

IMPACT REPORT 2020

Wichita's Littlest Heroes is *PASSIONATE* about changing the landscape of what pediatric resources look like for generations to come.



6 YEARS
SERVING KIDS BATTLING
LIFE THREATENING
MEDICAL CONDITIONS
IN KANSAS!

OUR MISSION

Wichita's Littlest Heroes exists to provide hope, help, and happiness to families with children ages 0-18 in the Kansas area who are battling different life-threatening medical conditions. WLH strives to accomplish this by being a physical and emotional presence for the whole family. Through partnerships with other nonprofits, individuals, and businesses, we help fill the gaps. We provide education, resources, advocacy, celebration, and free, fun family activities. Because...

NO ONE FIGHTS ALONE!

When others have said "No", We seek to say **"YES"**!

AUGUST'S ADVENTURE

When having children, the dream is to bring a healthy baby into your family, but that is not always the way things work out. No one ever imagines having a child with a life-threatening medical condition.

Meet August. He was born July 27th, 2019, and after treatment of minor complications was able to go home shortly after birth.

During his first two weeks at home, August's older sister Wynnter and his parents Chrystal and Adrian formed an unbreakable bond with him. But soon after, the Williams family found themselves in an uncertain time, as August's health began to deteriorate. They found themselves back in the hospital with their little one, where August was diagnosed with Failure to Thrive and was admitted to the NICU.

His parents felt as if the doctors were under the impression they were neglecting little August, as they began monitoring everything from feedings to diaper changes, which was really scary. However, despite normal feedings and excellent care, August's health continued to decline. It took a month in the hospital for doctors to find answers. During that time, Chrystal said her and her husband "never felt so alone". Finally, there was a diagnosis: kidney disease in the posterior urethral valve.

"The first long stay broke me down, but I made it", said Chrystal. However, she and August's father were not the only one who felt broken down. When she came home empty handed during that time, August's sister Wynnter was directly impacted by the absence of her new little brother, always wondering where he was.

Throughout this new diagnosis period, their world was turned upside down. Family and friends, who were their support system, began to slowly back away. They were uncertain of how to help or what to say, as they had never experienced a child with special circumstances like August. However, during a stay at the hospital, Chrystal was referred to Wichita's Littlest Heroes by another mom in a similar situation. Support was exactly what this family was looking for, and with the Heroes organization, support is what they found.

Today, despite an undiagnosed stage of renal failure and a bladder the size of an 8-year-old, August is stable. He and big sister Wynnter are still connected at the hip and they spend their days playing hard. Wynnter does not see August as being sick or different and therefore does not give him a pass for having a medical condition. He's simply her little brother!



LOVE GIVES THE COURAGE TO TRANSFORM PAIN INTO POWER!



WHAT OUR PARENTS ARE SAYING....



“There are times, more than not that I just sit in my room and break down and cry because I am so overwhelmed. Things have been so rough and it seems that every time that they get tough Wichita's Littlest Heroes are there to save my family. At times, you are our only extended family and we couldn't make it without the love and support of people with compassion like you.” - Hero parent



“By getting Wichita's Littlest Heroes financial assistance for our family meant our electricity staying on, food in my kid's belly, natural gas to heat the house and to cook our food. It meant a little less stress in my world.” - Hero parent



“Wichita's Littlest Heroes paid for my son's heart medicine for four months when I couldn't afford it, they ALWAYS tell me to reach out when I need help. They give me a sense of security and backing that I can only describe as that of family. I'm continually grateful to them!”
- Hero parent

YOU MADE A DIFFERENCE

COVID- 19 HIT OUR WLH COMMUNITY HARD,
Thank you EPIC Church for your contribution!
EPIC gathered and delivered...



**OUR PARTNERS
ARE MAKING AN
IMPACT!**



KAMAN
Composite Structures



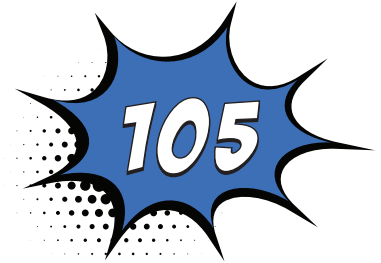
Center of Hope



Handmade Masks Were
Donated and Distributed



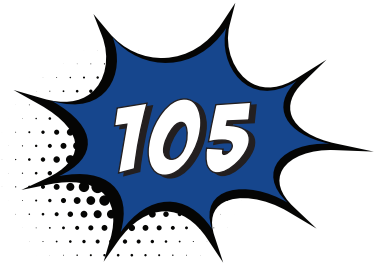
Emergency Supply Deliveries
(diapers, toilet paper, cleaning
supplies)



