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Greetings! From our Executive Director,

What a year 2018 proved to be for New Hope for Kids! We saw the positive effects of our beautiful new facility bring healing to more grieving children and families than ever before. We continued to grant wishes to local children diagnosed with life-threatening illnesses, bringing joy and memories to them and their families. From experiencing the death of a loved one to dealing with the challenges of a life threatening illness, “our kids” are living with some very tough challenges. Our community’s support makes a very real difference in the lives of these children.

Many of the accomplishments made in 2018 were made possible by compassionate, hard working volunteers, who truly are the heart of New Hope for Kids. In 2018 we benefited from the dedicated commitment of 397 volunteers who together contributed 18,880 hours of service to our organization. Of this group, there were 79 grief facilitators who gave their time and effort to our grief program which served 398 children and 315 adults. The amount of time donated by our army of volunteers equates to \$480,131 which is the equivalent of 11 full-time staff members!

A new Summer Art Camp was enjoyed by 100 children ages 8-14. Under the direction of an experienced art instructor, participants learned new techniques, explored their personal creativity, and found healing in the process. Their art was even shown in a public exhibition, making this experience an important and positive memory. We’re excited about future endeavors of this kind as we move forward into 2019.

It was a landmark year for the Mascot Games, which celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2018. Families attending the Games will tell you it is an experience like none other. It’s a time for all to experience joy and laughter with people of all ages. We’re proud to claim this event as our own, and look forward to many more years of the wild and wacky Mascot Games right here in Central Florida.

Fundraising efforts continued to provide a solid financial foundation for the services we provide to the children and families in our programs. Working hard to produce this revenue, along with very careful spending, made this a financially successful year.

We’re committed to serving Central Florida children and families who would benefit from the grief support and wish granting services we provide at no cost. We hope you’ll share our mission with those you encounter who need us. A stronger community is built on families who are cared for and supported during vulnerable times in life. That’s what New Hope for Kids is here to do.



Executive Director
Dave Joswick

Our Mission

New Hope for Kids mission is to support children and families grieving the death of a loved one and to grant wishes to children with life-threatening illnesses in Central Florida.

“What a year 2018 proved to be for New Hope for Kids!”



New Hope achieves its mission through two programs:

The Center for Grieving Children and Wish for Kids – which provide assistance to children and their families during some of life’s most difficult challenges.

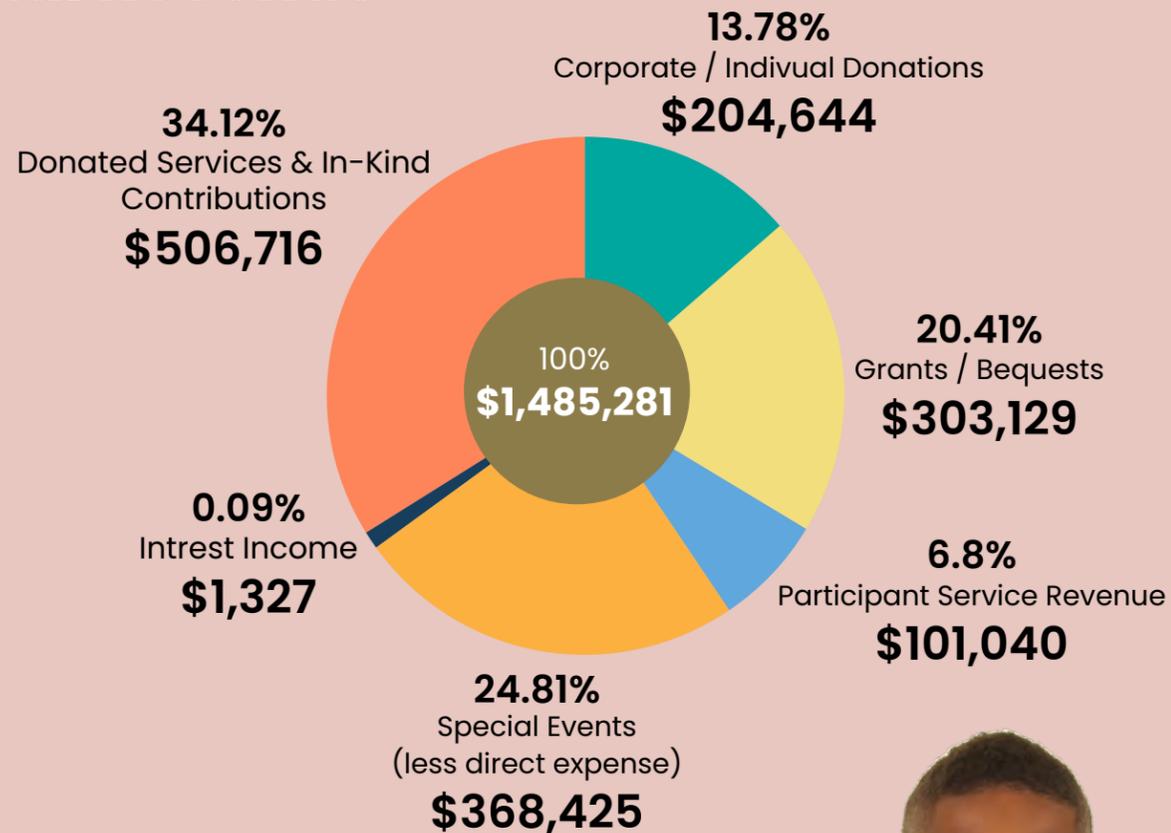
New Hope for Kids also provides support services such as family events, resource information, and referral to other agencies for assistance when necessary. Our programs are available to children ages 3-19 who live in the Central Florida area.

