

OVER TEN YEARS AGO,  
WE ASKED OURSELVES A QUESTION:  
WHAT WOULD WILLIE WANT?

SINCE THEN, WE'VE BEEN ANSWERING.



Foundation

what would *willie* want  
*The QuadW Foundation*



## *Our Story*

In 2006, Willie Tichenor died of osteosarcoma at the age of 19. Out of pain and loss, Willie's family and friends established QuadW, dedicated to finding better treatments and the cure that eluded him. In addition, QuadW began to focus on Willie's passions for transformative mission and higher education.

*"The foundation was named for What Would Willie Want, and I feel like we are achieving that a little bit every day."*

Lauren Jordan  
QuadW Board Member



Over the past ten years, QuadW has provided financial support to a variety of people and organizations pursuing innovative ideas and opportunities in these areas. While we are proud of all that we have accomplished, we are still striving each day to live up to Willie's enthusiasm, endless energy, and caring for others. We hear him challenging us in his light-hearted manner, "That's pretty good, but we can do better."

Clearly, we have much more to accomplish.



## *Sarcoma Research*

QuadW has achieved a great deal over the past ten years through collaborations in the field of sarcoma research. Our grants have resulted in over one hundred publications – the raw material of progress.

We have invested more than \$1 million dollars to attract talented young doctors and researchers in an underfunded field. We have accelerated research by supporting adult and pediatric sarcoma tissue banking. And we continue to develop a robust network to connect problems with solutions.

If we believe an idea, approach, or innovation can further sarcoma research, we get behind it.



*“A group that’s as energizing as the QuadW Foundation and their board inspires us to not think ‘these are the problems,’ but say ‘this is the solution.’”*

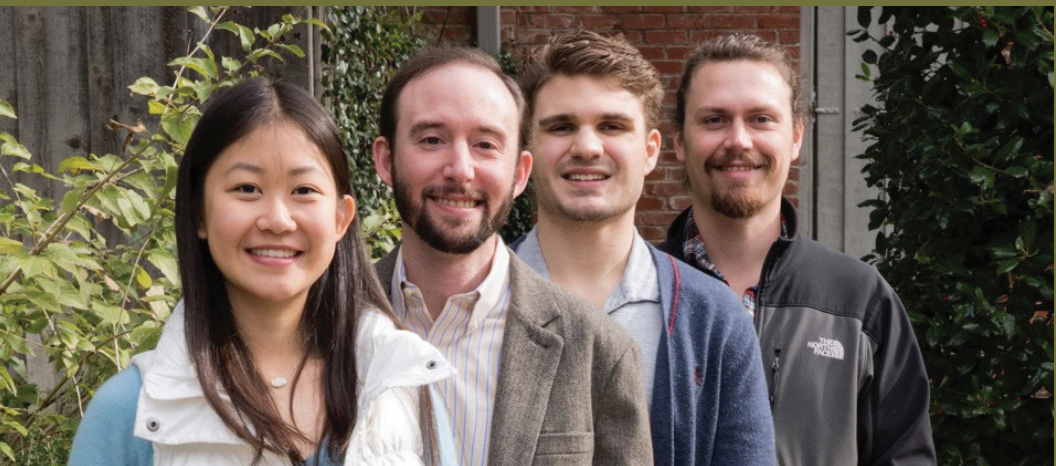
Stephen Skapek, MD  
UT Southwestern Medical Center





*“Your generosity has inspired me to do as you have done for me. Providing others with the opportunity to explore the world abroad is something I want to do, too. My summer has truly changed my life, helped me grow up, and discover so much more about this amazing world we live in.”*

Jacob Spangler  
Scholarship Recipient



## *Higher Education*

Willie was a curious and creative student for whom exploration and the arts took precedence over traditional classroom studies.

Today, we seek out students who share that same love of knowledge and discovery. Since its inception, QuadW has given students the means to pursue education at the highest level. We have provided over fifty scholarships to help students follow their career dreams and explore the world around them. We promote higher education with a higher purpose.

## *Transformative Mission*

Willie was transformed through his experiences helping others. In that spirit, QuadW established a program to fund participants and organizations that create mission opportunities to make positive impacts in communities.

We support projects with new people in new places across the globe. That remains one of our main missions.



*“We look for individuals who are passionate about holistic transformation. The program seeks transformation in the lives of the college student interns, in the lives of those whom we serve, in the conditions of the communities where we live and work, and in the impact of our partner churches and agencies.”*

Rev. Don Woolley  
Director of the QuadW  
Missional Internship

*“It’s not so much where you go, but what  
you do there and who you do it with.”*

Willie Tichenor

Son, Brother, Friend, Life Lover, Godsend



What would Willie want



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