



## ANNUAL REPORT

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## MISSION STATEMENT

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

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ◆ Provided 194 kids with equipment and/or modifications this fiscal year – a 7% increase over last year.
- ◆ 85% of funding spent on programs
- ◆ Hosted 14 Wheely Fun Days for our Families
- ◆ Held 3 fundraising events
- ◆ We had 27 pieces of media coverage
- ◆ We have 5,364 Facebook Followers
- ◆ 100% Family Satisfaction
- ◆ Awards and Recognition: celebrated our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, WrestleMania Community Champion Award, Lightning Community Hero award, 100% rating on Charity Navigator, and the Seal of Transparency and Platinum Status from Guidestar

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS SUMMARY

We are proud to report that Wheelchairs 4 Kids had a very successful 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. This fiscal year, we provided equipment or modifications to 194 children, a 7% increase over the number of children we assisted last fiscal year. We continue to spend the majority of our funds on our programs, coming in at 85% of our spending, with 8% being dedicated to fundraising and 7% on administration. It is very important to us that our supporters are confident that their donations are being used wisely.

During the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year, Wheelchairs 4 Kids had 27 pieces of media coverage. This includes television, radio, print, and digital coverage.

Despite the ongoing global pandemic, we hosted 14 “Wheely Fun Days” for our families. With creative planning and a combination of in-person and virtual events, we were able to safely give our kids a sense of community when much of the world was experiencing a feeling of isolation. A few highlights from this year’s Wheely Fun Days were: our annual Wheely Winter Christmas Party at Clearwater Marine Aquarium with

Winter the dolphin, private viewing of the Stanley Cup and Lombardi Trophy, attending Wrestlemania, Ziplining at Gatorland, and Sailing with Sailability of Tampa Bay.

In a time when many non-profits were discontinuing their in-person fundraising events, Wheelchairs 4 Kids was able to design event opportunities that were safe and successful. In order to comply with social distancing recommendations, we moved our Wheely Good Time Live and Silent Auction, which took place in November, from Ruth Eckerd Hall to Innisbrook Resort and Golf Club. In January, we had our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Kimberly Knorr Memorial Celebrity Golf Tournament at Cypress Run Golf Club. This event featured a collection of professional athletes, and was capped with an awards dinner that took place on the Club’s grounds in an open-air tent. We finished out the year with our Jail and Bail in May, which also took place at Safety Harbor Resort and Spa to accommodate for social distancing.

The most important statistic, however, is family satisfaction. We are thrilled to report a 100% family satisfaction rating.

## INCLUSION PROGRAM

Our inclusion program, known as “Wheely Fun Days,” brings our kids out for fun, confidence-building events. These Wheely Fun Days are designed to be exclusive and to promote socialization for our Wheel Kids, and are offered at no expense to their families. This year we had 14 Wheely Fun Days, including: our 10th Anniversary party at ZooTampa, a drive through Trike or Treat, and a virtual event with the Bucs Cheerleaders.

The purpose of this program is to give our kids experiences that will help them connect with their peers; unfortunately, disabled children are often left uninvited to peers’ parties, or their accessibility needs impede them

from taking part in activities.

These events give our Wheel Kids a sense of

community amongst each other, and also offer conversational ice breakers to use when talking to their peers. Most importantly, our Wheely Fun Days inclusion program gives our Wheel Kids the opportunity to do what they do best – be kids!



## EQUIPMENT/MODIFICATIONS PROGRAM

Wheelchairs 4 Kids is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of children with physical disabilities. We achieve this mission by providing wheelchairs, home and vehicle modifications, as well as other assistive and therapeutic equipment at no charge to their families.

Our name may be Wheelchairs 4 Kids, but our impact has expanded during our first ten years of service. We have provided custom wheelchairs, widened doorways, customized bathrooms, built ramps, and installed wheelchair lifts on vehicles. We have also provided therapy tricycles, gait trainers, and standers and other therapeutic equipment to help children reach their full potential.

Many children living with physical disabilities are using wheelchairs and other equipment that no longer fits them,

no longer matches their needs, or is in poor condition. Not only is it unsafe for a child to use this equipment, but continuing to use the equipment could have a negative impact on their overall health. Medical conditions caused by using unsuitable equipment include scoliosis, respiratory problems, and pressure sores.

