

About Hope For Children Foundation

Hope for Children Foundation is a non-profit organization that inspires hope across our community. Through advocacy and awareness, we're teaching children and their families how to live better lives. Teaching the life skills children need to lead happy, successful lives, Hope for Children Foundation offers financial support and guidance to those who need it most. Over the last 13 years Hope for Children Foundation has raised over 2 million dollars, every dollar donated has gone direct to those in need. Thanks to your help, HFCF has made a significant positive difference in thousands of lives in our community.

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It's All About the Kids

Thank you for donating to HFCF, which helps many families within our community. So far this year, we've seen children face some real challenges. With your kind support, Hope for Children Foundation has begun to pave a brighter path and future for many local children.

One of things we are focusing on in the upcoming weeks is sending underprivileged kids in our area to summer camp. However, we need your help in order to do it. The benefits of sending a child to summer camp is endless; here are 5 benefits that we feel are essential to positive growth:

A Nurturing Environment: Summer camp offers a nurturing environment away from distractions and in some cases, hostile situations that make both learning and growing difficult for a young child. Camp offers diverse opportunities and activities, which helps give a sense of accomplishment for these young kids.

Develop Life-Long Skills: Summer camp provides instruction, equipment and facilities for kids who may not have access to them otherwise. By fostering their athletic abilities and creative talents and encouraging them to adventure and be challenged—kids mature and grow. The variety of activities offered at summer camp makes it easy for kids to discover and develop what they like or don't like. Summer camp expands every child's abilities, no matter where he or she came from.



Gain Resiliency & Experience Success: At summer camp, kids learn that it is okay to fall, but that it is always important to get up and try again. The encouragement kids receive at camp makes it a great environment to endure obstacles, try new and perhaps frightening things and see that improvement comes from not giving up. The camp experience helps instill self-confidence and self-esteem in children who may not have the opportunity to cultivate it otherwise.

Learn Social Skills like Teamwork: At camp, kids are taught that everyone must respect one another and cooperate. For example, living in a cabin with others means that everyone shares chores, resolves disagreements and sees the importance of communication. Overall, summer camp builds skills like working as a team and creating friendships.

Move & Reconnect with Nature: Children often spend a lot of time indoors, sitting down or looking at some kind of screen. Camp provides them with the chance to move around—whether it is through running, swimming, hiking, or climbing. Outdoor play is believed to support healthy child development and an improved perception of the world. This could mean everything to someone who has only been exposed to both toxic environments and toxic people their whole lives.

Who We Helped

Your gifts allow us to make a positive difference in the lives of children in and around Monmouth County. HFCE gives as much as possible to other organizations and projects whose missions involve helping children. Here are a few organizations and people we've helped so far in 2016:



180 Turning Lives

HFCE has helped 180 Turning Lives, a private non-profit organization, that is dedicated to ending domestic and sexual violence in our communities. Many times women leave their homes quickly without even packing. All they take are their children and the clothes on their backs. This year HFCE has provided funds to assist 180 Turning Lives with running their shelter, childcare, schooling, clothing and everything else that is needed to help support these families to get back on their feet and build a new independent life.

Big Brothers Big Sisters

HFCE contributes to the BBBS of Monmouth County to enable a more effective match for both "bigs" and "littles". Through deep background and personality checks, mentoring relationships can start on a much more positive and productive note. This past year HFCE funded six and a half new relationships.



Bayshore Hospital

HFCF has donated funds for a project to create a new state of the art pediatric emergency room.

Demetra T.

HFCF has been financially helping Demetra T. so that she can continue to get the treatment she needs to stay well since her diagnosis of a Chondrosarcoma skull base tumor in 2015, which has been financially difficult for her family. Demetra is a courageous young woman with a loving spirit and she hopes to one day continue her education and become an engineer.

Middletown Township & the Crossroads Project

With a heroin and prescription drug epidemic plaguing our communities, HFCF has provided funds and hopes to raise more money for the Crossroads Project supporting their efforts to save lives of Middletown residents through substance abuse treatment of adolescents and adults. Drugs are affecting local families and children and as a community we feel that it is our responsibility to step in and put in end to the issue that is taking the lives of children in our area. The funds HFCF has provided has helped 36 drug-dependent individuals receive 576 hours of treatment.

