

DISCOVERING HOPE

New Hope for Kids
2022 Annual Report



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Letter from Dave

Post-pandemic. We longed to hear that phrase, but the truth is, the effects of this unique time in history have continued to feel heavy for families who were devastated by Covid-19.

New Hope for Kids remains committed to supporting children and their adults as they grieve the death of loved ones, whether from Covid-19 or another cause. In 2022 we supported 170 children and 110 adults through a combination of virtual and in-person grief support groups, providing an understanding community that allowed healing to take place.

Our Wishes for Kids program began to see a lifting of restrictions, and we were able to grant 20 wishes in 2022. After the darkness of the pandemic, their wishes brought welcomed light, smiles and special memories into the lives of 20 children and their families.

As always, our hope is built on the confidence that our community will help us remain strong for all who need us as we continue to provide support, guidance and hope to children and families affected by death and serious illnesses. Central Florida embraces our mission by supporting us financially, by donating services and materials, and by volunteering with us. These acts of generosity are what keep our services free, and keep the mission of New Hope for Kids thriving, even during difficult times.

Dave Joswick
Executive Director



About Us

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.

Funding comes primarily through charitable donations by individuals, corporations, foundations and community service organizations in Central Florida. No funding is received from government agencies. New Hope for Kids is a registered 501(c)(3) organization.

New Hope for Kids is governed by a volunteer board of directors from the Central Florida community. David C. Joswick, serves as the Executive Director. He is known in the Central Florida community as an advocate of children, focusing on the difficulties associated with grief and loss.



“Our 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.”



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.

Children who attend the Grief Support Program report feeling understood, supported and a decreased fear of death. 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 do at school or many times at home. 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.



Young Adult Program

An atmosphere of compassion and confidentiality allows young adults ages 19-25 to become empowered and equipped with tools that will help them journey through the grief process.

This safe virtual setting is designed to provide young adults with an environment where they will be supported by peers and given the opportunity to participate in conversations to help them heal and adjust to their new normal.

Journey to Hope offers a place to express feelings and concerns, to ask questions, and to learn ways to better manage the stress and sadness of grief alongside other young adults with similar experiences.



Testimonials

"It's taken two years for him to be able to talk about his feelings relating to his mother's death. Because of this place he can express his feelings, his grades are improving and our relationship has become very close."

—Grandmother now raising her grandson due to the death of his mother

"I want my children to be able to talk about losing their mother. I know they miss her and they tend to get angry instead of talking about it"

—New Hope father of four whose wife died

"I see myself as a great example of the miracles that New Hope for Kids can create for families who come there. They gave me the courage and hope that someday I would feel happy again and not feel stigmatized by society. They understood what it was like to have your whole life pulled out from under you when a loved one dies."

I see New Hope for Kids as a seed that was planted within my soul. From there I needed to nourish that seed, move forward in my life, become productive and purposeful. I thank God I found New Hope for Kids. I really can't imagine what my life would be like now if I didn't take the time to truly feel all the emotions that come with death. I was able to truly feel them, process them, understand them and then put them in the past."

— Former Board Member for New Hope for Kids whose husband died



Wishes for Kids

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 Wishes for Kids Program continues the legacy by providing wishes for children in the Central Florida area. We often serve children that other organizations are not able to serve.

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.



FOCUS 1

New Hope Wishes for Kids Program is not affiliated with a national organization, but is an independent, locally based charity that focuses on Central Florida children. Occasionally a wish is granted out of Central Florida, but 90% or more are granted right here. That means the money that is raised by Central Florida community members goes right back into our economy.

FOLLOW UP 2

Because most of our wish recipients live in the vicinity, Wishes for Kids is able to provide additional services and support beyond the wish itself. We call ourselves the New Hope 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 an illness. Families help each other while forming lasting relationships.

FLEXIBILITY 3

Wishes 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.

Noreen, 18 years old

Noreen wished for a Gaming Computer and accessories. The system is the latest in technology and offers a wide range of options. Noreen has Leukemia and treatment comes with isolation from school, friends, and normal activities. The computer will allow her to catch up with friends and provide hours of entertainment. Noreen said this about her experience.

"Thank you so much for this wish, I cried of happiness when I saw it light up."- Noreen



Dylan, 18 years old

Dylan struggles with Cerebral Palsy. His wish was to attend camp at Next Steps. Next Steps provides fun and safe therapeutic play for the clients they serve. Dylan's mom had this to say about his experience.

"We were very grateful. Your organization provided something to my son that affected his life in a way we wouldn't have been able to do ourselves. Thank you!"

