

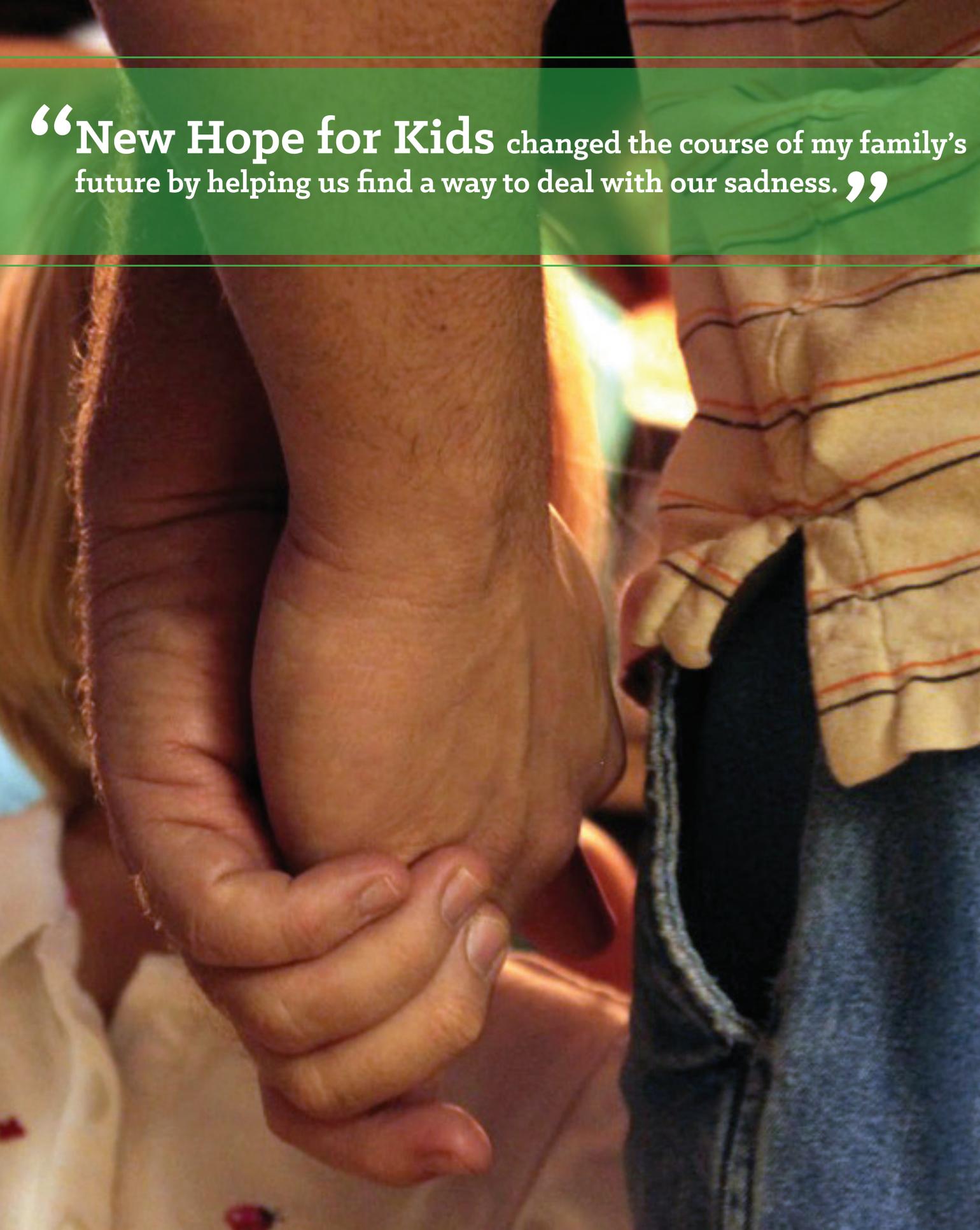


Building  
*Hope*



2013 Annual Report

**“New Hope for Kids** changed the course of my family’s future by helping us find a way to deal with our sadness. **”**



# A letter from our EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**Since our founding in 1996, we have grown steadily and evolved to meet the needs of children and families in our community.** Each year there has been greater demand for grief support services as the population of Central Florida grows and as more families learn of the services we offer. Children continue to face the death of loved ones through terminal illness, accidents, homicide and suicide. More heartbreaking cases of children with life-threatening illnesses like cancer, cystic fibrosis, and degenerative brain disease are presented to our wish program. Sadly, these are factors that are not going to diminish, but continue to increase.

**We are excited to say that we have purchased a 14,000 square foot facility in Maitland.** Once renovated, this new building will allow us to undertake all grief and wish services offered by our organization in an efficient and effective way, as well as to offer additional programs and activities for the children and families we serve.

**Building New Hope, a once-in-a-lifetime capital campaign, is designed to help us raise money to renovate this new building.** We encourage you to help us achieve this goal by providing your support. There will be opportunities to give on every level, from a personalized brick in our “**Path to Hope**”, to sponsoring a support or activity room, all the way up to naming rights of the building itself! **The first \$300,000 in donations will even be matched by a local foundation.** Consider asking your employer if they would provide matching funds for your donation, or maybe you know of a foundation or potential donor we could contact. **Every dollar helps!**

David Joswick

Executive Director





