

Hope For Tomorrow



2006
Annual Report

Message From The Executive Director



Welcome to the first online edition of FCC's annual report. By providing the 2006 Annual Report online, we can include more information in a more appealing format for virtually no cost to the foundation! This report will highlight the many strides our organization took in 2006 as we migrated through a major transformation. I equate it to the metamorphosis of a beautiful butterfly. I am so excited about the growth and changes that began in 2006, the year I took over as FCC's Executive Director. I hope as you read this annual report, your excitement grows as well.

Our major fundraising effort, Hats On Day, really grew in 2006. More than 500 schools representing all 50 states participated in this highly visible and meaningful way for young people to show support and gain awareness of childhood cancer. The efforts of 2006 pave the way for FCC to grow this part of our mission even more in future years!

We received a significant grant of \$15,000 in 2006 from American Legion Child Welfare Foundation Inc. These funds were used specifically to assist with our "Beaded Journey" awareness program.

Our board of directors welcomed several new faces as it too transformed itself into a team of defined and dedicated individuals committed to serving this organization with every skill and talent they possess.

Overall, the year 2006 will represent one of pivotal change for FCC. Change that has made this foundation stronger and better equipped to make real changes and provide meaningful financial assistance to families who have a child diagnosed with pediatric cancer. I invite you to join us in this amazing journey of hope for tomorrow.

Helping Children with Cancer Experience Life

Foundation for Children with Cancer (FCC) is a non-profit organization that focuses on providing support for children throughout their cancer treatment. FCC's goal is to allow these children to experience the amount of normality in their everyday life that they deserve.

An estimated 12,500 children in the United States will be diagnosed with cancer every year. One in every four of these children will not survive. For the others, there is still a chance, and FCC is here for them.

The Goals of FCC

Foundation for Children with Cancer (FCC) was created in 1998 to help support children and the families of children who have been diagnosed with cancer. Our goals include:

- Honoring the unique journey that children take when they are diagnosed with cancer
- Educating others about the impact of having a child diagnosed with cancer, and
- Celebrating the importance of family in the lives of children with cancer

Our Mission

The mission of Foundation for Children with Cancer is to ease the financial burdens that many families face while pursuing quality healthcare for a child who has cancer. By providing tangible and direct financial support, such as mortgage payments, insurance premiums and utility bills, families are given a greater opportunity to focus on their child's treatment and recovery.

2006 Audit Available Online

An exhaustive audit is now complete of FCC, our operations and programs. If you would like to review this audit, please log on to www.childrenwithcancer.org. The audit was undertaken at the request of the Board of Directors.

Year-End Audit Summary

Foundation for Children with Cancer (FCC) is committed to sharing our annual revenues and expenditures review as part of this annual report. For 2006, FCC retained the services of certified public accounting firm Croghan and Croghan to perform an independent audit analysis of the foundation's financial picture. 2006 was a year of transition, change, and restructuring. The highlights below, taken from the 2006 audit, show the financial picture of this transition.

Revenues and Support:	Unrestricted
Individual contributions	\$4,223,711
In-kind donations	\$ 1,000
Fundraising events, net of cost of direct benefit to donors \$ 107,777	\$ 75,420
Investment income	\$ 9,513
Other income	\$ 649
Total Revenues and Support	\$4,310,293
 Expenses:	
Program Services:	
Contributions to charity	\$ 30,700
Contributions to individuals	\$ 156,169
Other program expenses	\$ 232,987
Total Program Services	\$ 419,856
Supporting Services:	
Management, general and administrative	\$ 219,902
Fundraising	\$3,433,335
Total Expenses	\$4,073,093
Increase in Net Assets	\$ 237,200
Net Deficit, Beginning of Year	\$ (2,152)
Net Assets, End of Year	\$ 235,048

Program Areas

Hats On Days



Hats On Day was created to raise awareness among the peers of children with cancer about the sensitive issues of undergoing chemotherapy, illness, and missing school. Founded in 1994 in memory of Kevin Beffa, who lost his battle with cancer before seeing Hats On Day celebrated, this program continues its effort in his honor and has since grown to be a nationally celebrated fundraiser and awareness event.

Total Schools 517
Total funding Raised : 165,535.32

Top 20 Schools 2006:

