

Jess was a typical 17-year-old high school senior...

living in Virginia, playing soccer, finishing up her last year of school, and looking forward to her first year of college. **Cancer turned all of that upside down.**

In May 2020, Jess was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma. Over the next two years, she endured six months of intensive chemotherapy, eight weeks of immunotherapy, a fertility preservation procedure, a life-saving bone marrow transplant, and over two months away from home — shuttling between hospitals and Ulman House for a chance at life after cancer.

In May 2025, Jess graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a degree in nursing. This August, she'll move to Colorado to begin her career in healthcare at Denver Children's Hospital — a future she fought hard to reach. But without Ulman, none of it would have been possible.

We would have spent over \$25,000 on housing just to stay near her during her transplant. I would have had to quit my job to care for her. She would have lost her chance to preserve her fertility, and with it, her dream of having a family. And we would have spent countless desperate hours searching for help, alone, overwhelmed, and buried under the weight of it all.

Jess was matched with a Patient Navigator who walked alongside her through every scan, every fear, every impossible decision, helping her navigate fertility preservation, school and work during treatment, and connecting her with other young adults who understood exactly what she was going through.

“Instead, Ulman Foundation was there — with us, for every step.”



We stayed at Ulman House — a place where comfort, dignity, and understanding replaced the noise of hospitals and the crushing weight of financial stress. It wasn't just a place to sleep. It was a place to heal.

Jess even found purpose through Ulman's mission, mentoring others, running a marathon, sharing her story, and giving back. She found her voice, her courage, and her strength — not in spite of cancer, but because of the space Ulman created for her to face it with hope and support.

Today, Jess is a survivor. A speaker. A leader.

But for Ulman, her story, like thousands of others, could have ended very differently.



ULMAN



More than 85,000 young adults are diagnosed with cancer each year and **too many still face cancer alone.**

Cancer is never simple, but for adolescents and young adults (AYAs), it strikes at a uniquely cruel time. Between ages 15 and 39, young people are building their lives: pursuing education, launching careers, forming relationships, starting families, and discovering who they are.

A cancer diagnosis shatters that trajectory, introducing overwhelming medical, emotional, financial, and social challenges in one of life's most formative phases.

Yet the healthcare system wasn't built for them. Designed around children on one end and older adults on the other, standard cancer care often overlooks the distinct needs of young adults.

Without specialized support, AYAs are left to navigate these challenges alone—facing stagnant survival rates, rising early-onset cancers, and significant barriers to timely, relevant care.

That's where Ulman Foundation steps in.

The System Wasn't Built for Them

Caught between pediatric and adult care, the unique needs of young adults are typically overlooked:

- 85,000+ young adults will be diagnosed this year, yet their **survival rates haven't improved in 30+ years**—evidence of a system that fails to adapt to their needs.
- **Early-onset cancers are rising sharply**—with colorectal rates climbing 2.4% annually, showing how early prevention and detection are not prioritized.
- **Young women face 82% higher cancer rates than young men**, underscoring how disparities in care and research funding leave critical gaps unaddressed.
- **More than 2.1 million survivors** carry lasting financial, physical, and emotional burdens without the long-term navigation and psychosocial support they need.

Because the journey goes beyond cancer, Ulman Foundation's support does too.

We exist to fill the gaps the system ignores, providing navigation, housing, community, and holistic support that meets young adults where they are and carries them through the toughest journey of their lives. Why? Because with the right support, young adults don't just survive cancer, they reclaim their futures.

Patient Navigation



Risk if Missing:

Young adults are left to navigate a fragmented system alone, delaying or missing critical care.



Benefit when provided:

Timely guidance improves access, treatment adherence, and outcomes.

Housing



Risk if Missing:

Patients face unsafe, unaffordable, or distant options that disrupt treatment.



Benefit when provided:

Safe, free housing removes barriers and lets families focus on healing.

Community



Risk if Missing:

Young adults face deep isolation, anxiety, and depression during treatment.



Benefit when provided:

Peer connection restores belonging, hope, and resilience, while validating their experiences.

Holistic Support



Risk if Missing:

Emotional, nutritional, and financial challenges compound illness and recovery.



Benefit when provided:

Whole-person care strengthens wellbeing and helps survivors reclaim their futures.



BEYOND CANCER

A Campaign for Every Patient. Every Journey. Every Step.

The Beyond Cancer Campaign is a **\$10 million investment** to transform how young adults experience cancer care. Centered on three pillars, it expands life-saving services, strengthens critical infrastructure, and secures Ulman Foundation’s future for generations to come.



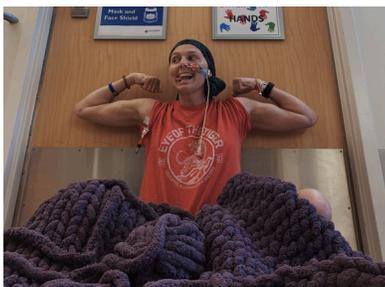
Program Expansion | \$3.6 Million

- Expand Patient Navigation by five community and specialized navigators
- Grow housing support through a community-host model
- Establish an oncology-focused nutrition program



Capital Investments | \$3.6 Million

- Develop the Ulman House Annex into a wellness center
- Invest in critical maintenance and expansion of Ulman House
- Establish free, safe parking for all Ulman House guests



Financial Sustainability | \$2.8 Million

- Grow our endowment fund to ensure programs can continue to support future generations of young adults
- Eliminate Ulman House debt to reinvest in programmatic expenses

Ulman Foundation is building tomorrow's support for young adults with cancer.

Ulman Foundation stands at the forefront of adolescent and young adult (AYA) cancer support, walking beside patients through one of life's most daunting journeys.

Through hospital-based navigation programs, community services, and the comfort of Ulman House, we ensure no young adult faces cancer alone. What they find here is more than resources—they discover hope, dignity, and a community that truly understands.

In 2024, our impact is profound. By 2029, it will be transformative. Building on our legacy of leadership and compassion, we will expand our spaces, grow our team, and launch innovative programs that extend our reach farther than ever before. Together, we will redefine what it means to experience cancer as a young adult and ensure this community receives the care and connection it deserves.

	2024	2029
Patients & Caregivers	1120 served	2500+ served
Support	6 programs	10 programs
Staff	17 team members	27 team members
Facilities	13,000 sqft	20,000 sqft
Ulman House Capacity	9 suites / 525 stays	12 suites / 700 stays
Patient Savings (Lodging)	\$486k	\$609k +



Join us in going **Beyond Cancer.**

The Ulman Foundation's work is only possible because of people and partners who believe young adults should never have to face cancer alone. The Beyond Cancer campaign is our call to action: a movement to ensure that no matter where someone is in their cancer journey, they find the support, dignity, and community they deserve. Your time, your voice, your expertise, your generosity, carries this mission forward. Together, we are not just meeting today's needs, but building the future of adolescent and young adult cancer care.

-  **Make a Pledge** - Commit to a multi-year pledge that fuels the Beyond Cancer campaign and ensures we can plan boldly for the future.
-  **Organize** - Host an awareness or fundraising event in your community, school, or workplace to rally others around young adults facing cancer.
-  **Advocate** - Share the story of Beyond Cancer and raise awareness of the urgent need for adolescent and young adult cancer support.
-  **Connect** - Introduce Ulman to new donors, companies, and foundations that can partner with us to expand our impact.
-  **Leave a Legacy** - Add Ulman Foundation to your will or estate plans, creating lasting change for generations of young adults.

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