# OUR HOPE

To bring hope, healing and happiness to children and families suffering from grief, loss or life-threatening illnesses.



# OUR VISION

Since 1996, **New Hope for Kids** has been helping **Central Florida** children in need. Our purpose is to bring hope, healing and happiness to children and families suffering from grief, loss or life-threatening illnesses. New Hope for Kids achieves this through two programs:

## The Center for Grieving Children



Helps children and families cope with the feelings of grief and loss after the death of a loved one.

## Wishes for Kids



Grants wishes to children up to the age of 19, diagnosed with a life-threatening illness.

## Principle Beliefs

**New Hope for Kids** believes every child deserves the opportunity to grieve in a supportive and understanding environment. Some things to keep in mind when dealing with grief:

- Grief is a natural reaction to the loss of a loved one for children, and adults
- Within each individual is the natural capacity to heal
- The duration and intensity of grief are unique for each individual
- Caring and acceptance assist in the healing process



We also extend support for the entire family through:



Community awareness projects



Parent support groups



Family events and camps



Information and referral services

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## Our Difference

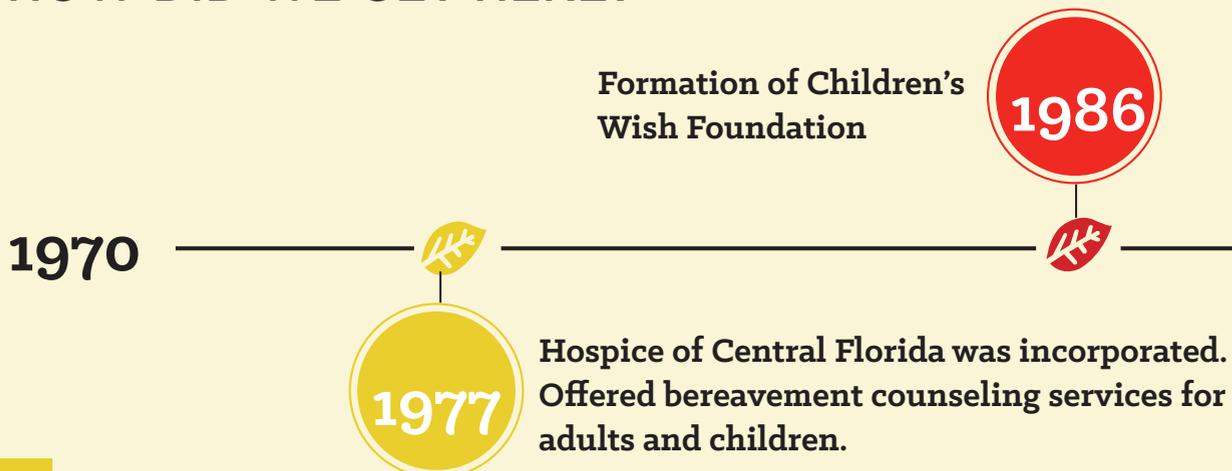
New Hope for Kids **Center for Grieving Children** has the only comprehensive grief support program in **Central Florida** that focuses on children and families. There are a few other local organizations that offer very limited bereavement services, but no other local organization has a long term program that works with both children and their caregivers by providing specialized activities to guide them through the grief process. We also offer specialized support for families who have suffered loss through homicide or suicide.



