 Hospitals & Program Locations

**Michigan**
- Children’s Hospital of Michigan
- Beaumont Children’s Hospital
- University of Michigan C.S. Mott Children’s Hospital
- Karmanos Cancer Center
- The Larry & Jackie Kraft Healing Arts Studio
- St. Joseph Mercy Oakland
- St. John Hospital and Medical Center
- Karmanos Cancer Institute at McLaren Macomb, Ted B. Wahby Cancer Center
- Cancer Support Community - Greater Ann Arbor

**New York**
- Maimonides Medical Center
- Maria Fareri Children’s Hospital
- Montefiore Hospital and Medical Center
- Sunshine Children’s Home & Rehab Center

**California**
- Children’s Hospital of Los Angeles
- Children’s Hospital of Orange County
- Dawn Barnes’ Karate Kids, Santa Monica

**Florida**
- Shands Hospital - University of Florida, Gainesville

**Massachusetts**
- Boston Children’s Hospital
- Boston Medical Center
- Esposito’s Karate Fitness Center - Newton
- Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates
- Home Away Boston
- MassGeneral Hospital for Children

**Wisconsin**
- Wisconsin Athletic Club – Wauwatosa

**Canada**
- Children’s Hospital at London Health Sciences Centre
- Hospice of Windsor and Essex County
- London Lightning Practice Facility
- Ronald McDonald House of Southwestern Ontario
- Thames Valley Children’s Centre

**Israel**
- Alyn Hospital
- Hadassah Medical Center - Ein Kerem
- Schneider Children’s Medical Center of Israel
- Shaare Zedek Medical Center
- Sheba Medical Center
- Tel Aviv Sourasky Medical Center (Ichilov)

**Italy**
- Aou (Azienda Ospedaliera Universitaria), Parma
- Aouc Policlinico, Bari
- Azienda Ospedaliera Santonono-Pausilipon, Neaples
- Casa Sollievo Della Sofferenza, San Giovanni Rotondo
- Ospedale Civico Arnas, Palermo
- Ospedale Infermi, Rimini
- Ospedale Pediatrico Bambino Gesù, Rome
- Ospedale Pediatrico Meyer, Florence
- Ospedale Regina Margherita, Turin
- Ospedale S. Chiara, Pisa
- Policlinico Gemelli, Rome
- Policlinico S. Matteo, Pavia
- Policlinico Umberto I, Rome
- Ronald McDonald House Charities, Brescia
- Ronald McDonald House Charities, Florence

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**Kids Kicking Cancer Global Symposium**

May 16, 2016 was a historic day for Kids Kicking Cancer as 45 of our martial arts therapists from around the country, and the world, gathered for an intensive three day seminar at Kids Kicking Cancer world headquarters in Michigan. This gathering was made possible by a grant from our friends at the Ford Motor Company Fund.

Although most of the participants had never met before, they quickly became one family woven together by the incredible little heroes whom we are privileged to teach. Presentations took place at Kids Kicking Cancer’s offices, Children’s Hospital of Michigan and at The Henry Ford Museum. Presenters included: scientists, doctors, therapists, staff, parents and the children of Kids Kicking Cancer.

All walked away inspired, invigorated, and closer to creating a world-wide standard of care that will lower the pain of all children across the globe.

In Kids Kicking Cancer’s 17 year history, the three-day Ford Martial Arts Therapy Seminar will remain amongst the highlights of our organization.
Media outlets from around the globe came to be inspired, and spread, the message of **Power Peace Purpose**.

**KIDS KICKING CANCER MEDICAL STUDY PUBLISHED**

*The Journal of Pediatric Health, Medicine and Therapeutics* recently published a peer-reviewed study entitled *Martial arts intervention decreases pain scores in children with malignancy*. Lead author on the study was Martin Bluth, MD, PhD, Kids Kicking Cancer’s Medical Director, in conjunction with scientists from the *Children’s Research Center* at *Children’s Hospital of Michigan* and Kids Kicking Cancer staff. Thank you to Steven Lipshultz, MD, and Ronald Thomas, PhD for their invaluable assistance.

This study followed 64 pediatric patients in 223 individual sessions. Over 85% of the children who reported pain, recorded a lowering of their pain with an average decrease of 40%. These statistics represent a remarkable testimony to the power of the Kids Kicking Cancer program to lower pain without the usage of medications.

We are honored to have the very first medical study in the world that shows the therapeutic benefit of martial arts for children with cancer.
Thank you!

- Kids Kicking Cancer founder Rabbi G., was amongst one hundred cancer advocates and groups honored yearly by the Mass General Hospital Cancer Center in Boston. Out of all of the honorees, a special video about Kids Kicking Cancer was chosen to be the one featured at the “One Hundred Gala” in May.

- As a way to honor their parent’s 50th wedding anniversary, long-time board member & supporters, Rob & Rosellene Bronstein could think of no better way then by giving back, as their parents had always taught. The Marion & Harvey Bronstein Caring Coach is used to transport children who otherwise would be unable to attend Kids Kicking Cancer classes and events.

- As one of Kids Kicking Cancer’s newest community partnerships, Kids Kicking Cancer students were able to spend a day exploring America’s history at Greenfield Village. Thank you to The Henry Ford for this opportunity. Our kids are looking forward to the next outing!

- Rabbi G being presented an award on behalf of the Kids Kicking Cancer children by Sensei Emad Khalil, President of the Jordanian Shotokan Karate Association.

