



Wheelchairs 4 Kids Annual Report

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“A life that touches others goes on forever”

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Mission Statement

Wheelchairs 4 Kids is dedicated to improving the lives of children with physical disabilities.

Accomplishments

- Provided 71 kids with equipment and/or modifications this fiscal year
- 83.47% of our funding spent on programs
- Hosted 10 Wheely Fun Days for our Families
- Held 2 successful fundraising events
- 39 pieces of media coverage (news articles/video segments)
- 100% family satisfaction
- Recognized as a Community Hero by the Tampa Bay Lightning
- Received Spirit of Humanity Award from the DeBartolo Family Foundation



Accomplishments Summary

This fiscal year Wheelchairs 4 Kids provided equipment or modifications for 71 children. We are very proud that as such a young organization, 83.47% of funding went towards programs, 13.09% to administration, and 3.44% to fundraising expenses. We know it is important for donors to feel confident that their gifts are being used wisely.

Wheelchairs 4 Kids hosted ten “Wheely Fun Days” for our families. Our Christmas party started with dinner at the Palm Pavilion, then off to meet Winter the Dolphin, star of the movie blockbuster, Dolphin Tale. Even Santa made a surprise appearance! The Washington Nationals invited our families to the Presidential Suite during a spring training game. The children received Nats memorabilia and met the players. One of our children even got to throw out the first pitch! We also went to a WWE event, behind the scenes at the St. Pete Grand Prix to meet the drivers and a Tampa Bay Rays game. Angelica even got to sit onstage at a One Direction concert!



Wheelchairs 4 Kids held 2 successful fundraising events. A Wheely Good Time Auction was held in November at Ruth Eckerd Hall where we were able to auction off a Meet and Greet with Sir Paul McCartney. On May 1st, 2015, the 4th Annual W4K Jail and Bail was held at Charley’s Steak House. These events were both a huge success more than doubling the income from the previous year.

Over the last fiscal year, Wheelchairs 4 Kids had 39 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!

Inclusion Program

Last fiscal year Wheelchairs 4 Kids 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 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 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



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:

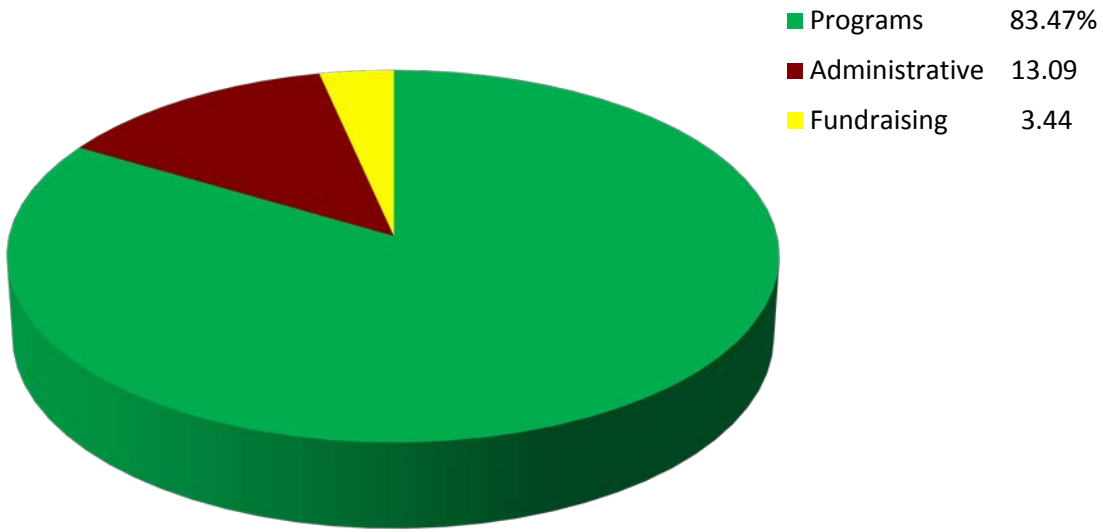
- Medicaid generally only replaces a chair every 5 years. Children grow.
- Medicaid may provide a power chair, but no means for the family to transport it or even get it into the child's home or through narrow doors.
- The Muscular Dystrophy Association has terminated their \$2,000.00 per family stipend 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

**Expense Summary
June 2014 through May 2015**



Total \$410,550.00