## Our Qualifications

**New Hope for Kids** is incorporated in the State of Florida and registered with the State of Florida as required by the Florida Solicitations of Contributions Act. Funding for our programs comes from local and national foundations, corporations, service organizations, individuals and fundraising events. New Hope for Kids files an annual 990 return and is audited each year according to generally accepted accounting principals. **Since 2000, over 90% of our revenues have gone directly to our children's programs.**

## HOW DID WE GET HERE?

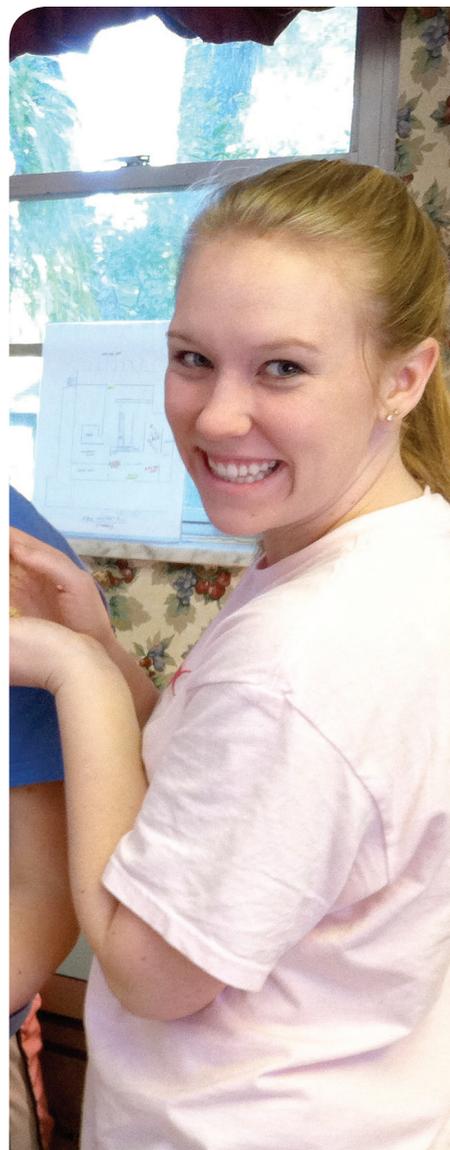


## Our People

With a dedicated staff, solid board management and ability to secure and maintain productive relationships, New Hope For Kids maintains fiscal strength to **deliver compassionate services FREE to the Central Florida community.** The Administrative and Program Support staff is lean with dynamic professionals that excel in their assigned roles. This consistent and devoted service has provided a caring, resourceful program of services for our families.

## Our Volunteers

Volunteer commitment is constant and on the increase. We currently have **483** Active Volunteers and **74** trained Grief Facilitators to help us in strengthening our service to the community. Volunteers assist us with Grief Facilitation, Child Care, Office Support, Family and Special events, Wish and Development Research and General Maintenance at the Center. In 2013, we had over **10,000** volunteer hours accumulated. We would not be able to accomplish our mission without this dedication and commitment of our valuable volunteers.



