



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 by providing wheelchairs, home and vehicle modifications as well as other assistive and therapeutic devices.

Accomplishments

- Financial Assets increased by 91% over last fiscal year
- Provided 32 kids with equipment and/or modifications this fiscal year
- 77.83% of our funding went to programs
- Hosted 2 Wheely Fun Days for our Families
- Held 3 successful fundraising events
- Moved into an office
- 24 pieces of media coverage (news articles/video segments)
- 100% family satisfaction



Accomplishments Summary

Wheelchairs 4 Kids has increased our Financial Assets by 91% over last fiscal year. This fiscal year we provided equipment or modifications for 32 children. We are very proud that as such a young organization, we have been able to designate 77.83% of funding to programs, 13.23% to fundraising, and 7.5% to administration. We know it is important for donors to feel confident that their gifts are being used wisely.

Wheelchairs 4 Kids hosted two Wheely Fun Days for our families. On December 14, 2012, our families had dinner at the Palm Pavilion. They also met Winter the Dolphin who has a prosthetic tail and is the star of the movie blockbuster, Dolphin Tale. Even Santa made a surprise appearance! On March 24, 2013, the Washington Nationals invited our families to the Presidential Suite during a spring training game. The children received baseballs and the players came up to visit the kids, take pictures and sign autographs. One of our children even got to throw out the first pitch!



Wheelchairs 4 Kids held 3 successful fundraising events. A Wheely Good Time Auction was held on October 6, 2012 at Dockside Sports Bar and Grille. The Skylar Stecker Project ran throughout the year. Keep your eye on this 11-year-old phenom. She is a terrific talent and is featured singing on our promotional video. On April 12, 2013, The 2nd Annual W4K Jail and Bail was held at Charley's Steak House. The event featured many Tampa Bay celebrities including Julie and Steve Weintraub,

WWE's Titus O'Neal, Darren Young, and Hall of Famer, Ricky Steamboat, fitness guru Tony Little, and retired Mayor Dick Greco. This event was a huge success more than doubling the income from the previous year.

On February 21, 2013, Wheelchairs 4 Kids held a ribbon cutting at the new office in Tarpon Springs, Florida. Over the last fiscal year, Wheelchairs 4 Kids had 24 pieces of media coverage. This includes news segments, articles and blog posts. Family satisfaction is very important and we are proud to have 100% family satisfaction!

Inclusion Program

Wheelchairs 4 Kids has initiated a new inclusion program called "Wheely Fun Days"; a program that allows our children to experience some of the activities that we take for granted as well as some exclusive experiences that will create memories that will last a lifetime and make them the envy of all their peers!



Our kids will benefit from our "Wheely Fun Days" program simply by being out in the community and having fun. Their social skills will improve and able-bodied children will become more comfortable by learning to accept individual differences; realizing that our kids share many of the same hopes and dreams that they have 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 will 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!



Summary Statement

Wheelchairs 4 Kids is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of children with physical disabilities.

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, but 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. 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.