7
types of wishes

20
wishes granted

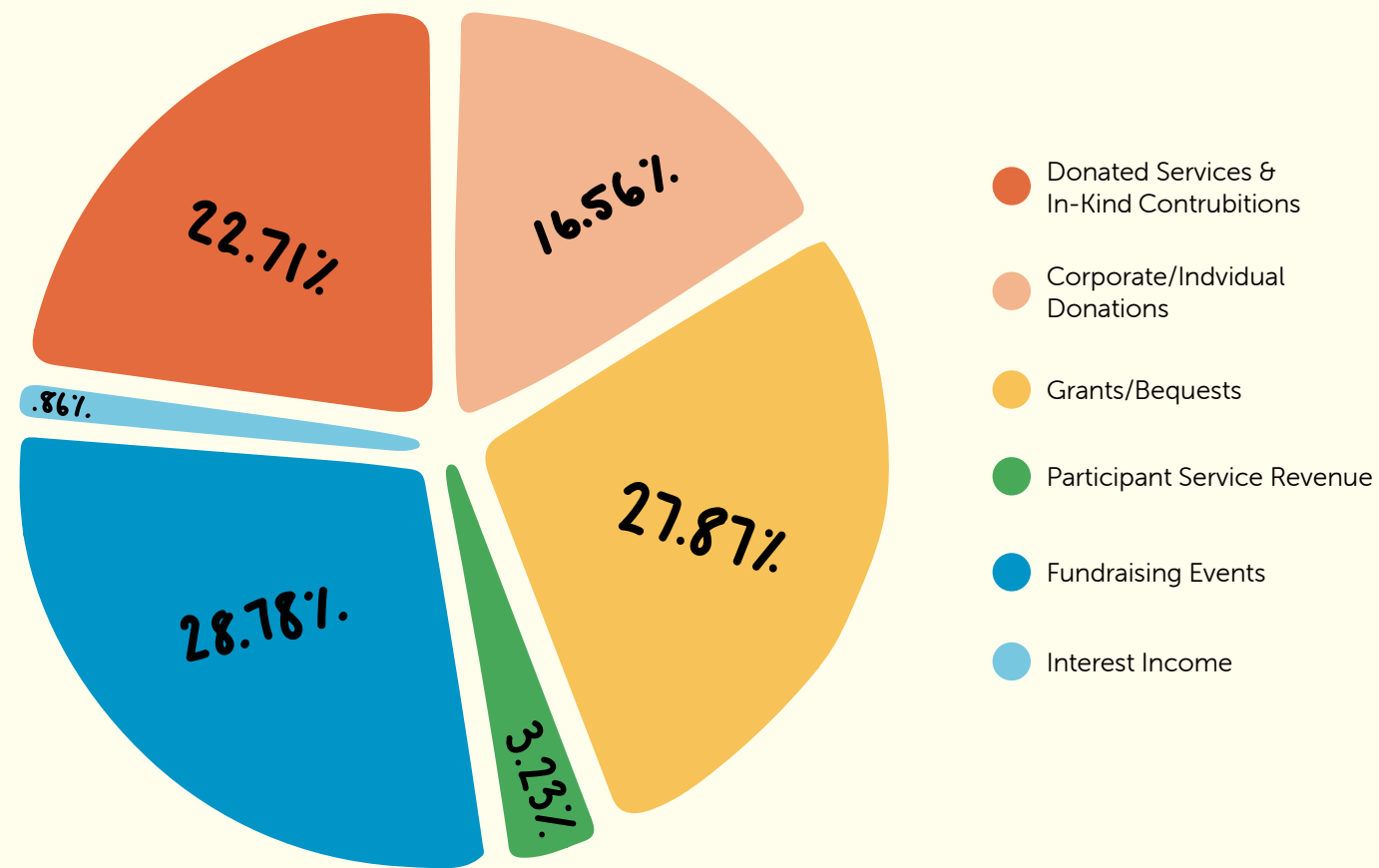
“Grief lasts a lifetime
and we will miss them
forever — But there is
HOPE.”

— Unknown



2022

Financial Summary



DIVERSITY EQUITY INCLUSION

The mission of New Hope for Kids 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.

We recognize that each person's life experiences are influenced by their personal identity and their interactions with others.

We understand the importance of maintaining knowledge of and sensitivity to the impact of race/ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, physical disability, and more on staff, volunteers, associates, and the children and families encompassed within our organization.

We embrace the differences of each person, as these differences make us better as a whole.

We acknowledge that Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion are required in order for the hope we offer to be accepted and integrated into the lives of those we encounter.

New Hope for Kids pledges to build a culture where diversity, equity, and inclusiveness is more than a statement. It is embedded in all aspects of our operations, programs, policies, and procedures.

We support an inclusive environment where ALL feel empowered to share their experiences and ideas.

Total Revenues
\$1,299,088

Total Expenses
\$1,228,984

Total Surplus
\$70,104



MILESTONES

New Hope for Kids' grief support sessions and activities served **170 kids and 110 adults** in-person and virtually in 2022.