1996

The joint boards decided to join the two organizations to offer associated services. They formed one organization called "New Hope Center, Inc."



2002

Organization becomes New Hope For Kids

2014



# OUR PROGRAMS

Guide families through the grieving process and bring joy to those we need it the most.





## The Center for Grieving Children

New Hope for Kids' Grief Support Program provides a safe and supportive environment where children grieving the death of a loved one can share their experience with others facing the same feelings of loss. Offering a unique opportunity for children to begin and continue their grief journey, New Hope for Kids strives to **provide our families with hope, healing and renewal.**

We also extend support for the entire family through parent support groups, community awareness projects, information and referral services, as well as family events and summer camps throughout the year.



Central Florida children were helped by NHFK bereavement support in 2013



## Wishes for Kids

In 1985 the **Children's Wish Program** was founded as a not-for-profit charity to grant wishes to children with life-threatening illnesses who have not yet reached their 19th birthday nor had a wish granted previously. A life-threatening illness is defined by New Hope for Kids as any illness which will in all likelihood shorten the child's full life expectancy.

Although the New Hope for Kids Wish Program is not able to cure the life-threatening illnesses of their wish children, it is proud to grant wishes and provide follow-up support in order to lighten the burden for the children and their families and improve the quality of time remaining in the child's life.



Wishes have been granted through Wishes for Kids

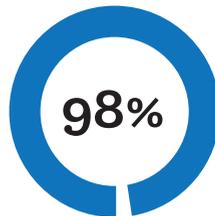
# The Center for Grieving Children



Our new Center for Grieving Children in Maitland.

Our **Center for Grieving Children** serves children ages 3-18 who have experienced a death of a loved one. **Our grief program** yearns to share its accomplishments. We have **parent support groups, community awareness projects, information and referral services as well as family events and summer camps for children.** We also offer a Special Circumstances Group that deals with grief related to the death of a loved one due to homicide or suicide. Sadly, perhaps due to the current state of the economy, we have recently witnessed an increase in the number of families attending this group.

Through solid training in grief facilitation, creative activities and positive play, children who attend the **Center for Grieving Children** report feeling understood and supported. **They gain an enormous sense of relief** from being able to discuss their experiences with peers who are going through the same range of feelings and emotions - something they cannot always do at home or at school. The goal of our proven program is to **help children help each other** to face loss as a normal human experience while learning valuable life skills.



New hope for Kids is an active member in the National Alliance for Grieving Children

of all adults said they feel more equipped to deal with their feelings after attending a grief group.



of children said sharing with other children their own age was useful in helping them express, share, or release their feelings

# One of our families

The Bernard family consists of father, James, and his children, Ava, Chloe, Mia, and Asher. They are an energetic, talented family that attends New Hope for Kids Center for Grieving Children.

James' wife and mother of their four children died in 2011 after a long battle with leukemia. After his wife's death, James had concerns about some of the ways his children were experiencing grief: acting out, feeling depressed and expressing rage. Since they began attending the Center for Grieving Children, James has seen many positive changes in his kids, who are now ages 4-10.

They love the grief support groups and James knows that the sessions have had a huge impact on their lives. Ava has even expressed interest in becoming a grief facilitator in the future to help others dealing with grief.

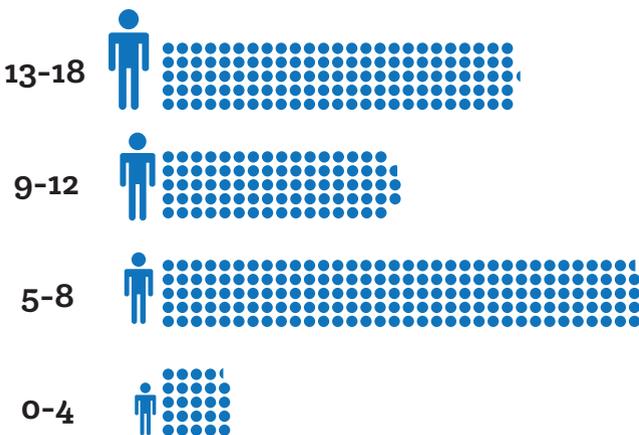
New Hope for Kids has also benefited James as a parent. As he does not attend counseling, participating in sessions at the Center for Grieving Children is his only chance to talk to other parents and caregivers who are facing very similar challenges. James' advice to new

families contemplating whether or not they should contact New Hope for Kids: "Just do it. It is an inviting, non-judgmental environment that ends up feeling like home." The Bernard

