



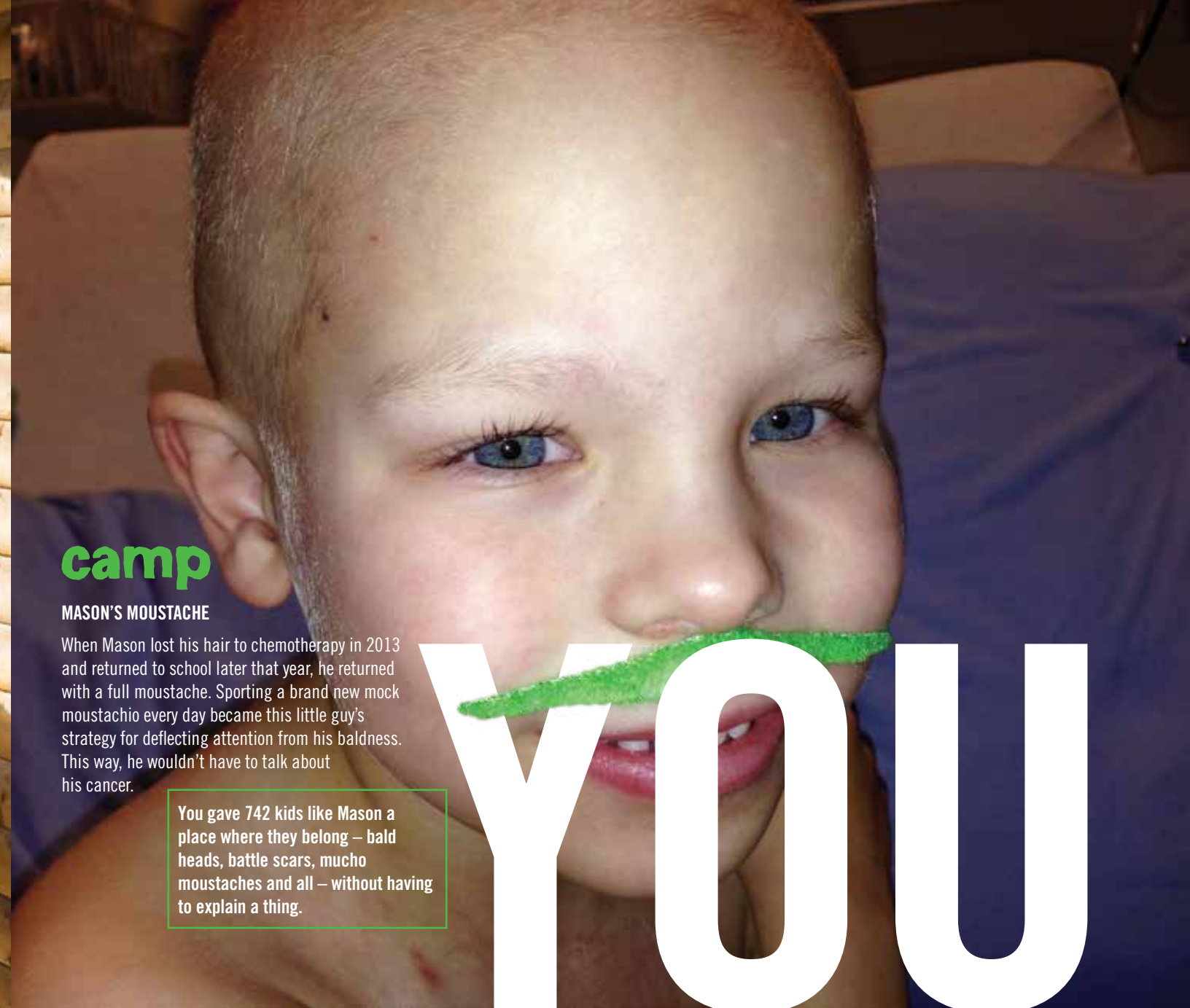
camp

REMEMBERING LARISSA

"Having the freedom to celebrate your child in a safe community without worrying about upsetting other parents whose children are still fighting cancer is a gift. Bereaved parents are their worst nightmare. We're the Bad News Bearers and our journeys are so different. There is one of hope and ours is one of remembering. Having a space where we could truly honour Larissa was so healing."