Impact Oasis

HFCF contributes to OASIS TLC, an organization that promotes inclusion and acceptance of autistic individuals into local communities through meaningful work and healthy interactions. Your donations have gone towards a project to create a Geodesic Dome, a state-of-the-art eco-friendly greenhouse that offers indoor gardening while acting as a peaceful sanctuary.

Parking for Pete's Sake Foundation

HFCF has been the Gold Sponsor for our good friend and board member, Pete Smith's foundation and its annual PFPS bike event. Parking for Pete's Sake helps those battling cancer or seeking specialized treatment pay for their travels to receive care often outside of their communities.

Jersey Shore Hospital / K Hovnanian Children's hospital

HFCF has had a relationship with K Hovnanian Children's hospital for almost 10 years. We started helping the children's hospital by donating the infotainment systems and televisions in the pediatric inpatient unities. We have recently purchased new furniture and infotainment systems for the new expansion of the children's hospital. We have also donated high tech cribs to the newly renovated Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

A Local Family

Seven years ago, HFCF helped a local family during their 13 year old son's battle with cancer. Unfortunately, their son Matthew lost his fight to this horrible disease. In 2015, they participated in the KIDSAVE Summer Miracles Program. At that time the parents decided to adopt 14-year-old Duberney from Colombia who they met during this journey. In order to adopt Duberney the family have to pay a great deal. HFCF is helping them with this feat. To see the full story of Duberney go to katielozada.wordpress.com

Spotlight: Rose Terhune

For more than 15 years, Rose Terhune has been paying it forward by crocheting hats, blankets and other items for homeless people, charities and cancer patients. Known by many for one-of-a-kind hats, Rose calls herself the "Happy Hatter." Rose has dedicated much of her life to making a difference in the lives of other people, and she doesn't ask for a dime back.

"When I was only little, I was the only girl in my class with black shoes, everyone else had white. My mother couldn't afford to buy my siblings and I food, let alone new shoes," Rose said. Rose never forgot how it felt not having the same shoes as everyone else and today, she recalls all the people who helped her along the way. She stated, "This is my way of giving back. Although my 5 brothers and 4 sisters have all passed away from various cancers, I am still here and I feel that God gave me this talent to use my hands and help people."

One day while Rose was in her daughter's store in Red Bank, she met the founder of HFCF, Marybeth Walz. After talking for some time, Rose and Marybeth decided it would be great to help one another. "If it wasn't for my friend Marybeth," Rose said, "I would not be able to give back like I do. Marybeth gives me items like yarn, flowers and netting for the hats I crochet. I call her my angel."

Currently Rose is supporting the Hope for Children Foundation by making a personalized blanket for a young boy who has Down syndrome and leukemia. One hat alone takes Rose about 2 hours to complete from start to finish, but she does not mind and averages about 5 hats a day, 365 days a year. When Rose is not crocheting she spends time with her family, from her own children to her 3 grandsons and granddaughter who call her 'Grandma Rosy.'





Looking Forward in 2016

- Starting this month the Wine Academy Superstore of Hazlet will support HFCF by adding donation boxes by each register. Please support The Wine Academy and provide your change to continue to help children in our community. If you are interested in adding donation boxes in your business or supporting HFCF with fundraising assistance, please contact hfcfnj@gmail.com.
- Monmouth County Scholarships open doors for students from low-income families, by providing financial aid for those who need it most. For good students, economic disadvantages can be overcome with the help of low-income college scholarships. This year we have introduced the Robert Cunningham Annual HFCF Scholarship's to help our youth in Monmouth County.
- Coming September 2016, please join HFCF in supporting Parking for Pete's Sake Family Bike Ride.
- Coming November 2016, please support HFCF in partnering with Play2Win on their 16th annual Turkey Bowl tournament. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Kkane@hfcf.org.

Thank You for Your Help

HFCF relies on support to transform the lives of children in our community for the better and we are incredibly grateful for your donations. That being said there are many more children who need our help, support and guidance. By donating generously, we can continue to make a significant difference in the lives of these children.

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At the end of the day kids motivate us and we want to do more so they can reach their potential, improve their health and have brighter futures. By donating, you can help us save and change the lives of more children. We thank you for your continued partnership and we ask that you consider telling a friend about Hope for Children. Please share our website link www.hfcf.org, and make a gift today. We hope to send as many kids as possible to camp this summer!