Easter Baskets
Deliveries



Back-to-School
Supplies and
Foldable Desks



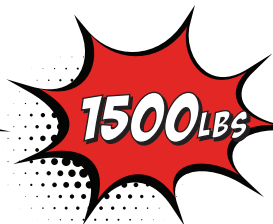
Mothers Day
Gift Baskets
(with 20lbs of groceries and meat)



GROCERIES



Cases of Dairy
Center of Hope



Produce Donated
Center of Hope



Food Donated
Center of Hope



Canned Goods
Kaman Composites



Cases of Diapers
Kaman Diaper Drive

“Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.”

– E. Andrew, Hero parent

YOU PROVIDED IMPACT

WLH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

\$40,000

January 2020 - December 2020

★ 171 ASSISTANCE REQUESTS GRANTED

- ★ 75 GENERAL NEEDS OR UTILITIES TAKEN CARE OF
- ★ 47 MEDICALLY NECESSARY TRIPS
- ★ 24 DIRECT MEDICAL CAUSED NEEDS FILLED
- ★ 25 REQUESTS DIRECTLY TIED TO COVID-19

IN-KIND DONATIONS

\$71,600

January 2020 - December 2020

PARTNERSHIP SPOTLIGHT

**COVENANT
HOUSING**

**BEACH
FAMILY
Foundation**

Thank you for making the Family Financial Assistance Program possible!



OUR HERO PROGRAMS

IN 2020, HERE IS WHAT YOU BROUGHT IN AND WHAT YOU MADE POSSIBLE!

Wichita's Littlest Heroes provides over 15 free assistive programs with resources designed for our Heroes and their siblings and parents, with their specialised needs in mind. While we were not able to offer many of our free fun events this year, we got creative with our non-profit model and created new programs with the changing needs of our families. Heartbreak came with phone calls our office was receiving as we saw an increase in depression and suicide attempts. We put a big focus on mental health as depression and suicide statistics increased. Small groups for parents and teens were created to combat the growing stress 2020 was putting on everyone.



85 women involved in secret sister gift exchange



12 Men's group Meetings



15 Women's group meetings

HERO HOPE BAGS

\$1,010 - 250 Hero Hope bags delivered

CHRISTMAS ASSISTANCE

70 families adopted

\$10,000 in donations to make a Christmas Drive-Thru for 108 families happen

PRICELESS 135 volunteers helped

ZOO/MUSEUM MEMBERSHIP

\$40,546 worth of zoo/museum visits

1791 individuals

314 families were able to visit

BEADS OF COURAGE

\$505 - 47 bead prescriptions filled

MEDICAL LOAN CLOSET

\$3,000 in NEW medical equipment donated

\$2,000 worth of diapers donated

\$8,000 worth of specialized formula donated

TECHNOLOGY CLOSET

\$1000 - 10 tablets purchased for homeschooling \$1000

TEEN TITANS

\$406 - 8 teen outings

"Your donations mean that I'm not stressed and crying trying to figure out how I'm going to get the things my Hero and family needs. Your help means I can focus more of my energy on my amazing kids. Spending time with my Hero without a thousand added thoughts is a relief, and we are forever grateful to you for the help you give Wichita's Littlest Heroes." -Hero parent

OVER **1439**
HOURS
VOLUNTEERED!

OUR

VOLUNTEERS

BRING THE IMPACT!

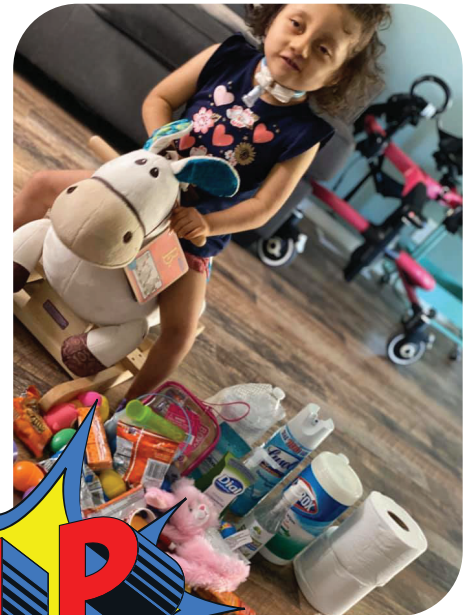
Regular Volunteers: 831.29 hours

Board Volunteers: 608.50 hours



VOLUNTEER PARTNERS

- ★ CENTRAL COMMUNITY CHURCH
- ★ CREDIT UNION OF AMERICA
- ★ DERBY KIWANIS CLUB
- ★ EPIC CHURCH
- ★ KAMAN COMPOSITES
- ★ LIFE CHURCH WEST
- ★ PRAIRIE PILOT CLUB OF WICHITA
- ★ TOYS FOR TOTS
- ★ WICHITA WAGONMASTER