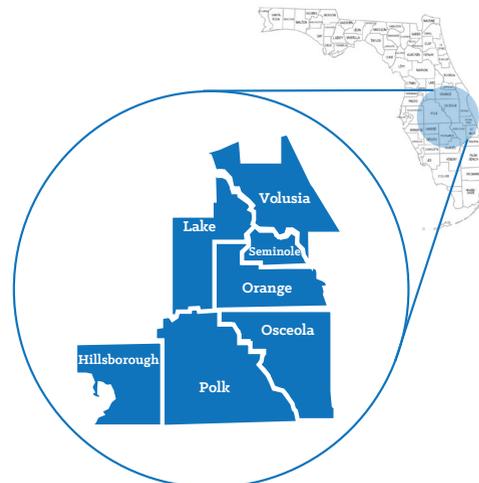
family has made connections with other local families who are dealing with grief. James feels that this is an added benefit to the services New Hope for Kids already offers.

He thinks the group and community atmosphere at New Hope for Kids is particularly effective for him and his children because they enjoy being around people. Overall, James and his family cherish their time at New Hope for Kids and they cannot imagine where they would be without it.

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Age Range Breakdown of Children at the Center



We have proudly helped families from seven Central Florida counties.

# Wishes for Kids



When New Hope for Kids grants a wish to a child, it can last a lifetime! We take the wish one step further through attention to special needs, resource information, the New Hope for Kids “family” and nine annual enjoyable events. New Hope for Kids Wish program is unique for the following reasons.

## FOCUS

Unlike other wish-granting organizations, New Hope for Kids Wish Program is not affiliated with a national organization, but is an independent, locally based charity that focuses on Central Florida children. All wishes are granted right here in Central Florida That means the money that is raised by Central Florida community members goes right back into our economy.

## FOLLOW-UP

Because most of our wish recipients live in the vicinity, New Hope for Kids is able to provide additional services and support beyond the wish itself. We call ourselves the **New Hope Kids Family**, because we join together for regular activities to have fun, share resources and provide emotional support. These activities are designed to prevent the isolation and sense of hopelessness that often accompanies cronic illness.

## FLEXIBILITY

New Hope for Kids is able to meet a wide spectrum of needs through wishes and community resources. We follow guidelines, but consider each wish on a case-by-case basis to ensure that the child’s best interests are being met.

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Wishes granted in 2013

# A Wish Come True



**Jazmine** is a spirited 7 year old with a rare disease called **Klippel Trenaunay Syndrome**. She painfully suffers through the majority of the long list of ailments caused by KTS which significantly affect her day to day activities.

Jazmine has already undergone **13 different surgeries plus countless procedures and appointments**. Her medical needs often require her family to travel from Lake Mary to Tampa or even as far away as New York. As you can imagine, the travel-related expenses and non-covered medical needs cause a significant financial burden for her family, not to mention the emotional roller coaster they endure. Despite all this, Jazmine, whose favorite color is pink and who wishes to go on a Disney cruise with her favorite character Hook, is an energetic, positive little girl.

