

A Note from the President

Thanks to your generous donations and support in 2016, this has been another successful and inspiring year for Hope for Children Foundation. Your contributions and support have allowed us to help dozens of children and families within our community. HFCF continues to align with several local nonprofits, hospitals and school districts to broaden our reach to the countless children that are in need of support.

-- Eric Hinds, President



2016 Recap & Highlights

- Habitat for Humanity: Round 2
- Sent 11 kids to summer camp through Middletown Parks and Recreation
- Supported local family during their battle with T-cell lymphoma
- Received the Monmouth County Chamber of Commerce Community Service award
- Donated beds and provided homework tutors to local families
- Gold Sponsor of Parking for Pete's Sake
- Christmas toy drive with The Home Away from Home Academy, Wine Academy Superstores, ProFysio Physical Therapy, Runner's High and Infinite AV Solutions
- Awarded 5 Scholarships to local High School students for exemplary volunteer service to their communities

About HFCF

Hope for Children Foundation is a nonprofit 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 \$2.5 million. Each and every dollar raised has gone directly to those in need. Thanks to your help, HFCF has made a significant positive difference in thousands of lives in our community.

The House That Youth Built

Habitat for Humanity does an incredible job of engaging the youth in the local communities to take an active role in building homes to provide support and shelter for families. When additional funds were needed to see this project through, Hope for Children stepped in to match contributions needed to get the Nolan family a new home.

“With special thanks to you and the Hope for Children Foundation for supporting us in the OceanFirst Charity Challenge last spring and for helping Habitat for Humanity bring another family home for the holidays.”

Laura Lella-Smith
Director of Operations
Habitat for Humanity Monmouth County



A Blessed Holiday



With Dean Martin playing in the background, Anthony and his family decorate their Christmas tree preparing for a blessed holiday season. Two years ago this holiday season, while in the hospital for a minor car accident, Anthony's doctors discovered that he had a rare form of T Cell Lymphoma.

With advances in research and cancer treatment, a bone marrow transplant from his brother as well as the love and support from friends and family—including Hope for Children Foundation—Anthony is in remission. A true celebration for this family!

Summer Camp Fosters Development and Socialization

For many families, the summertime brings on added stress when children are out of school and exceptional care giving is still needed throughout the day. For this reason, Hope for Children Foundation took an active role in hand selecting 11 children to benefit from our summer camp program. With partners like Middletown Parks and Recreation, these children shined all summer accelerating in their development and making new friends along the way.



“ I wanted to thank you and everyone at the Hope for Children Foundation for the amazing and generous gift to my children of summer camp. I wasn't sure I would be able to make it happen for them but knew it was something that they needed.”

Lisa Kelly

Monmouth County Chamber Community Service Award

The volunteers that comprise Hope for Children Foundation are humbled and honored to have been the recipient of the Monmouth County Chamber of Commerce's prestigious Community Service Award. To be acknowledged in the Chamber's Circle of Excellence enhances our ability to share advocacy and awareness to help children and their families live better lives, today!



Homework and a Good Night's Rest

In our local community, situations arise and support is needed. A loving grandmother acting as the sole caregiver for her granddaughter battling lung cancer. When homework became an issue to complete, Hope for Children Foundation lined up volunteers to offer tutoring in their home.

In a nearby town, a single Mom with three children was in need of beds. Hope for Children donated mattresses and bed frames for this family—we all need a good night's rest! Sometimes it is the little things that can make the biggest difference.

Parking for Pete's Sake

In the event that a loved one has to start down the road of medical treatment, the number of appointments to medical facilities both near and far can be countless. This can become a significant undertaking in terms of time and finances when you add up things like gas, tolls and parking.

In honor of Pete Smith from Union Beach, his family started Parking for Pete's Sake and they assist with those travel expenses that often times add up and can put a strain on families caring for loved one seeking treatment. To date, with efforts like their Annual Family Friendly Bike Ride along Sandy Hook Beaches, they have raised funds to support over 60 families in the area.



Hope for Children Foundation year over year is a proud Gold Sponsor to this well respected organization and we wish them continued success in driving their cause.



Making the Holidays Special for All

Home Away from Home Academy in Aberdeen continues to be one of the biggest contributors to our Toy Drive. Their mission around education, confidence and attitude inspire their students and families to go above and beyond with supporting Hope for Children Foundation and our efforts to reach 70+ families this holiday season. Inspiring others, ProForm Physical Therapy of Aberdeen has modeled the program and their staff and patients are collecting gifts at their office to expand our efforts.



In addition to the Toy Drive, volunteers and financial donations are aligning to reach multiple families in the area to make their holiday season magical. Wine Academy has embraced gathering donations from their store locations in Hazlet and Marlboro and they continue to be huge contributors of our efforts to make a difference. Local small business shops like Runner's High in Freehold have jumped on board to reach their customers this time of year.

From gifts to home cooked meals to adopting families for the holidays, Hope for Children Foundation will help to alleviate the burden of obstacles like sickness, unemployment, addiction and other struggles. Even for a moment in time, with your help, we'll look to create new memories for these families.

A Look Back – A Look Ahead

At Hope for Children Foundation, we have a passion for looking inclusively throughout the community to align our efforts in a variety of ways to make lasting impacts. It may be connecting with an individual case or family that comes our way. We also realize that there are many established organizations that can benefit from additional funds and when a unique project or need is presented that matches the mission of HFCF, teaming up in terms of a joint force can yield an accelerated outcome.

It has been our pleasure in 2016 to support many throughout the community. Look for us in 2017 – coming your way with special events and programs.

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