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In 1987, Mark Stolze founded The National Children's Cancer Society (N.C.C.S.), a non-profit, tax exempt organization, as a means of assisting children with cancer in need of bone marrow transplants. The N.C.C.S. has since expanded its services to offer a wide-range of program services, and has become the primary national organization for direct financial assistance to families of children with cancer in the United States.

In 1993, the N.C.C.S. established the International Program (IP) to address the devastating effects of inadequate and sometimes nonexistent medical care for tens of thousands of children with cancer worldwide. This program provides donated pharmaceuticals, medical supplies, supportive care products, and medical equipment to hospitals throughout the world that treat children with cancer. To date, the IP has distributed over \$170 million dollars in donated products to 49 facilities in 34 countries.

In 1995, the N.C.C.S. launched the Pediatric Oncology Program (POP). The POP provides funding to all children with cancer in the United States in need of financial assistance. The program is designed to provide supplemental financial assistance, educational materials, and emotional support to children undergoing treatment and their families. Further expansion led to the development of the Letting Kids Be Kids Program. It is designed to help children combat feelings of isolation, boredom and loneliness, and brings normalcy to children with cancer by creating opportunities for them to participate in activities that all kids enjoy.

Since its inception, the N.C.C.S. has provided over \$36 million in direct financial assistance to more than 18,000 children. The N.C.C.S. currently works with more than 200 hospitals and pediatric oncology units throughout the United States.

The N.C.C.S. has received national and international recognition. In 1991, the N.C.C.S. was honored by Life Savers Foundation of America with its Victory Over Cancer award. The N.C.C.S. is also a charter member of the Alliance for Childhood Cancer. In 1994, Mr. Stolze received the Gorbachev Foundation's Humanitarian Service Award and was named the United States Ambassador to the International Trust for Children's Health Care. Mr. Stolze served as the Chairman of the Board of the International Trust for Children's Health Care in 1998-1999, and also served on the Board of Directors of the Human Service Charities of America.

Mr. Stolze has made numerous presentations relative to children with cancer, including the keynote address at the International Association of Hematologists of the World conference in Moscow in 1995.

Mr. Stolze began his professional career in 1978 when he joined Jaccard's Jewelers, a Division of the Gordon Jewelry Corporation in St. Louis, Missouri. He served as a Regional District Manager for sixteen jewelry stores in Illinois, Missouri and Kansas.

Mark Stolze received a Bachelor of Science in Marketing from Arizona State University in 1977.

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