The moment you learn your child has cancer is, quite literally, breathtaking. It’s also the moment the word cancer becomes central to everyday life for families of almost 800 Australian children each year².

While advances in cancer treatment have saved many of these children, they haven’t been able to save all. To give kids a better chance at living long and healthy lives, Lions Clubs International Foundation and the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation have committed US$3.2 million for genome sequencing. Funds will enable Garvan Institute of Medical Research to sequence the unique genomes of 400 hundred children with aggressive forms of cancer and help doctors create precision treatment plans.

Ava Bell, a young cancer survivor, bravely shared her story at Lions International Convention, thanking LCIF and Lions for their support. Said Past International President Barry Palmer, who joined her, “More children like Ava will survive cancer thanks to LCIF. We’re grateful to our foundation for its support in saving our children’s lives.”
A Story of Devastation and Dreams

No child deserves cancer. Yet lymphomas, leukemias, and other forms of the disease common in children are the stark reality for many Australian youth – and their families. There is both heartache and hope.

35% Rise in childhood cancers in Australia 1983-2014

5-year survival rate 2003-2012 = 84%

90% Cure rate of Burkitt lymphoma in high-income countries

Most common childhood cancers
- Leukemias 33%
- Central nervous system tumours 25%
- Lymphomas 10%

THAT'S HERE. GLOBALLY, CHILDHOOD CANCER LOOKS LIKE THIS:

57% of childhood cancer cases go undiagnosed in parts of the world

≥80% survival rates

≤20% in lesser developed countries

Cancer is a leading cause of death for children
300,000 new cases annually in 0-19-year-olds

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Funding Service, Delivering Solutions

Global occurrence of childhood cancer is greater than previously thought11. LCIF, funding global humanitarian work since 1968, is there and part of the solution.

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Sources/Note: 1St. Baldrick’s Foundation; 2,3,4,Cancer Council; 5Cancer Atlas; 6The Lancet; 7United Nations; 8World Health Organization; 9American Childhood Cancer Organization; grant limits subject to change

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