

#### **ANNUAL REPORT**

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#### MISSION STATEMENT

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

#### **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- 83% of funding spent on programs
- Hosted 15 Wheely Fun Days for our Families with 1,223 total participants
- Held 3 internal fundraising events
- We had 35 pieces of media coverage
- We have 6,543 Facebook Followers
- 100% rating on Charity Navigator
- ♦ 100% Family Satisfaction
- GuideStar Seal of Transparency & Platinum Status

- Provided 217 kids with equipment and/or modifications this fiscal year – a 6% increase over last year.
- Brought 19 Wheel Kids to Colorado to do Adaptive Snow Skiing
- Recognized as the Tampa Bay Woman of the Year (Small Nonprofit) and
- Awarded Acquisition International's Best Nonprofit for Empowering Physically Disabled Children & Youth (US)

#### **ACCOMPLISHMENTS SUMMARY**

We are proud to report that Wheelchairs 4 Kids had a very successful 12<sup>th</sup> year. This fiscal year, we provided equipment or modifications to 217 children, a 6% 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 83% of our spending, with 12% being dedicated to fundraising and 5% on administration. It is very important to us that our supporters are confident that their donations are being used wisely.

During the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year, Wheelchairs 4 Kids had 35 pieces of media coverage. This includes television, radio, print, and digital coverage.

Wheelchairs 4 Kids expanded our inclusion program, "Wheely Fun Days" and held 15 events for our families with 1,223 total participants. This year, we had our first Wheely Fun Weekend for Wheel Kids in Texas, funded by their Texas community. At this event, we met 25 of our Texan Wheel Kids and their families for a weekend of fun at SeaWorld San Antonio and adaptive waterskiing! We also returned to Breckenridge, Colorado, with 19 of our Florida Wheel Kids for adaptive snow skiing. Other Wheely Fun Days included: Myakka Elephant Ranch

Elephant Encounter, a Trunk or Treat & Fall Festival at SPC Clearwater, our annual Wheely Fun Christmas Party, adaptive waterskiing in Winter Haven, ziplining at Gatorland, and many more!

We hosted three successful internal fundraisers. Our fiscal year kicked off with a bang in July at Eddie V's Prime Seafood with our Jail & Bail, where we raised over \$200,000. In November we returned to Ruth Eckerd Hall with our Wheely Good Time Live and Silent Auction. January brought us East Lake Woodlands Golf Club for our Celebrity Golf Tournament. This event featured a collection of professional athletes, and was capped with an awards dinner that took place in the Club's dining room. Additionally, we were once again selected by Talk of the Town Restaurant Group to be their benefiting charity for the month of February. This fundraiser included a round-up at each of their restaurants and was capped with a private dinner and auction at Charley's Steakhouse in Tampa.

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 15 Wheely Fun Days, including: adaptive ziplining at Gatorland, our first out-of-state event with Wheel Kids in Texas, a Trunk or Treat Fall Festival at SPC Clearwater, and our second trip to Colorado for adaptive snow skiing.

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

## **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 since inception in 2011. We have provided disabled child in homes that are not modified to fit their 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.

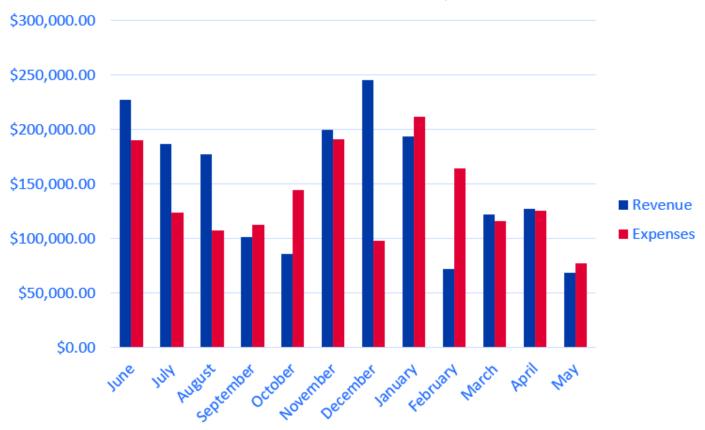
Additionally, families are often left caring for their needs and with vehicles that are unable to transport their necessary medical equipment. We have modified bathrooms to accommodate the child's needs by installing roll-in showers, built ramps so that children in mobility equipment can easily and independently access their homes, and installed lifts on vehicles so that families can transport their child's equipment safely.

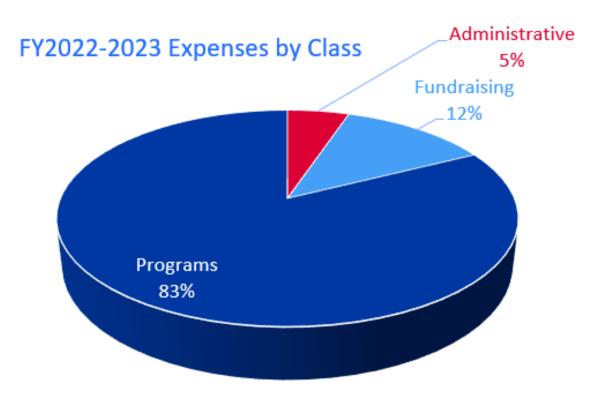
#### **SOME INTERESTING FACTS**

- 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 provide medical equipment to other countries, but very few in the United States that assist its citizens with everyday needs.

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