RISE FOR HOPE PENNSYLVANIA



INFORMATION AND GOVERNANCE FOR SUPPORTERS AND PARTNERS

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Rise for Hope is a registered 501(c)(3) public charity. All documents contained herein are provided for the purpose of transparency, accountability, and public trust.

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Welcome Letter

Rise for Hope was founded in 2025 in memory of Norah Celeste, whose generosity, compassion, and love for helping other children continue to inspire our mission every day.

This booklet provides a clear and transparent overview of our purpose, governance, and impact. As a young organization, we are committed to earning the trust of every donor, volunteer, and partner. Your support ensures that families facing childhood cancer are never left alone during their most difficult days.

Thank you for standing with us, for caring,

J. Bladimir García

Executive Director Rise for Hope Pennsylvania

About Rise for Hope

Rise for Hope is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to supporting families experiencing childhood cancer with immediate, practical help. We serve families in Pennsylvania who are navigating overwhelming financial, emotional, and logistical burdens during pediatric cancer treatment.

Founded in 2025, our work reflects Norah's legacy of kindness, generosity, and love for serving others.

Mission & Purpose

Our Mission

Our mission is to ease the financial and emotional strain on children with cancer and their families.

Our Purpose

- Relieve the everyday burdens that compound during treatment
- Restore dignity and stability to families in crisis
- Honor Norah Celeste's memory through acts of service
- Build a community of support for families who feel alone

Areas of Support

Rise for Hope provides help where it is needed most:

- Groceries and meals for families struggling with costs
- Transportation support for medical visits and hospital stays
- **Holiday and season support**, including our annual *Season of Hope* campaign
- Emergency, practical assistance for unexpected needs during treatment
- Family care packages and small comforts during long hospital days

All assistance is delivered quickly and respectfully.

Impact Snapshot (First Six Months)

Since our founding in 2025, your generosity has allowed us to:

- Support five families facing pediatric cancer
- Provide grocery and transportation assistance during treatment
- Distribute care packages and practical essentials
- Launch the first **Season of Hope** holiday campaign
- Establish partnerships with local businesses and donors

Rise for Hope maintains low overhead and high direct impact to ensure donations reach families quickly.

Board of Directors

Executive Director

J. Bladimir Garcia

Board Chair

Betania Garcia

Secretary

Sarah Reyes

Treasurer

Elian Reyes

Board Member

Maidex Guzman

Donor Bill of Rights

Rise for Hope is committed to upholding the highest standards of integrity, accountability, and respect for every donor. We affirm the following rights:

- 1. The right to be informed about Rise for Hope's mission and how donations are used.
- 2. The right to know the identity of the organization's leadership and board members.
- 3. The right to receive timely, truthful answers to questions about donations.
- 4. The right to have donor information handled with confidentiality.
- 5. The right to be acknowledged appropriately for contributions.
- 6. The right to know whether those seeking donations are volunteers, staff, or partners.
- 7. The right to have one's name removed from mailing lists upon request.
- 8. The right to expect professionalism, integrity, and respect in all interactions.
- 9. The right to know that donations will be used for the purposes for which they were given.
- 10. The right to review the organization's most recent financial statements.

Rise for Hope honors these rights as a foundational part of our work.

Nonprofit & Tax Information

Rise for Hope is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) public charity.

• Official Name: Rise for Hope

• **EIN:** 33-4151218

• IRS Determination Letter: Available on our website

• **Public Charity Status:** 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

All donations are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law.

Rise for Hope files the **Form 990-N/990** annually as required for new and small nonprofits. Copies are available upon request.

Financial Transparency Statement

Rise for Hope is committed to financial integrity and responsible stewardship.

Use of Funds (First Six Months)

- 85% Direct family support
- 10% Seasonal programs and care packages
- 5% Operational costs and technology

Rise for Hope maintains minimal administrative overhead to maximize impact.

Annual reviews of financial processes and board oversight ensure accountability.

Privacy & Data Protection

Rise for Hope respects the privacy of donors, families, and volunteers.

- We do not sell, rent, or share personal information.
- All donor information is stored securely and used only for processing gifts, providing receipts, and communicating organizational updates.
- Individuals may opt out of communications at any time.

A detailed Privacy Policy is available on our website.

Contact Information

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Every life we touch honors Norah's