New Hope for Kids is a tax exempt, approved 501(c)(3) organization and is registered in the state of Florida. All contributions are tax deductible as allowed by law.

Audited Financials

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Total Revenue



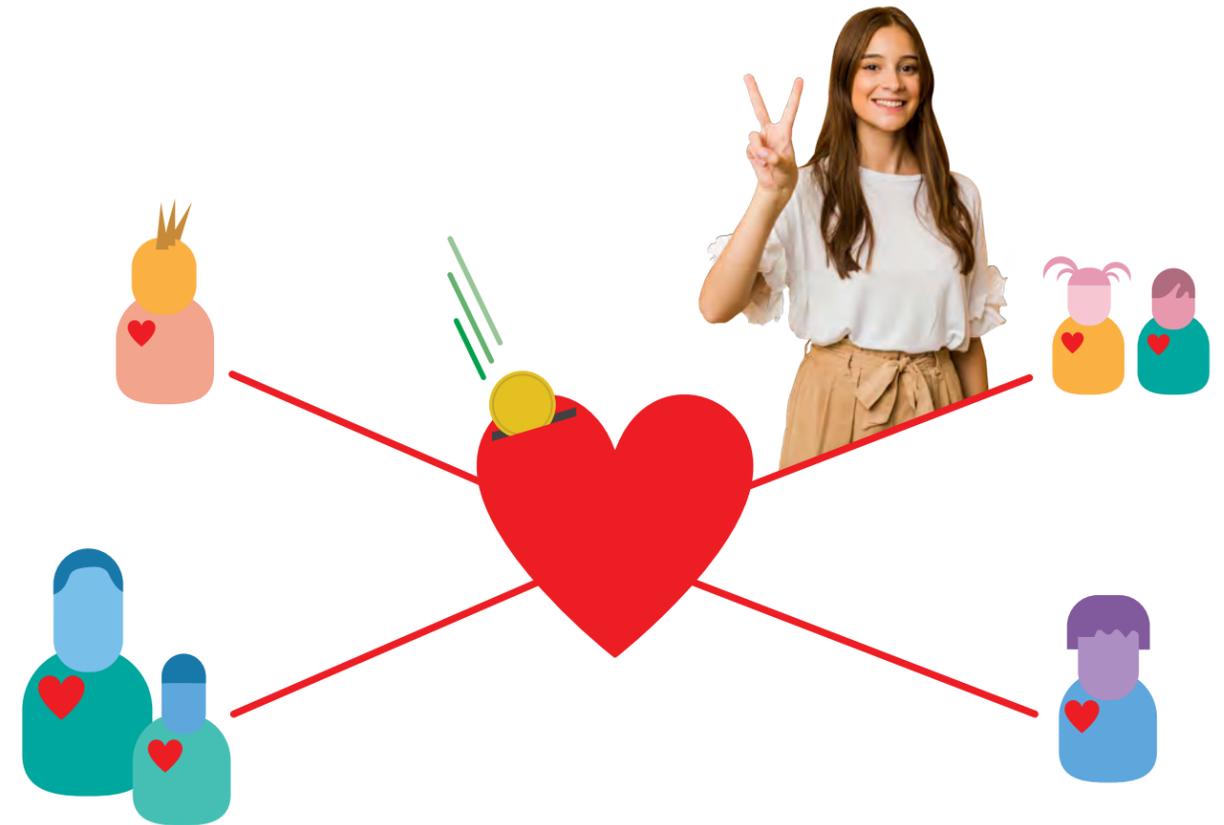
Statement of Activities

Total Revenue	\$1,485,281
Total Expenses	\$1,499,550
Total	-\$14,269



Fundraising Events

New Hope for Kids is funded through charitable donations from individuals, corporations, foundations and community service organizations throughout Central Florida. New Hope for Kids is an approved 501(c)(3) organization.

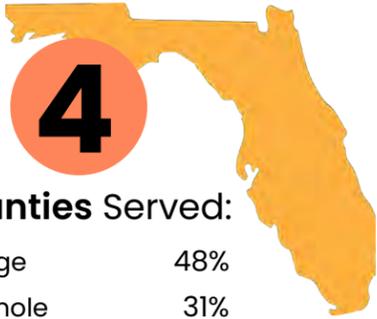


Art of the Vine	\$175,238.85
BMW Drawing of Chance	\$120,602.61
Mascot Games	\$47,784.92
Wine + Wishes	\$13,258.84
Wine on Wednesday	\$9,274.00
Holiday Bicycle Ride	\$2,265.78

Net Income Raised **\$368,425**

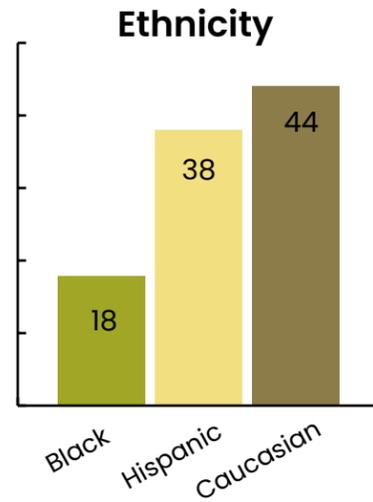
Grief Services

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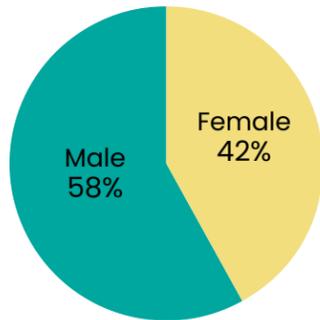


