

Wheelchairs 4 Kids

# ANNUAL REPORT

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## MISSION STATEMENT

**WHEELCHAIRS 4 KIDS** is dedicated to improving the lives of children with physical disabilities.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Provided **182** kids with equipment and/or modifications this fiscal year – an **8%** increase over last year despite COVID!
- **89.65%** of our funding spent on programs.
- Hosted **10** Wheely Fun Days for our Families before COVID.
- Had **2** parades past the homes of our kids in April due to COVID.
- Held **2** successful fundraising events.
- We had **18** online/newspaper articles and **11** TV/radio segments. We have **5,558** Facebook Followers.
- **100%** family satisfaction.
- Received a **One Tampa Bay Award** as a Trusted Charity.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS SUMMARY

This fiscal year, Wheelchairs 4 Kids provided equipment or modifications for 182 children, an 8% increase over the number of children we served last year. We are very proud to have expanded as such a young organization and that 89.65% of our funds were dedicated to programs, 5.77% to administration, and 4.57% to fundraising expenses. We know it is important for donors to feel confident their gifts are being used wisely.

Wheelchairs 4 Kids hosted ten “Wheely Fun Days” for our families. Although we had to pivot in March, we had already gone waterskiing, indoor sky-diving, and zip-lining, and we had already hosted our Christmas party with Winter the Dolphin. We went to Bucs Training Camp and spent an afternoon at Weeki-Wachi. Once COVID hit, we switched things up and had two parades past the homes of several of our kids.

Wheelchairs 4 Kids held two successful fundraising events. A Wheely Good Time Auction was held in November at Ruth Eckerd Hall where we were able to auction off a VIP experience including a Meet and Greet with Billy Joel. Our 5th Annual Kimberly Knorr Memorial Celebrity Golf Tournament was a huge success with celebrities from the MLB and NFL participating. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, we had to postpone our Jail and Bail.

Over the last fiscal year, Wheelchairs 4 Kids had 35 pieces of media coverage. This includes TV news segments, articles and blog posts.

Family satisfaction is very important, and we are proud to have 100% family satisfaction rating!



## INCLUSION PROGRAM

Wheelchairs 4 Kids' inclusion program, called "Wheely Fun Days," is a program that allows our children to experience some of the activities that we take for granted. They also get to have exclusive experiences that will create memories that last a lifetime and make them the envy of all their peers!

Our kids benefit from our "Wheely Fun Days" program simply by being out in the community and having fun. Their social skills improve and able-bodied children become more comfortable around

them by learning to accept individual differences. Their peers end up realizing our kids share many of their same hopes and dreams and even enjoy the same pop culture phenoms! The best way to help children overcome their misconceptions about kids who have disabilities is to bring them to places and events that other children enjoy. We also host "exclusive" events for our kids. There is nothing more impressive to a child's peers than being the kid who gets to exclusively participate in an event or meet a favorite celebrity!

## EQUIPMENT/MODIFICATION PROGRAM (LET'S ROLL! PROGRAM)

Wheelchairs 4 Kids is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of children with physical disabilities. We provide wheelchairs, home and vehicle modifications, and other assistive equipment at no charge to families who need it.

Many children faced with living with physical disabilities are in wheelchairs that are too small, in disrepair, or do not fit the needs of the child. Children outgrow their wheelchairs before government or insurance programs will allow for a replacement. Not only is it unsafe for a child to be in a chair that is inadequate for their needs, it can impact their health in numerous ways including scoliosis, respiratory problems, and pressure sores.