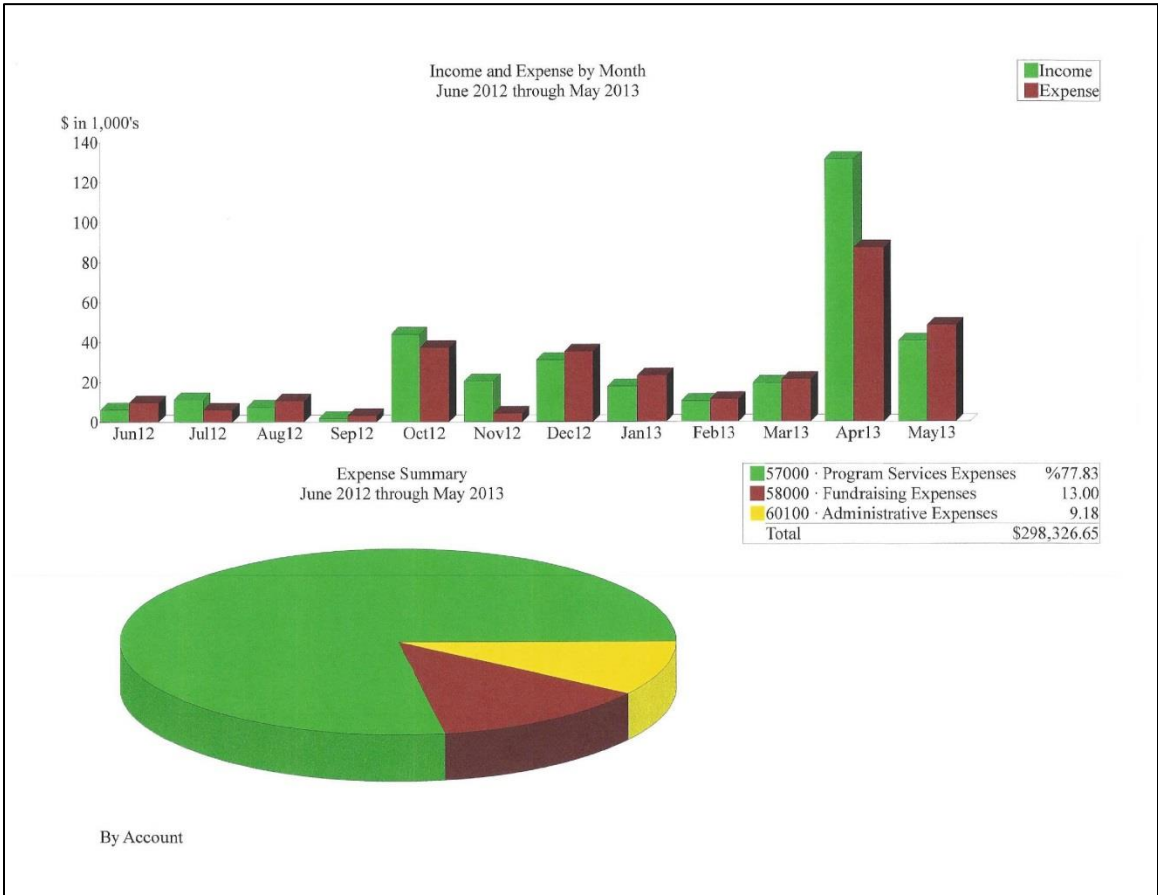
Some interesting facts:

- Medicaid generally only replaces a chair every 5 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.
- The Muscular Dystrophy Association has terminated their \$2,000.00 per family stipend for equipment/modifications due to reduced donations and an increased focus on research.
- Easter Seals and UCP have cut back on their equipment programs.
- There are several organizations that are shipping wheelchairs to third world countries but very few that help children in the states due to the high cost of customizing chairs to fit the needs of the child and meeting regulatory standards.



Before and After

Financial Information



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Wheelchairs 4 Kids is honored to be a Charity of choice for our "Full Access Pass" supporters. Thank you so much for believing in our mission and sharing our vision to help children with physical disabilities.

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Wayne's Story

Wayne is a charming 10-year-old boy who recently moved in with his grandparents who are now legal guardians to him and his 11-year-old sister. His mom is deceased. Wayne has CP and dysphagia. He is also prone to seizures. He is unable to walk or talk. He relies solely on a G-tube for nutrition.

Wayne and his grandparents recently received a ramp for their home, which had 5 steps leading to the entrance. For a long time the grandparents had to carry Wayne and his wheelchair up and down these stairs. The new ramp makes life simpler and safer for the family. Wayne's grandmother, Nancy, is very relieved.

"It [the ramp] helps out tremendously. Now I don't have to bend over and pull him up. The way I was doing it before was very hazardous. Wheelchairs 4 Kids is wonderful. The staff is wonderful! There is no better bunch!" said Nancy.

The construction of the ramp was a team effort. Special thanks goes to Push America's Pi Kappa Phi Chapter at U.S.F. for sponsoring and building the 37 foot ramp. Other volunteers for the project included Drafting Board Designs, Image Construction Corporation, West Pasco Habitat for Humanity, The Home Depot, and Dave Wright.

"You are all heroes!" said Sarah, from Wheelchairs 4 Kids.



Wayne's Grandmother taking him down the stairs in his wheelchair



Wayne's new ramp