

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

- Provided 20 kids with equipment and/or modifications this fiscal year
- Over 80% of our funding went to programs
- Recognized as a 501(c) (3)
- Received the Readers Choice Award from “Winners Within Us”
- 100% family satisfaction



Accomplishments Summary

Since inception, Wheelchairs 4 Kids has provided equipment or modifications for 20 children. We are very proud that as such a young organization, we have been able to designate over 80% of funding to programs. We know it is important for donors to feel confident that their gifts are being used wisely. On July 11, 2011, we received notice stating we were recognized as 501 (c) (3). We are also very proud to have been recognized with a Readers Choice Award from “Winners Within Us”. Family satisfaction is very important and we are proud to have 100% family satisfaction!

We are fortunate that several area business leaders have included us in their philanthropic giving (Julie Weintraub, Ferman Chevrolet, Amerigroup, Elder Ford, The Mike Alstott Foundation, The DeBartolo Family Foundation, etc).

History

The Executive Director of Wheelchairs 4 Kids, Inc., Madeline Robinson, and her husband decided that it was time to stop talking and start doing! Madeline quit her job as an executive with another children's charity in May 2010, and they donated the initial \$5,000.00 to start Wheelchairs 4 Kids.

Madeline drew strength from her commitment to and confidence in the organization's mission. With consumers spending more carefully *and* spending less, she realized that measures must be put in place to operate efficiently and be a good steward of donor dollars. She was so confident that the organization would pass the challenge that lay before her; she chose to work with no salary for a year and began taking only a small salary in June, 2012.

Summary Statement

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

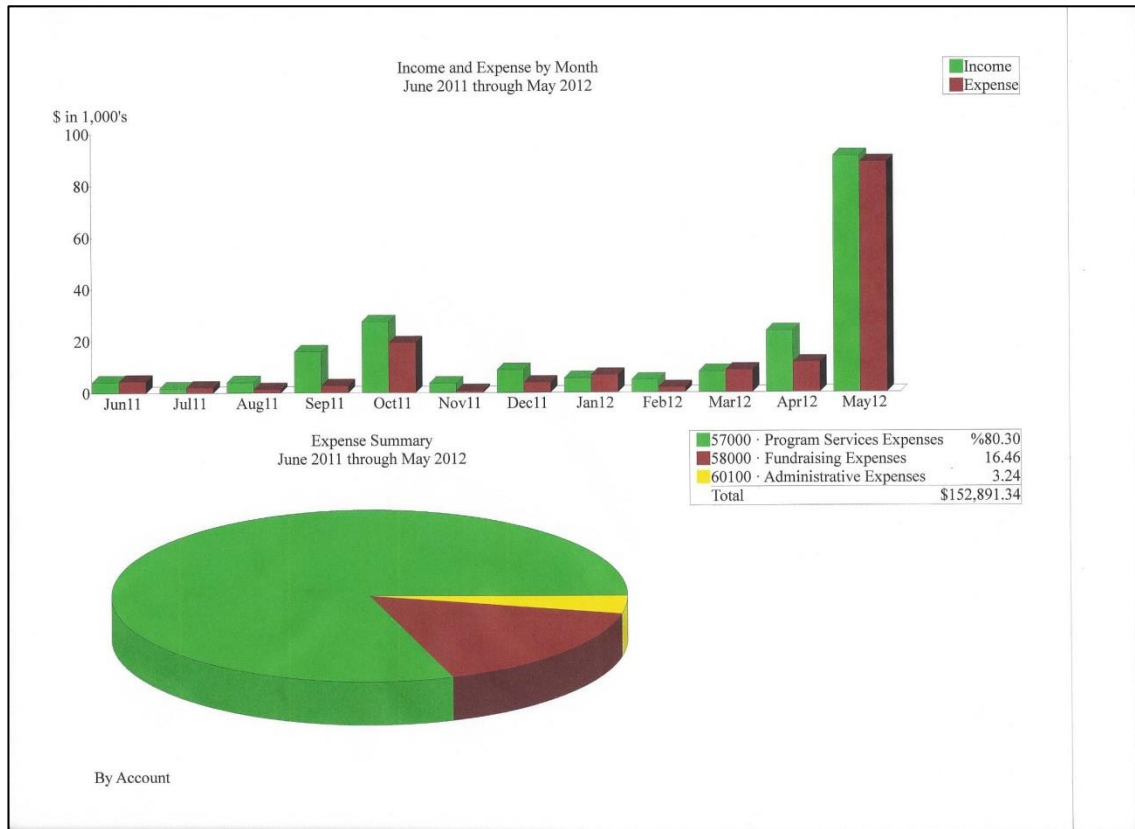
Many children faced with living with physical disabilities are in wheelchairs that are too small, in disrepair, or do not fit the needs of the child. In addition, families are faced with trying to care for their special needs children in homes that have not been modified to meet their specific circumstances. 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. 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.

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 that may be of interest:

- 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.

Financial Information



Donor List

1800Wheelchair.com	Dale Jr. Foundation
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Wheelchairs 4 Kids would like to thank all of our Donors, Sponsors and volunteers! We couldn't do it without all of you!



Gabby's Story

Gabriella is an adorable 8 year old little girl. Her mom describes her as happy, lovely and big! She enjoys being outside and going for walks around her neighborhood on the special bicycle her parents pull her on.

Gabriella was born with Cerebral Palsy and Von Willebrand disease. She is unable to speak or ambulate without an assistive device.

Wheelchairs 4 Kids hopes provided Gabriella with a Gait Trainer/Walker which will help strengthen her legs and mobility. The potential to increase Gabriela's independence and safety cannot be overstated. The gait trainer will not only improve her physical abilities, but greatly enhance her quality of life!



Letter from Gabby's Mom

Dear Madeline and Wheelchairs 4 Kids,

Thank you so much for your life changing gift for Gabriela. Gabriela is not able to speak, read, write, or walk, but thanks to you, she now has the ability to express herself through movement.

The Up N Go gives Gabriella the ability to be upright and work her muscles, and with God's good will, she will one day gain enough strength to walk.

Without your generous gift, Gabriella would have continued to be confined to a sedentary life devoid of all hope of ever gaining the strength and practice needed to be ambulatory. Gabriella's frustration at not being able to communicate or move about on her own is evidenced daily through fits of anger, screaming, lashing out and crying.

When in the Up N Go, Gabriella's smile, laughter, and shrieks of joy express her thanks at finally giving her a feeling of control. Words cannot express our gratitude for giving Gabriella a sense of pride, independence, and most of all joy. Every time I see my little girl upright and squealing with delight, tears of joy stream uncontrollably down my cheeks. If Gabriella could talk, she would join me in saying ""May God bless you for giving us such immense joy. Thank you, thank you from the bottom of our hearts".

With immeasurable gratitude,

Marlene and Gabriella Perez