PROVIDING
**HELP
HOPE
HAPPINESS**

“Volunteers don’t get paid, not because they’re worthless, but because they’re priceless.” – S. Anderson, Hero parent

WAYS YOU CAN GIVE!

MONTHLY DONOR: Become a monthly giver and Make Help Happen on an ongoing basis. As a monthly donor, you'll receive special updates about the life-changing programs your gift helps support, as well as invitations to exclusive donor events, and an end-of-year giving summary.



LEGACY GIVING: A unique and memorable way to contribute in honor of someone special. Celebrate the memory of a loved one, mark an important occasion or achievement or give a unique holiday or birthday gift. Your thoughtful gesture will be greatly appreciated and a legacy that will forever live in the hearts of local children. There would be no greater honor for our organization than to be chosen for your loved one's memorial.

COMPANY MATCHING:

Double your donation through company matching! There are a lot of company's who will match your donation.



BIRTHDAY FUNDRAISER: Creating a birthday fundraiser is a popular way to give back to a cause or charity you care about on your special day. It works by choosing a charity organization or cause you'd like to raise money for, then asking friends and family members to forgo birthday gifts and donate to your fundraiser for charity instead.

VOLUNTEERING: Volunteers are the backbone of our organization and what makes the mission of Wichita's Littlest Heroes possible. You can make an impact in our Heroes lives by giving your time or talent for a special event, fundraising, advocating or helping in the office during the week.

Visit wichitalittlestheroes.com/get-involved to get involved today!



YOUR DONATIONS BRING THE **IMPACT!**



WICHITA'S LITTLEST HEROES TOP DONORS & PARTNERS

Donated over \$1,000

501st Legion

AgVantis Inc

Ark Valley Orthotics and
Prosthetics

Beach Family
Foundation

Casey & Phillip Butler

Central Kansas
Community Foundation

Credit Union of America

Covenant Housing

Cox Charities

Dan & Susan Wilson

Grumpy Old Men

James Snodgrass

Kaman Composites

Kansas Leadership Center

Kansas Medical Center

Kansas Volunteer
Commission

Keith Hartman

Kroger Brand

Life Church

Macy Graves

Network For Good

Northrock Hospital for
Animals

Sedgwick County

Serenity Hospice Care

Snodgrass & Sons
Construction

Textron Aviation LEAD

The Wallace Foundation

Toys for Tots

Wichita Community
Foundation

Wichita Causeplay

Wichita Manufacturers
Association

Wichita Urology

THANK YOU!

"Thank you so much for your love and compassion throughout the year and the love that is given to Francisco and our family. From care packages for our family, outing passes, the family pumpkin patch in the fall and mom's nights outs, and a memorable Christmas! Thank you to all the hands that provided and helped make our family much stronger this year!" - Alma, Hero parent





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DONATIONS & SPONSORSHIPS

THANK YOU for your support to the families of Wichitas Littlest Heroes, your partnership is creating healing and smiles. The impact of your donations will help provide hope, relieve family stress, provide financial assistance, introduce life long friendships and give healing to a Hero battling a life threatening medical condition. Thank you so much for your interest and your financial support.

\$25 – Provides 1 New Hero Welcome Packet

\$50 – Provides Hero Hospital Bags

\$75 – Provides Dinner for a Dad Support Group

\$100 – Provides Beads of Courage Art Therapy for 2 Kids for a Year

\$150 – Provides 10 Handmade Hero Capes

\$300 – Provides a Zoo Membership Used by Families for Lasting Memories

\$500 – Provides 1 Year of Family Financial Assistance Needs

\$1,000 – Sponsors a Large Event (Luau, Trunk-or-Treat, etc.)

\$5,000 – Sponsor the Entire WLH Christmas Event



For more information on how you can support

Wichita's Littlest Heroes visit WichitasLittlestHeroes.com or call 316.364.3354

"Even if you just change one life, you've changed the world forever."

– Mike Satterfield