—Marggie Marks on 2014 Bereaved Family Camp.

Thank you. You've given parents, grieving the loss of their young, a safe space to honour their child.



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MASON'S MOUSTACHE

When Mason lost his hair to chemotherapy in 2013 and returned to school later that year, he returned with a full moustache. Sporting a brand new mock moustachio every day became this little guy's strategy for deflecting attention from his baldness. This way, he wouldn't have to talk about his cancer.

You gave 742 kids like Mason a place where they belong – bald heads, battle scars, mucho moustaches and all – without having to explain a thing.



camp kindle

KINDLE CARE DAYS

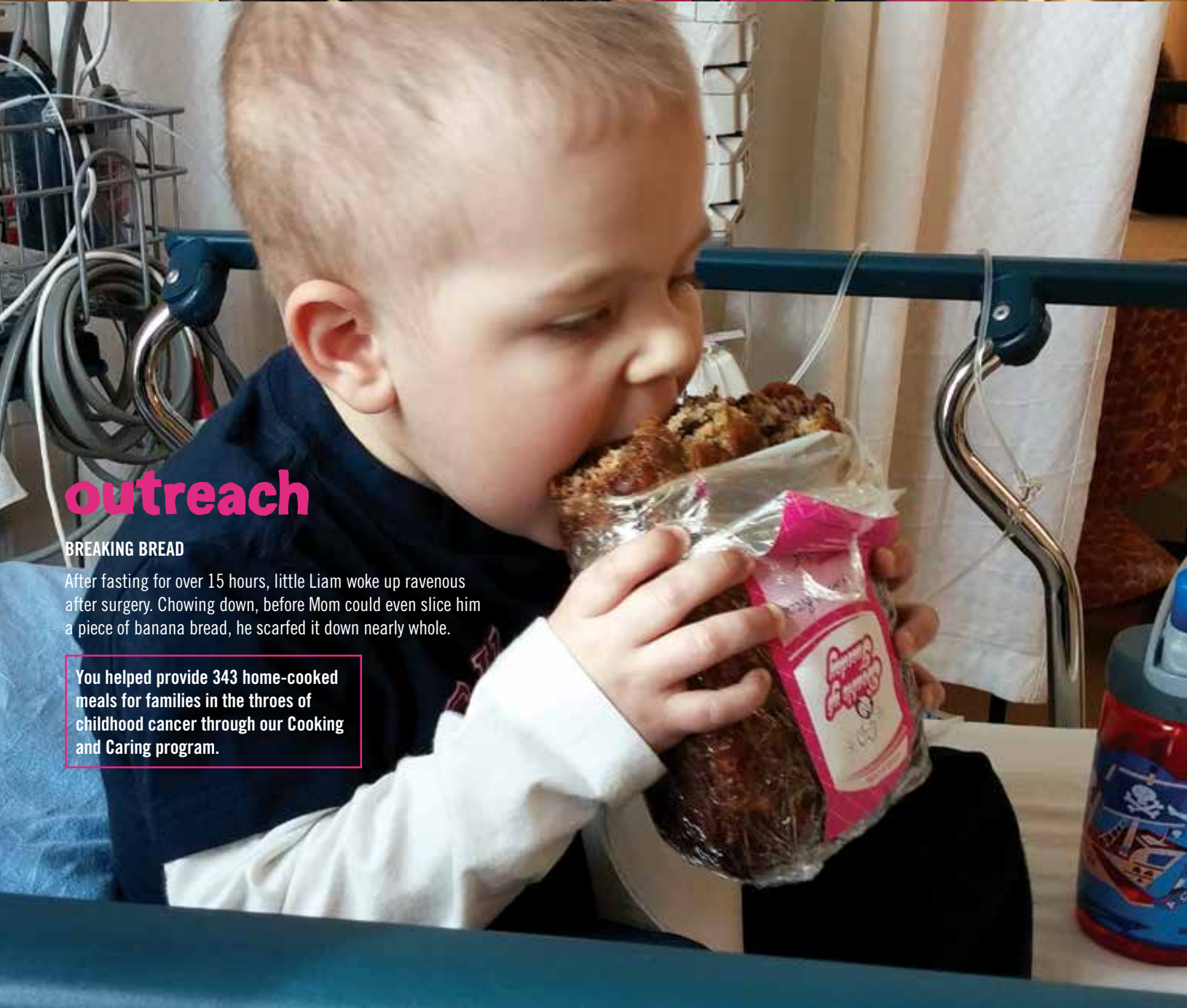
Each spring, the students of Rundle College roll up their shirt sleeves and pull on their work boots for a day of hard labour at Camp Kindle. Clearing away brush, hauling away rocks and cleaning up the forest floor, these teens graciously prepare Camp Kindle for the 700+ kids who come to enjoy its magic each summer.