Counties Served:

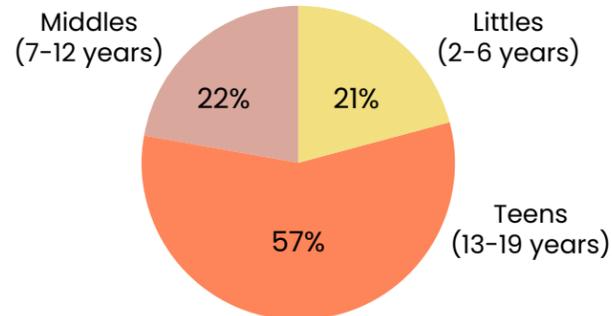
Orange	48%
Seminole	31%
Lake	16%
Osceola	5%



Gender



Age Range



Grief Stories

“My husband died unexpectedly on January 13, 2018, and my brother in law died 4 days later. After my husband’s death, I had at least 15-20 people independently encourage me to call New Hope, and we started attending about 3 weeks later. In the beginning, it was helpful to hear from others who had been through similar losses and to witness how they were coping. Now that we’ve been here for a while, I feel like perhaps I am helping others, ones that are in the beginning and can learn from me.”

- Kim

“We are nearing the one year anniversary of his death, but with love and support from people like you all, we are finding our way through our grief. I often hear from others that my children seem to be doing well, and I know without a doubt that that is due in part to New Hope! My children LOVE their time with you and their new friends.”