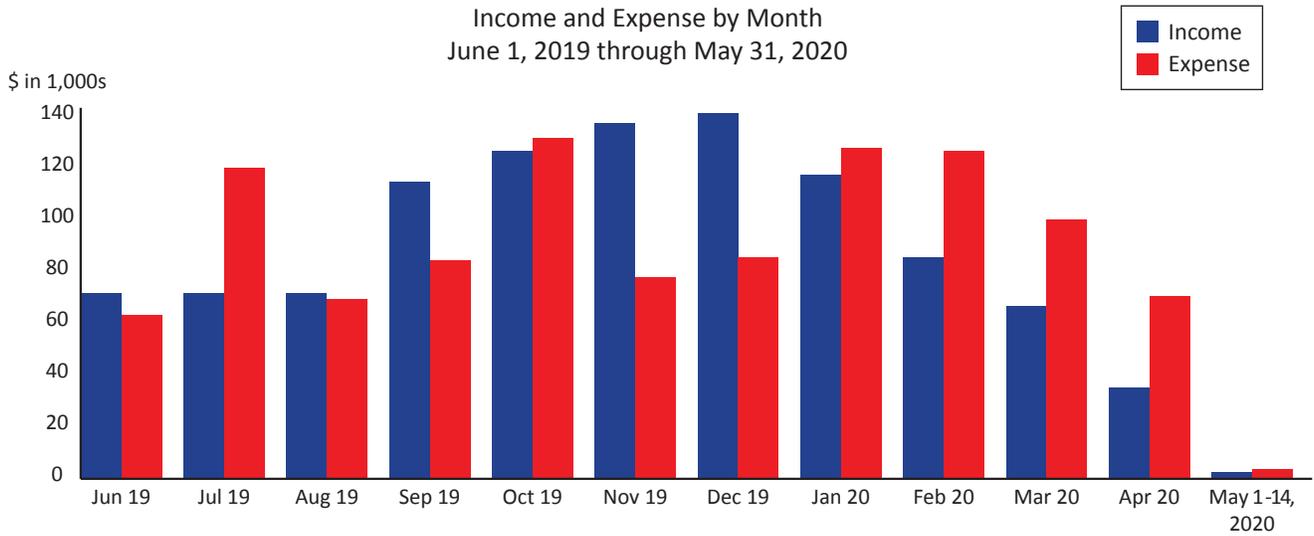
In addition, families are faced with trying to care for their special needs children in homes that have not been modified to meet their specific circumstances. Imagine trying to lift your teenager in and out of bed or a bathtub without assistive devices or a modified bathroom. Picture a child in a home where they can't get upstairs. We have installed roll-in showers for

families who were bathing their teenage children in the back yard with hoses because they could no longer safely get their kids in and out of the tub. Our name may be Wheelchairs 4 Kids, but we do so much more. We have provided custom wheelchairs, widened doors, built ramps, and provided wheelchair lifts and carriers for vehicles. We have given children standers and gait trainers and even installed a stairlift allowing a child to reach the second level of their home.

### SOME INTERESTING FACTS:

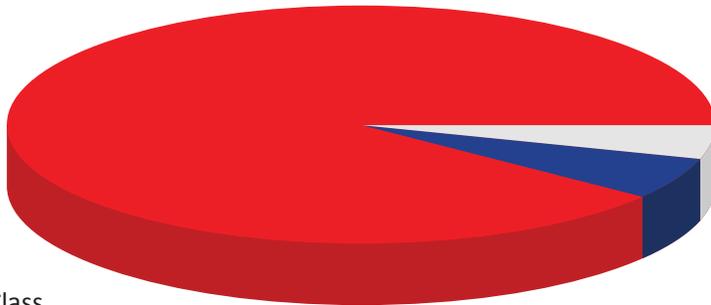
- Medicaid generally only replaces a chair every five years. Children grow.
- Medicaid may provide a power chair, but no means for the family to transport it or even get it into the child's home or through narrow doors.
- Several advocacy groups have discontinued or cut back on their equipment programs.
- There are several organizations shipping wheelchairs to developing countries but very few that help children in the United States due to the high cost of customizing chairs to fit the needs of the child and regulatory standards.

# FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Expense Summary  
June 1, 2019 through May 14, 2020

Programs	89.65%
Fundraising	5.77
Administrative	4.57
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,035,213.66</b>



By Class



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!**



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