In 2014, you gave 1,610 hours during 13 Kindle Care Days at Camp Kindle, saving the foundation over \$32K in maintenance and repair costs.

unfolding stories



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outreach

BREAKING BREAD

After fasting for over 15 hours, little Liam woke up ravenous after surgery. Chowing down, before Mom could even slice him a piece of banana bread, he scarfed it down nearly whole.

You helped provide 343 home-cooked meals for families in the throes of childhood cancer through our Cooking and Caring program.



hospital

EVERY BEAD TELLS A STORY

If you looked inside the homes of children affected by cancer, tucked away inside a closet or a drawer, you would find a tangle of colourful beads. Red beads, yellow beads, turquoise, pink, glow-in-the-dark beads. Part of the standard of care for children with cancer, the Beads of Courage program helps children understand the complex and often painful medical procedures they experience. Each bead represents a milestone in the trek against cancer and each one tells a unique story of courage and hope.

You helped dignify a child's cancer experience by making Beads of Courage possible.



YOU are a part of an unfolding story...

a story where children get cancer. The story of childhood cancer is one of fear and uncertainty, where families feel utterly alone and lost.

Fortunately, there is a hero in this story – **YOU**.

Thank you

The stories you find here today are just snippets of larger stories that we are honoured to share. Know that for every story you read here there are countless more – all stories that begin with **YOU**.

We encourage you to visit kidscancercare.ab.ca for the complete stories because through your generosity you have helped shape each and every one.



research

UNDERSTANDING BONE CANCER METASTASES

Whether or not bone cancer spreads to the lungs could mean life or death for a child. And yet, we still don't know why and how some bone cancers spread. With your support, Dr. Michael Monument, an ExPAT (Experimental and Applied Therapeutics) researcher and orthopedic surgeon at the University of Calgary, is exploring these vital questions. The knowledge he gains could help doctors identify earlier who is at risk for lung metastases, while also paving the way for new, targeted therapies.

With your support, in 2014, we completed our \$2.5-million commitment to the ExPAT program.



