophie Malaviya Memorial Scholarship recipients!



Samantha L. Gibb

VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

"Not only will this scholarship support me in a monetary sense, but it will serve as motivation to achieve my academic and professional goals in the future. I am endlessly grateful for the opportunity that the Silken Twine Charity has presented me with!"



Tatum D. Cronin

UCLA
PSYCHOBIOLOGY

"The Silken Twine Scholarship would help make my UCLA education more financially attainable, allowing me to focus on my studies and pursue the opportunities that will prepare me for a career dedicated to advancing cancer care and improving the lives of future patients."



Emma Nguyen

NYU
LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGE

"I am extremely grateful to have been honored with the Sophie Malaviya Memorial Scholarship. This generous award will allow me to attend my dream university, New York University, where I will pursue my lifelong passion for healthcare through nursing."

Research Corner



Dr. Loganayaki Periyasamy

2026 TRAVEL AWARD
RECIPIENT



Scenes from the 2026 AACR Annual Meeting in San Diego.

In 2025, Silken Twine launched its Annual Travel Award, an initiative designed to support outstanding graduate students and postdoctoral fellows in presenting their cancer research at the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) Annual Meeting. This Award aims to facilitate professional development by funding recipients' travel to the meeting, providing an opportunity to engage with leading scientists and exchange innovative research ideas.

We are thrilled to share that the 2026 Travel Award was presented to Loganayaki Periyasamy, PhD, who attended the 2026 AACR Annual Meeting in San Diego. Dr. Periyasamy is a postdoctoral fellow at Oklahoma State University, where she is advancing research in tumor-targeted molecular therapies. Her work reflects the innovation and dedication needed to push the boundaries of cancer treatment.

At Silken Twine, we are committed to supporting promising researchers and helping remove barriers that limit access to scientific collaboration and knowledge sharing. It is an honor to contribute, in a small way, to the impactful work being done by scientists like Dr. Periyasamy.

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

Dr. Tom Parry interviewed Dr. Periyasamy about her research and future plans. Watch the interview at SilkenTwineCharity.org/interview.

MEDICAL COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Silken Twine Charity is proud to partner with pediatric social workers who play a vital role in connecting families with the resources they need during their cancer journey. Through these trusted partnerships, we are able to provide timely assistance with groceries, transportation, lodging, and other essential needs, helping ease the financial and emotional burdens of treatment.

We are grateful for our ongoing collaborations with social workers at **Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP)**, **Seattle Children's Hospital**, **Nicklaus Children's Hospital** in Miami, and **ProCure Proton Therapy Center** in New Jersey. Their dedication and guidance help ensure that support reaches families when it is needed most.

Together, we are making a meaningful difference—one child, one family, and one act of compassion at a time.

Ways to Help

Every act of kindness helps bring comfort, hope, and practical support to children battling cancer and their families. Here's how you can make a difference:



DONATE

Your financial support helps provide groceries, transportation, lodging, medical supplies, and other essential assistance to families in need.



VOLUNTEER

Join our team of dedicated volunteers and help make our events and programs a success.



BECOME A SPONSOR

Businesses and organizations can partner with Silken Twine to create a lasting impact in our community.



SPREAD THE WORD

Share our mission with your family, friends, and colleagues, and follow us on social media to help raise awareness.



DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT

Ask your employer if they offer a matching gift program. Many companies will match charitable donations, allowing your generosity to go even further.



JOIN SOPHIE'S STEPS 2026

Walk, run, volunteer, or cheer us on at our annual Sophie's Steps Walk/Run on September 27, 2026. Every step helps support pediatric cancer families.

SAVE THE DATE

Sophie's Steps Walk/Run
September 27, 2026



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To all our generous donors and supporters—thank you! Every contribution, large or small, strengthens our ability to support pediatric cancer patients and their families.

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*“Hope is woven one act of kindness at a time.
Thank you for being part of our story.”*



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