- The Morrison Family



Our Outreach in 2018:

398 Children were helped and supported.

315 Adults were served.

239 Families became our family at New Hope.

23 Children in **Childcare** were loved and cared for.

Programs & Events



The **25th Annual Mascot Games** Presented by Wawa is an event held by New Hope for Kids.

This two-day event features Mascots from the MLB, NFL, MLS, NBA, NHL, and NCAA. Each year, this family-friendly event makes you laugh and gets you on your feet to cheer on your favorite Mascot and their respective team green, blue, red, or yellow. On Saturday, the VIP Huddle allows fans the opportunity to meet their favorite mascots, take pictures, and get their autographs on the field.



“The Mascot Games truly is one of Central Florida’s most unique and entertaining family events, raising funds and expanding New Hope for Kids profile.

We value the many corporate partnerships that contribute time and investment dollars to see the kids have such fun!”

Executive Director
- **Dave Joswick**

Art of the Vine is an annual event that benefits New Hope for Kids to help children in the Central Florida area cope with a life-threatening illness or grieving the death of a loved one. This unique event combines food, wine, art, music and the company of great people to create an unforgettable experience. We remain grateful to Fields BMW and the Fields Auto Group for their generous donation of a new 2018 BMW that excites our community and especially one lucky winner!

In 2018 New Hope for Kids held its first four week **Summer Art Camp** from July 9th to August 1st. Children created works in various art forms and styles that reflected their ideas and feelings. Plus, in September, many of their works were exhibited at the Winter Park Chamber of Commerce for public viewing. Many thanks to the Winter Park Foundation and the Central Florida Foundation. Their support made this program possible.



Our **Children’s Grief Awareness Day** continues to be a moving and memorable event for our children and families. Many of the families bring a photo of their loved one as we are reminded of the upcoming holidays. Held each November at Crane’s Roost Park at Fountain, the program is special with the walk around the lake and candelighting.





Milestones

New Hope for Kids was selected as a finalist in the annual **Victory Cup** grant competition held in February. We were awarded a grant of \$1000. Our April 20th annual Art of the Vine and BMW Drawing of Chance had a banner year, bringing in net revenues of **\$305,115**.

The 25th Annual Mascot Games were held on June 22nd and 23rd and were a great success, raising **\$47,785**.

Diane Goldsmith, a longtime New Hope for Kids Grief Facilitator, won the NAGC Founder's Award for her significant lifetime contribution to the field of children's grief support as a volunteer.

New Hope for Kids held its first four week Art as Therapy Camp from July 9th to August 1st for more than **100** children, 8-14 years of age. This camp was funded through the generosity of the Winter Park Community Foundation and the Greater Orlando Builders Association.

Back to School Drive in memory of Ira Silver: Provided back packs and school supplies to **50** children.

Sneakers that Fit Program in memory of Dr. Barry Levin: Gifted **40** children with new sneakers.



The 2018 Toy Drive received and distributed thousands of toys and articles of clothing to children attending our programs. Additional toys were donated to Orlando City Commissioner Regina Hill for children in the Parramore area.

New Hope for Kids raised total revenues of **\$1,485,281** to fund our programs and capital campaign!

The Holiday Bike Ride continues to be the magical, year-end event with over **385** riders enjoying the holiday lights on bicycles.

New Hope for Kids Center for Grieving Children served **398** children through our Bi-Weekly sessions and **105** through Camp Ray of Hope. We served many more through our other camps, family events and special activities.

New Hope for Kids held its second annual Wine and Wishes fundraising event and raised **\$13,259** to fund wishes for local children.

New Hope for Kids provided 7 fun-filled family events for the enjoyment of **897** Kids and **715** adults (Valentine Party, Mascot Meet & Greet, Mascot Games, NHFK Kamp, Family Fun Day, Pumpkin Bowl, Holly Jolly Holiday Party)

Children's Grief Awareness Day was observed on Thursday, November 15th at Crane's Roost in Altamonte Springs with attendance of **350** individuals that attended the walk and ceremonies.



Wishes for Kids

Over
1,600
Wishes
Granted!