New Hope for Kids' Wishes for Kids provided 20 wishes to Central Florida children with life-threatening illnesses and served 67 of their family members.

Children's special activities were offered as "drive through" live events and camps: Valentines Party, Hip Hop to the Bunny Shop, Zoom Camp, Trunk or Treat and Holly Jolly Holiday Party. **347 children and 269 adults were served through these events.**

New Hope for Kids held its annual toy drive in December and collected 3,438 toys and 450 stocking stuffers. 414 children in our grief and wish program received 7 gifts each, and we were able to fill the shelves of our Birthday Room for children attending our programs throughout the year.

We raised total revenues of **\$1,207,248** through grants, individual and corporate giving, fundraising events and service organizations in 2022. These funds supported our children's programs and contributed to our success.



Grief Program activities and family events were held in the New Hope for Kids Herris Peckett Family Garden of Hope which was opened the previous year. Children enjoyed basketball and other sports and participated in a series of gardening activities.

We held our premier event, Art of the Vine on October 21 at Fields BMW in Winter Park and raised more than **\$360,000** to support our programs.

The NACG Grief Symposium was held in Orlando and hosted by New Hope for Kids from June 29th to July 1st, offering an opportunity for national members to visit our facility and for our staff and volunteers to attend classes.



Art of the Vine

This unique event combines passions for amazing food and fine wine with art, music and great people. Art of the Vine included outstanding cuisine from a selection of the best upscale restaurants in the Orlando area, as well as an exceptional assortment of wines, cocktails and beers. Guests also enjoyed a cigar bar and bourbon tasting experience.

Children's Grief Awareness Day

Being understood is one of the most important parts of the healing process and this evening is a time for that kind of connection. Families spent important time together on a memorial walk around the lake and then lit candles while hearing words of understanding, comfort and encouragement from Tamari Miller, New Hope for Kids' Grief Program Director. Those who were unable to attend in person were able to join virtually through a Facebook Live broadcast.



Mascots Game Fun Run

We flipped the script this year and instead of fans cheering for Mascots at the Mascot Games, the Mascots cheered for runners on their 5K adventure! The Mascot Games Virtual 5K Fun Run was the chance for families, coworkers and neighbors to come together with a dual purpose – to support New Hope for Kids and to stay connected with the Mascots that they love.

Valentines Day

Stations for Valentine crafts, pizza, and yummy heart-shaped chocolate chip cookies were available for everyone to enjoy. Fun times playing Musical Chairs and Freeze Dancing brought laughter and smiles to those playing as well as to those watching.



EVENTS



LET'S CREATE SOME HOPE

DONATE

New Hope for Kids is funded through charitable donations by individuals, corporations, foundations and community service organizations throughout Central Florida. Visit newhopeforkids.org/donate/ to make a donation on our secure web server. You may also mail a check payable to New Hope for Kids: New Hope for Kids 544 Mayo Ave, Maitland, FL 32751

Another way to donate is to provide products or services to New Hope for Kids, such as printing, lawn care, house maintenance and repairs, etc. or from a list of our most frequently needed items.

For more information on other types of funding contact us at 407-331-3059 or email information@newhopeforkids.org

BECOME A VOLUNTEER

Over 300 volunteers and 40 grief facilitators currently help New Hope for Kids fulfill our mission to help Central Florida's children. We could not exist without our amazing family of volunteers who come from all walks of life. They donate valuable time, energy and talent in a myriad of ways that reflect their personal skills and gifts.

Our needs are greater than our supply of volunteers. We need your helping hands! For more information contact us at 407-331-3059 x15 or email volunteer@newhopeforkids.org

MAKE A WISH COME TRUE

Anyone can be a part of a New Hope for Kids wish through fund raising, donations or by sponsoring or hosting a wish. Visit newhopeforkids.org/wishes-kids/ or call Tezmon Oehler at 407-331-3059 x14.

SPONSOR A GRIEVING CHILD

It costs approximately \$1,000.00 for one child to participate in our grief program for one year. Many families who attend have more than one child in our program and are often in financial distress because of medical bills or loss of income. New Hope for Kids does not require any family to pay for services, although some make donations when they are able. You can help in the healing process by sponsoring a grieving child or family.

BECOME A GRIEF FACILITATOR

The children who attend the Center for Grieving Children are guided along the path of healing by trained facilitators. You can be a part of this journey by volunteering as a grief facilitator and experience the fulfillment of helping children find ways to cope with their grief and move towards hope, healing and happiness. Call 407-331-3059 x15 to find out about our training schedule.

REFER A FAMILY

Help New Hope for Kids spread the word! If you hear of a child who has experienced the death of someone close to them, or know of a child between the ages of 3 and 18 who might qualify for a wish, tell their parent or caregiver about New Hope for Kids. Let them know about our website, or share our phone numbers/information card with them.

22027
miles

302
volunteers

11896
hours



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