

ALUMNI HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES  
**Alycia Turley & Lindsey Kovach**

Alycia Turley, GLHS Class of 2005, and Lindsey Kovach, GLHS Class of 2001, are a pair of sisters who combined their efforts to create the LENN Foundation in 2017, which supports families with children who have Cerebral Palsy (CP).

Turley and Kovach were certainly active in high school. Turley was on student council, cheered for basketball and football and was on Homecoming Court, while being involved in the school newspaper. Kovach played basketball and was a cheerleader for football.

Following high school, Turley went to culinary school and worked as a pastry chef in Denver before going to Chicago to work for four years as a cake decorator. Kovach went to Ohio University where she earned her Health Administration degree. She has experience in sales and real estate.

The sisters both ended up working for the family business, Copa Gelato in Westerville, and in 2017 they established the LENN Foundation, after Turley's son Lennon was diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy.

Lennon was three months premature and in the NICU for 211 days over the first 1.5 years of his life. The sisters know how much time, energy and resources it takes to raise a child with CP.



"No parent should ever have to stress over their child's medical bills. It has become my mission to make sure families receive peace of mind knowing our foundation is here to help their children receive the pediatric therapies they need to thrive in their everyday life," Kovach said. "Parents should be able to focus on what matters most, loving and taking care of their child."

In June, 2022, Kovach gave birth to twin girls, Lua and Lilly, who were premature. Eventually, Lua Rose was diagnosed with CP, just like her big cousin Lennon.

Both sisters state that they are most proud of being moms and establishing the LENN Foundation to help other families find and fund intensive therapy for their CP children.

One family that the sisters helped, the Burle family of Gainseville, GA, have triplets that are 6.5 years old. All three have lifelong disabilities. Max is one of the triplets who has CP and he received intensive therapy from the LENN Foundation when he was almost 3 years old. Now a kindergartener, he is happy and doing well due to his intensive therapy made possible by the LENN Foundation.

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In 2024, Turley and Kovach plan to rework their grant distribution by giving grants to the clinics where they have established relationships as the clinics can better identify where there is a need for intensive therapy. They would also like to establish a no pay facility in Columbus for intensive therapy for children with Cerebral Palsy.

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