Alexander School -- Palmetto Bay, Florida:	\$5,000.00
Findlay High School -- Findlay, Ohio:	\$3,912.66
Westfield Community School -- Algonquin, Illinois:	\$3,250.00
Spofford Pond School -- Boxford, Massachusetts:	\$2,383.50
Colonial Elementary School -- Pelham, New York:	\$2,304.63
Lafayette School -- Wayne, New Jersey:	\$2,295.00
Land O' Pines Elementary -- Howell, New Jersey:	\$2,284.55
Cantebury Christian -- Los Altos, California:	\$2,278.00
Stedman Primary -- Stedman, North Carolina:	\$2,200.00
Eastshore Elementary School -- Irving, California:	\$1,941.30
Our Lady of Mercy -- Hicksville, New York:	\$1,801.89
Bay High School -- Bay Village, Ohio:	\$1,750.00
J.W. Lilley Elementary -- Erial, New Jersey:	\$1,740.35
Franklin Elementary School -- Loomis, California:	\$1,570.00
Joseph M. Neal Elementary -- Las Vegas, Nevada:	\$1,527.50
Hoover-Wood School -- Batavia, Illinois:	\$1,526.00
Hollywood Christian School -- Hollywood, Florida:	\$1,500.00
Village View Elementary -- Huntington Beach, California:	\$1,489.70
St. Leo's School -- Elmwood Park, New Jersey:	\$1,464.61
PS 315 -- Brooklyn, New York:	\$1,440.00

Top 5 States 2006:

Illinois:	\$19,435
New Jersey:	\$18,611
California:	\$16,430
New York:	\$12,812
Michigan:	\$10,453

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541 Schools Participated Representing All 50 States In 2006:
Your Two Cents Make A Difference!

Did you know that more money is printed daily for the game of Monopoly than by the U.S. Treasury? If only some of that money could make a difference for Foundation for Children with Cancer. But guess what? You can make that happen just by buying your games, toys, books, CDs, and everyday items at iGive.com. At the Mall at www.iGive.com/joinLink, you get a free membership (no costs or obligations) to shop at 600+ stores and without even knowing it, you'll be helping FCC at the same time. So, instead of printing money, just find a little here and there by doing a little shopping, and up to 26% of every purchase you make will be donated directly to FCC!

2006 Gifts

Generous gifts to FCC represent the most important aspect of this organization: the connections we've made and continue to build upon with individuals and organizations across the country who have been touched first hand or by the many stories of hope that our organization has been blessed to be involved with. Over 100,000 individuals gave directly to FCC in 2006. Many thanks to these individuals for helping FCC to continue our mission, including the following special memorials.

In Memory of Brenda Grothaus:

Mike & Karen Bolte
Rebecca Bunselmeyer
Friends & Associates from Central Design
Bill & Ruth Ann Grothaus
Wayne Grothaus
Robert & Mary Limmer
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Mary Wommack
Ron & Sherri Zinselmeier

In Memory of Dr. Gardner Thomas:

Lana Webb

In Memory of George Eliadis:

Gabriel & Vivian Suchman

Generous Donation

A generous \$100,000 donation by the Herschend Family Foundation to FCC means even more families of children who have pediatric cancer will be helped with financial assistance. "We are thrilled to announce this substantial donation by the Herschend family to Foundation for Children with Cancer," stated Executive Director Renee Kirkiewicz. The donation will span the next 10 years and Kirkiewicz is hoping this long-term commitment will encourage others to consider the same type of charitable investment in FCC.

"Serving on the board has given me a first-hand glimpse at the challenges our families face," FCC Board Chairman Jacob Herschend said. "My family has a tradition of giving back to our community. To be able to extend that tradition and reach out to families all across the country is truly wonderful."

FCC currently is able to provide \$500 family grants and is hoping, with generosity such as shown by the Herschend Family Foundation, those grants can be increased to \$1,000 per family. "These families are no different than yours or mine except they have a child who is battling pediatric cancer," Kirkiewicz went on to say. "We all can relate to the monthly due dates for our mortgage, car payments, utilities and food. These costs don't stop when your child is diagnosed with cancer."

IN CLOSING: A Student's Reflections

Benjamin Sheldon is a 17-year-old from Princeton, New Jersey, who participated in Hats on Day in 2006. The event so touched Benjamin that he wrote a poem expressing his experience:

Hats on Day is the way to go
There's so much more that you don't know
It's happening to many, and many more
People for charity, just come knocking on
your door
Though you never thought of the power
of a buck
With just that, you just turned a little girl's luck
The kid with cancer need your care
We're just asking for you to share
Every dollar counts, for those in need
You're doing such a great deed
Support the children with cancer
Show you care, and give your answer
Going bald because of this
All they want, is just one kiss
Thank you for supporting the cause
I am giving you a big applause
You've touched the life of one little boy
You bought him something even better
than a toy

I love to see how many of you care
Because it's hard to see the kids without hair
I am now showing you my gratitude
Because of those kids, I think you've
changed their mood
They're becoming happier knowing you
care for them
It's now time to end this poem
Now I need to wrap this up
Hopefully you'll see these kids as grownups
Thank you for hearing what I had to share
Hopefully you'll find some money to spare
I am not asking for much
Just for you to give your touch
So that you can buy these kids a crutch
Just think of the cause when you
find extra change
You'll see a happy child in exchange
Thank you for your support
These kids are a dollar short.



**“Thanks for this
opportunity
to let our students
experience the
feelings of giving
and helping.”**