- Kids Kicking Cancer staff joined by Michigan State Senator Vincent Gregory and his family at the Molina Healthcare Community Champion’s dinner. Thank you to Senator Gregory for nominating Kids Kicking Cancer. We were honored that you could join us as we accepted the award.

- YouTube sensation Action Movie Kid visited the students of Kids Kicking Cancer and Children’s Hospital of Michigan. Thanks to the support of Children’s Hospital of Michigan Auxiliary and Children’s Hospital of Michigan Foundation this visit turned into a very cool action video! We always knew our kids were superheroes!!!
Power Peace Purpose – these three words are recited by over 3,000 children around the world. The children of Kids Kicking Cancer have incredible power to blow out pain and create inner peace. Their purpose is to teach the world. All around the globe, the powerful young heroes of Kids Kicking Cancer have been invited to share their message!

Sensei Rob working with children at Camp Sunshine - Massachusetts

CancerCare introducing Kids Kicking Cancer to their families

Board President Lila Lazarus, U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow, and Sensei Peter Davenport with the heroes of Kids Kicking Cancer teaching over 30,000 people Kids Kicking Cancer’s Breath Brake at the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure in Detroit

Sensei Peter Gismondi teaching cancer survivors at The Children’s Hospital at Montefiore REACT Survivors Day in New York

Senseis Ahmad, Michael, & Shaun at the Children’s Hospital of Michigan Celebration of Life

The children of Kids Kicking Cancer teaching the staff of Camp Michigan during their three-day summer visit

Kids Kicking Cancer Michigan students & Senseis at the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society - Light the Night Walk

Kids Kicking Cancer Israel students presenting at the Sohn Conference in Tel Aviv alongside Kids Kicking Cancer Israel Board President Danny Hakim
1. How did you get involved with Kids Kicking Cancer?
As a news anchor & reporter, I had done several stories on Kids Kicking Cancer and it so touched me on many levels. Rabbi G.’s message and the impact on the kids left an indelible mark on me. To see young children going through so much but still being that powerful was something I wanted to get closer to and be a part of.

2. What has being involved with Kids Kicking Cancer taught you?
If you want to learn how to live, if you want to learn how to enjoy life, if you want to learn how to get out of yourself and think of others, just spend five minutes with the children of Kids Kicking Cancer. They teach me how to enjoy the moment, they teach me how they savor every moment that they’re not in the hospital.

3. What is your favorite part of being President of Kids Kicking Cancer?
One my favorite things to do is introduce people to the organization who’ve never heard of it. It’s something so unique in the world. And how incredible that it came from Detroit. I think it’s our greatest gift to the world.

4. What makes the Kids Kicking Cancer organization special?
Kids Kicking Cancer is like no other organization. When someone gives to this organization they receive far more in return. It’s a perfect circle. We call it the Heroes Circle and I think of it as a circle of love connection actually the best way to say it is Power Peace Purpose.

5. How can I help?
I would say to anyone who’s trying to think of a way that they can give back to the world, come experience our annual Belting Ceremony, come experience our Holiday Party, join us for a Splash on the Lake! Spend time with the heroes of Kids Kicking Cancer. All programming, uniforms, events, etc. are free. We rely on the generosity of friends like you to keep us going.

6. Final Thoughts?
I just want to say thank you to all the kids and families of Kids Kicking Cancer. With all they experience in their journey, they have added so many smiles, so many adventures and so much joy to the Kids Kicking Cancer family. It’s a family that really helps put life in perspective and adds so much to the world.
**Nakia**

This summer, Kids Kicking Cancer was honored by Mass General Cancer Center. The highlight was a beautiful mini-documentary on Kids Kicking Cancer. Featured in that video was 11 year old Nakia, who demonstrated how we breathe in the light and blow out the darkness.

Ironically, the audio that covers her focused breathing was Rabbi G’s voice: “The greatest tragedy is not the death of a child. These children continue to illuminate the planet and that’s forever. To me, the greatest tragedy is to be with someone 90 years old who is dying, and they don’t have a clue why they lived.”

Several weeks later, Nakia relapsed. At the funeral, her mother showed the video. In November, 60 of Nakia’s family and friends gathered with us at our dojo where we meditated on the beauty of an 11 year old and promised to continue to spread her message to the rest of the world.

**Max**

At age 16, Max Ritvo was using his martial arts skills at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center to lower his own pain. By 17, he was teaching his power to hundreds of other Kids Kicking Cancer children. While at Yale, Max joined our Board of Directors. Max’s Make-A-Wish was to send a $5,000 donation to Kids Kicking Cancer.

Max graduated from Yale, Columbia Graduate School, married, and published a book of poems Four Reincarnations, focusing on his battle with unrelenting tumors. He fought his cancer with incredible focus, love, and humor.

At the age of 25, Max finally succumbed to his disease. It stole his body but not his soul. Max’s incredible light will continue to teach and inspire all of us at Kids Kicking Cancer.

**Kittrell**

Although Kittrell Smith never put on a Kids Kicking Cancer uniform, he lived the message of Power Peace Purpose. A member of Kids Kicking Cancer’s Board of Directors, Kittrell took every opportunity to have our children teach him how to meditate beyond the pain of his own cancer. His life was the ultimate Heroes Circle. We will forever be grateful for his love and support.