Wish Recipient
Juliana

In 1985 the Children's Wish Program was founded as a not-for-profit charity and is the longest running wish program in Central Florida. Children's Wish was created to provide hope and a once in a lifetime experience to children fighting a life-threatening illness. New Hope for Kids **Wishes for Kids Program** continues the legacy by providing wishes for children that other organizations, in the Central Florida area, are not able to serve. Family members served 74 and 21 Wishes

Wishes for Kids grants wishes to children with life-threatening illnesses who have not yet reached their 19th birthday nor had a wish previously granted. 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 Wishes for Kids Program is not able to cure the life-threatening illnesses of their wish children, it is proud to grant wishes and go beyond the wish – offering support, resources and community for these special families. New Hope for Kids Wishes for Kids Program uses its resources to lighten the burden for the wish child and their families strives to improve the quality of time remaining in the child's life.

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. That means the money that is raised by Central Florida community members goes right back into our economy. New Hope for Kids does not receive funds from State or Federal reimbursement and is not a United Way agency.

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 grief and illness. Families help each other while forming lasting relationships.

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.

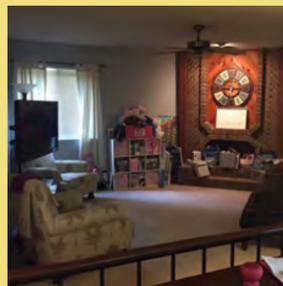
“The **memories** we have of the trip we took with our **son** shortly before his death are **cherished** by **our family** more than words can say. By granting his wish, you gave us all a **gift**.”

“When my **daughter** received her **wish**, it was like the cancer had to take a back seat to her **joy**. What a **blessing** New Hope for Kids has been to our **entire family!**”

Hannah's Wish



Hannah got her wish granted!



Designers and volunteers who've been working on the room while Hannah was in the hospital revealed the finished makeover to her. "They've just made me smile so much, probably more than I've smiled in a long time, because cancer brings you down but they lift you up," said Hannah.

After the big reveal, Hannah got to share her newly renovated space with her friends, some who she hasn't been able to visit with much since her cancer treatments started back up. "It was a joy I haven't had in a while, to show them all this room where I would usually be showing them my hospital room," said Hannah



"The smile, any chance you get to see your child smile is amazing when you're going through this journey. To watch her sit around with her friends in a room and be proud, and not think about cancer for a few minutes is a blessing." " said Elizabeth, Hannah's mother.

Aidan's Wish



Aidan's Fantastic Magical Adventure!

Aidan's wish was for the Disney Halloween Cruise. He was determined to meet "Jack" from the "Nightmare before Christmas".

His mom described the trip as nothing less than magical. "It was fantastic! Aidan had an amazing time," his mom wrote. During the cruise, Aidan got the royal treatment from the ship's crew. He played in the ship's Youth Activities spaces and spent time enjoying all the amenities on board.

The real magic happened when Aidan had a private meeting with Jack, Mickey Mouse and friends. With autograph book in hand, he got every Disney character's signature and plenty of hugs. Aidan is very proud that he could give his family such a memorable, once in a lifetime experience.



Volunteers

18,880.5 Total Hours

or **786.6** Days

or **25.8** Months

or **2.15** Years

Have been graciously volunteered
this year in 2018!

A special thank you goes out to all the volunteers that make this organization function. Your contributions plays a vital role in our efforts to aid those here at New Hope. This is not possible without your help, support, and hardwork.



We can't stop here, we need your help.

Hope, Healing and Renewal. These words describe the goal New Hope for Kids strives to meet for the families who look to us for help. With this mission in mind, we look to you for help. We cannot exist without our amazing family of over 200 volunteers.

The Central Florida community is our home, and it is a privilege to give of our time, energy and talents for those in need. Will you help?

Volunteer Opportunities

- Grief Facilitators
- Wish Granting
- Office Support
- Grief Center Assistance
- Special Family Events
- Fundraising Events
- Public Relations



A Special **Thank You** to our Sponsors!

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Corporations assist through direct donations, grants and sponsorships, employee gifts and gift matching, as well as fund raising projects.

Some corporations sponsor an entire event or participate in fund raising events through the purchase of corporate tables, auction items and/or by contributing inkind items or services.

They also help by supplying us with volunteers and by publishing articles about New Hope for Kids' programs in their company newsletters.



On behalf of

New Hope for Kids

we'd like to thank all of our sponsors for making 2018 a successful year!

Thank you for your support and participation. It goes a long way for the children and families in need. We also appreciate the sharing resources and with corresponding with compassion and understanding towards our Organization.

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