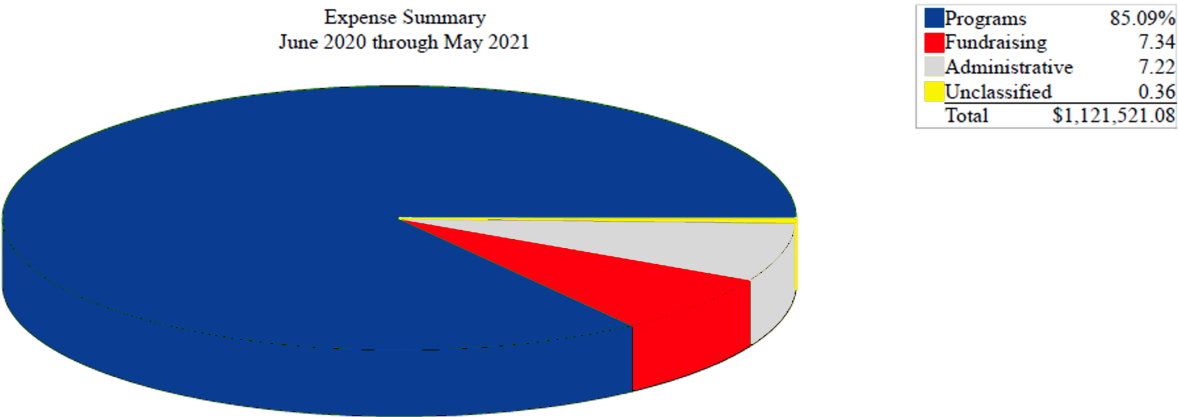
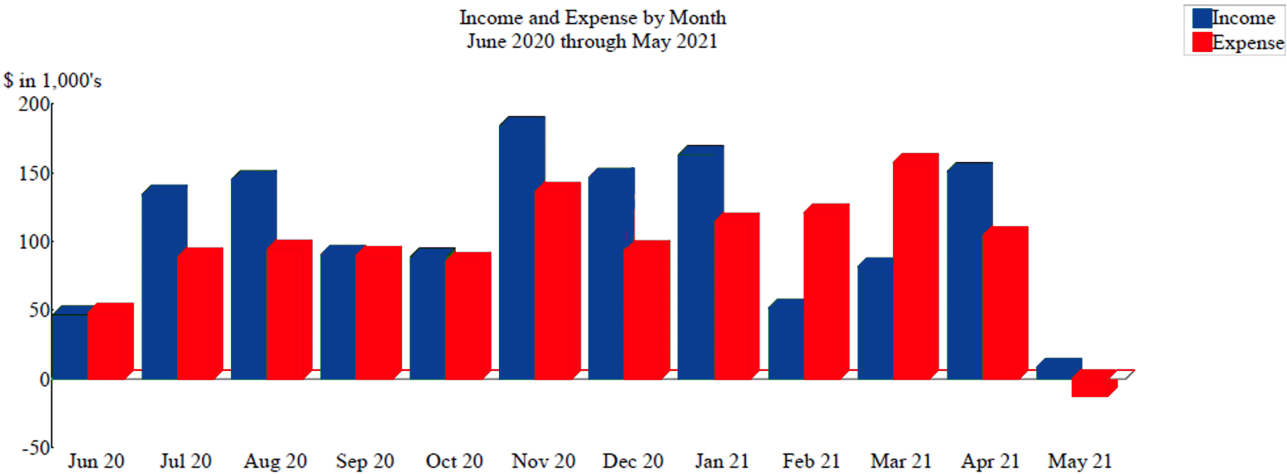
Additionally, families are often left caring for their disabled child in homes that are not modified to fit their needs and with vehicles that are unable to transport their necessary medical equipment. We have modified bathrooms to accommodate the child’s needs by installing roll-in showers, built ramps so that children in mobility equipment can easily and independently access their homes, and installed lifts on vehicles so that families can transport their child’s equipment safely.

## SOME INTERESTING FACTS

- ♦ Medicaid generally only replaces a wheelchair or mobility device every five years.
- ♦ Medicaid may pay for the basic equipment, but doesn’t always include accessories that optimize its effectiveness.
- ♦ Insurance rarely covers necessary vehicle or home modifications necessary to fully accommodate a disabled child.
- ♦ There are many organizations that grant wishes or ship medical equipment to other countries, but very few in the United States that assist its citizens with everyday needs.



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