Jazmine Group UCF Cornerstone team **Jazmine's Genies** "adopted" Jazmine to help make her wish come true. **They not only raised \$2,025 for her cruise, they also combined another \$787 plus \$3,303 of in-kind donations** to host the most incredible

tea party in town! The Orlando Sheraton Downtown provided a dinner room and patio complete with twinkling lights for her beautifully decorated tea party, "**Jazmine in Wonderland**". It was complete with a chocolate milk "tea" ceremony, scones, cakes and then a full meal. As DJ Cheyenne played music, Jazmine and her friends spontaneously began dancing and singing. It was beyond precious.



Many caring people contributed to this magical evening. Delicious food came from the **Sheraton, Tropical Smoothie and Tuscan Pizza**, decorations and supplies from **Target**, a gift bag full of cruise niceties for the whole family from **Wal-Mart**, face painting by Clown Service, and new hairdos by **Jane Ellis at Unique Hair for Mom**, Jazmine and her two sisters. The team even provided a date night gift card for mom and dad!

At the conclusion of their class assignment, Jazmine's Genies shared, "**The most meaningful part of the project was feeling the love and appreciation from the Gonzales family.**" Now they have everything they need for a fun time on ship Disney Dream!



# OUR FINANCIALS

How we fund the healing of families in Central Florida



## 2013 Audited Financials

Corporate/Individual Donations	\$409,936.00	24.38%
Grants/Bequests	\$515,178.00	30.64%
Participant Service Revenue	\$78,360.00	4.66%
Interest Income	\$4,981.00	0.30%
Endowment Income	\$52,873.00	3.15%
Special Events	\$243,161.00	14.46%
Donated Services & In-kind Contributions	\$357,915.00	21.29%
Other Support	\$18,770.00	1.12%
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$1,681,174.00</b>	

## 2013 Event Revenues

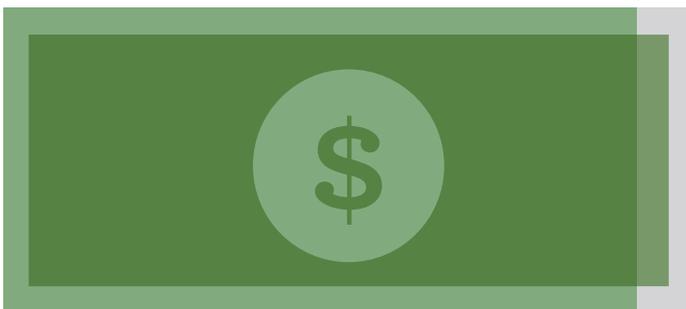
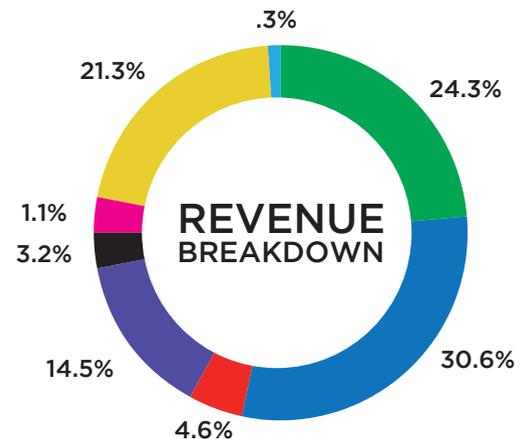
Wine on Wednesday	\$13,395.77
Art Of the Vine	\$99,744.29
BMW Drawing of Chance	\$94,606.17
Shaken & Stirred	\$19,666.64
Mascot Games	\$6,000.00
Maitland 5K Run	\$3,377.48
Christmas Bicycle Ride	\$1,560.92
Other/Misc	\$4,809.92
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$243,161.00</b>

## Financial Highlights

Total Revenues  
**\$1,681,174**

Total Expenses  
**\$1,241,566**

Total Surplus  
**\$439,608**



**Over 90% of every Dollar goes to our programs**



# OUR EVENTS

Assist the funding for our programs and raise community awareness of our goals and purpose.



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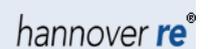
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# OUR PEOPLE

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**The amazing individuals that keep our hope alive and strong**



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