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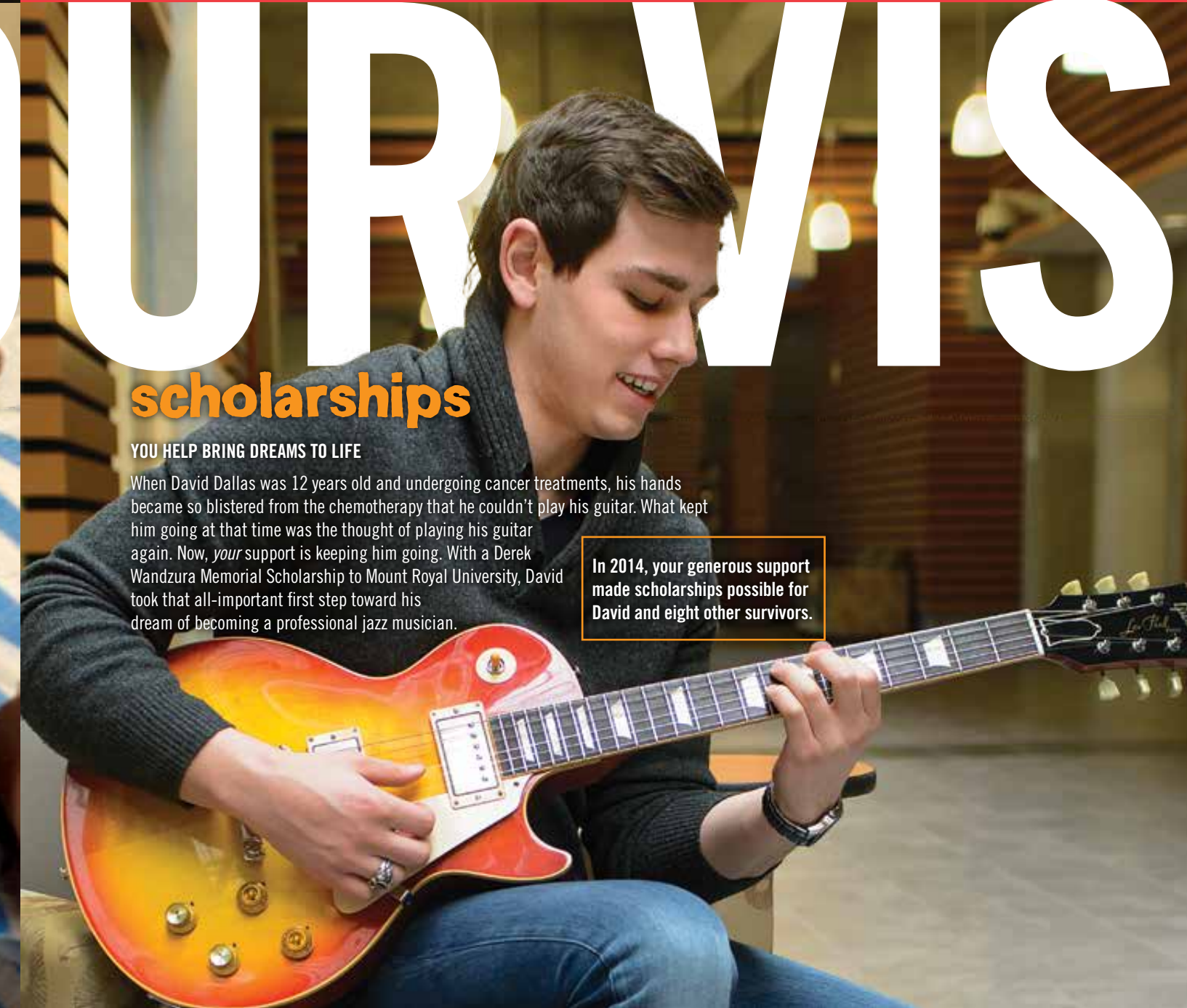


educational support

LUCA'S LIGHT

From a young age, Luca showed signs of exceptional intelligence. Luca's doctor was sure he was gifted. But just as his parents grew used to the idea of sending him to a gifted school, everything changed. At age four, Luca was diagnosed with a brain tumour and required months of high-dose chemotherapy and radiation. Today, Luca is a shadow of his former self. Learning is challenging and he's struggling at school. "He's changed so much because of what the treatment has done to his brain. He's so little and he's completely heartbroken." — Luca's mother Amber.

With your help, we are building an educational support program to help kids like Luca succeed both inside and outside the classroom.



scholarships

YOU HELP BRING DREAMS TO LIFE

When David Dallas was 12 years old and undergoing cancer treatments, his hands became so blistered from the chemotherapy that he couldn't play his guitar. What kept him going at that time was the thought of playing his guitar again. Now, your support is keeping him going. With a Derek Wandzura Memorial Scholarship to Mount Royal University, David took that all-important first step toward his dream of becoming a professional jazz musician.

In 2014, your generous support made scholarships possible for David and eight other survivors.



volunteers

STEALING A PLACE IN THE HEARTS OF CHILDREN WITH CANCER

When Crispin Arthur told his family that his nine-year tenure with the Kids Cancer Care Board of Directors would soon end, his daughter Jane had only one question for him: "Will they still let you go to the Dad and Daughter Gala?" It's a question that's top-of-mind for many Calgary girls – given that tickets sell out within seconds every year. Jane and her father have been attending the gala since 2009, when Crispin chaired the volunteer committee that first launched the event. Little did they know the sweet little event, which raised \$40,000 in its first year, would grow into one of Calgary's premier events, annually raising more than \$350,000 and commanding a waiting list for tickets that's longer than the current guest list.

Thank you, Crispin and 300+ volunteers, for sharing your passion and expertise with us.

