



children's relief fund

Thank you for being a donor to the Children's Relief Fund in previous years. Due to COVID 19, after considering the safety of everyone involved, we are cancelling our "Straight From the Heart" fundraiser. As you know, this is the greatest source of revenue for the organization. We depend on donations from businesses and individuals to continue our important work in our community. If you can, please consider making a donation to help us get through this difficult year.

Children's Relief Fund (CRF) is a non-profit organization founded in 1991 by Rose and Frank Fotia. Their son, Gregory, had multiple disabilities and was the inspiration behind CRF. Our group consists of volunteers who raise money to help fund therapy, equipment, summer programs and other group activities for disabled children in the Hilton Head Island and Bluffton area. Working on a volunteer basis only, our Board members include an occupational therapist, speech and language pathologist, physical therapist assistant, social worker, doctor in human services and counseling psychology and local business people.

In February 2006, CRF was selected by the Hilton Head Island/Bluffton Chamber of Commerce as the 2005 Organization of the Year. This amazing honor is direct reflection of the incredible commitment on behalf of all our volunteers, Board and Fund Raising Committee to provide a hopeful future for the disabled children in the Hilton Head Island and Bluffton area.

On behalf of our local special needs children, Children's Relief Fund:

- Funds physical, occupational and speech therapy for children who do not have Medicaid or whose insurance does not cover these services.
- Purchases equipment for children who otherwise would not have enjoyed the opportunity to have a new wheelchair, feeding chair, bracing/orthotics or special educational equipment.
- Helps sponsor "Fish with Friends," a yearly outing organized by Captain Fuzzy and Kim Davis.
- Is a proud supporter of our local Special Olympians.
- Is one of the main financial sponsors for "Challenge Camp" and "Teen Camp." Summer inclusion programs for special needs children and teens at the Hilton Head Island Recreation center camp.
- Provides therapeutic horseback riding through "Heroes on Horseback."
- Sponsors transition programs in local middle and high schools.
- Provides funding for a movement and dance program for special needs children.

In addition to the above, CRF also awards the Gregory Fotia Memorial Scholarship and Dr. Robert Bokar Memorial Scholarship annually.

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Enclosed is a check for \$ _____

Please make checks payable to the Children's Relief Fund, or if you prefer, please visit our website at www.thechildrensrelieffund.org and click on "Donate" to make an online donation.

If you have any questions, please contact Rose Fotia at (843) 681-7668. Thank you for your support.