$19 Million
Through the help of supporters around the globe, ALSF raised nearly $19 million in 2014.

91 New Grants
ALSF funded 91 new pediatric cancer research projects in 2014, $1.8 million more than in 2013! Since 2005, ALSF has funded more than 475 projects at 102 institutions in North America.

Alex’s Million Mile
Alex’s Million Mile, ALSF’s 2nd worldwide event during childhood cancer awareness month, was a huge success. We didn’t quite make it to our goal of completing one million miles during the month of September, but nearly 16,000 supporters worldwide participated either individually or by creating teams and logged 891,000 miles in just one month, in addition to creating immeasurable awareness.

New Grant Types
ALSF developed two new grant categories: Bio-Therapeutics Impact Grants to accelerate the development of clinical trials for promising biologic approaches to treating cancer and Psychosocial Grants to support research into the behavioral health outcomes of those affected by childhood cancer.

Research Impact
ALSF grantees garnering media attention for their discoveries included Andrew Lane for his work on the connection between Down Syndrome and acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL), Todd Druley’s research on genetic predispositions to leukemia in infants and Michelle Monje’s work on diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma. Significant publications included Kathryn Roberts’ work on ALL in the Journal of Clinical Oncology and Kevin Jones’s research on alveolar soft part sarcoma in Cancer Cell.

Family Services
The ALSF Travel Fund expanded into 5 more institutions for a total of 43 across the U.S. It has provided more than 400 flights, 2,800 nights of lodging and 17,000 gas cards to help families travel for their child’s treatment. SuperSibs powered by ALSF launched to support siblings of children with childhood cancer.