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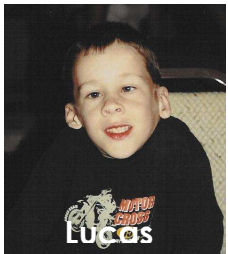
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2006 Annual Report

Building Blocks For Kids



*Building hope for children
with health-related needs*

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Building Blocks For Kids

Dear Friends of Building Blocks for Kids (BBK),

Wow, 2006 watched Building Blocks grow by leaps and bounds! With your support, we doubled the number of children we assisted last year by giving family support, financial resources and hope to more than 45 individual children. In addition, we continued to provide support for children and families that we have helped in past years.

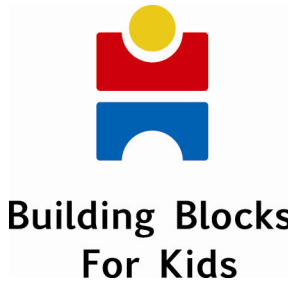
For those of you who have been around and watched us grow, you will notice a slight change to the name of the organization. We are no longer doing business as Building Blocks Foundation and have changed the name to Building Blocks for Kids. This change was made to reflect the depth of what we do and how we help families in need. The word "Foundation" gave the impression that BBK *only* provided financial support to our families when, in fact, we also assist by helping them locate other resources, by providing emotional support, and even by helping some of our families during the holidays with our Adopt-A-Family outreach in December.

We have touched the lives of more than 75 children to date. In 2007, in an effort to meet the needs of those we serve, several new programs will be launched. The needs being met through most of these programs are ones with which BBK has always assisted. However, by breaking them down into separate programs or categories, our families and those trying to help them will have a better understanding of the full range of help BBK can provide. On the next page you will find a more descriptive list of the programs and their corresponding needs.

Continued volunteer hours, donations, and financial support will help Building Blocks for Kids increase our capacity to serve those in need throughout our community and beyond. We are excited about our growth and we look forward to an even more enriching year in 2007.

Dyanette Clark
Executive Director

Jerry Lewis
President of Board



Our Mission

To serve families with children who have health related needs by offering a path to hope and resources.

Our Core Values

- To strive for honesty, integrity, and personal commitment to our families.
- To develop dynamic personal relationships to serve each individual child's needs.
- To encompass passionate persistence in everything we do.

**One picture can not tell the story
of the more than 75 lives touched
by Building Blocks for Kids...**



**...because behind each adorable smile is a story about
the struggles and trials each child faces on a daily basis
as well as a story about love, sacrifice and hope.**



**BBK is honored to be a part of each of their lives and
to have the chance to help improve the quality of life
for each and every one of them and their families.**

BBK Programs

Building Blocks for Kids (BBK) serves families who have a child with health-related needs by providing a path to hope and resources. We are striving to improve the well-being and quality of life for children whose parents cannot financially meet a particular medical need due to lack of insurance, insurance coverage, and/or family resources.

Improving the quality of life through the following programs:

Therapy for Kids ~ Allows for children to receive needed therapy.

- ✓ Occupational Therapy (OT)
- ✓ Physical Therapy (PT)
- ✓ Speech Therapy
- ✓ Aqua Therapy
- ✓ Specialized Intensive Therapy

Building for Kids ~ Modifications to a child's home environment.

- ✓ Wheelchair ramps
- ✓ Expanded doorways
- ✓ Bathroom modifications
- ✓ Bedroom modifications

Hearing & Communication for Kids ~ Devices that help a child interact with the world.

- ✓ Hearing aids
- ✓ FM hearing systems
- ✓ Communication devices
- ✓ TTY machines

Medical Equipment for Kids ~ Equipment/supplies needed to sustain or improve the quality of life for a child.

- ✓ Wheelchairs
- ✓ Walkers
- ✓ Prosthetics
- ✓ Special beds
- ✓ Medical machines (Pulse oximeter, nebulizer, Tenz unit, etc.)
- ✓ Medical supplies (medication, special formula, etc.)

Mobility for Kids ~ Transportation needs.

- ✓ Van lifts
- ✓ Wheelchair tie downs
- ✓ Vehicles

Caring for Kids ~ Needs that improve the quality of life for children.

- ✓ Security systems or devices
- ✓ Nursing care
- ✓ Adaptive stroller
- ✓ Adaptive clothing
- ✓ Displacement expenses

* This list provides examples and is not inclusive.

2006 Caseload

Name	Request	Cost	Application received	Status	Money needed	Money spent	In-kind	Adopt-A-Family
<u>FINDING APPROVAL AND/OR FUNDS</u>								
Lucas Linda & Nicholas	Car needed for travel to CCRMC - Lucas will be living there		on file	working on in-kind donation				X
Isaac	Bed for 3 story home	\$20,000+	9/19/2006	working on app - I am looking to collaborate on this one				
Isaac	Lincoln w/BEFA Bthr		9/18/2006	working on in-kind donation				X
Melora	Therapy Room	\$ 2,200	10/1/2006	Application submitted to MBE/WDD 11/04				
Lonnie	Eyeglasses	\$ 140	10/31/2006	Applicant is 22 year old - looking for alternatives				
Emmalee	Tony walker, portable reubiler, ramp		12/7/2006	In progress				X
<u>WAITING FOR APPLICATION - HAVE TALKED/WORDED WITH FAMILY</u>								
Levi	Privacy Fence	\$ 9,000	2006	working on finding funds				X
Rachael	Replace tub w/toilet in shower	\$ 3,500	not yet applied	waiting for application and further information				
Christyan	unure - insurance issue w/urgent		not yet applied	waiting for application and further information				
Rene	Debt reduction & speech software		not yet applied	directed to debt reduction resources & waiting for application				
Chris	Medication Assistance	90/month	4/10/2006	Family did not follow up				
Alysa	Home Modifications		not yet applied	showers, handrails, etc.				
Kelley	FM Hearing System		not yet applied	waiting for application and further information				
<u>APPROVED AND FUNDED</u>								
CCRMC	B hearing aids	\$ 2,800	3/15/2006	approved 4 of them for \$1400		\$ 1,400		
Sarah	Nursing	\$ 2,400	2/1/2006	approved \$2400 in nursing care		\$ 700		
	Medical Supplies/displacement costs	\$ 750	2/1/2006	Approved hotel displacement costs and some medical goods		\$ 518		
Corey	Medication Assistance	\$ 300	3/1/2006	approved \$300 (\$100/month for 3 months)		\$ 565		
Lindsay	Bath Chair and Stand	\$ 700	2/15/2006	approved \$700 for bath chair and stand		\$ 714		
Angela	Bene Protein Powder	\$ 75	3/03/2006	approved \$75 for Bene Protein Powder		\$ 66		
Heaven	Van Taxi	\$ 250		approved \$250 to put new tires on donated van		\$ 211		
Christopher	Adopted Clothing	\$ 140	3/01/2006	Approved		\$ 103		
	Therapeutic Listening Equipment	\$ 490	3/01/2006	Approved		\$ 357		
Hiri	Wheelchair ramp	\$ 2,500	4/1/2006	Approved \$2500 - pay 1/2 of start, 1/2 of finish		\$ 2,920		
Mat	Conference Costs, hotel, gas, food	\$ 3,000	4/10/2006	Approved \$1400 for and hotel and gas (conf. costs granted elsewhere)		\$ 788		
Sydney	Help w/expanding bathroom	\$ 3,000	4/20/2006	Approved \$3000 & got mixer donated for project		\$ 3,000		
William	Support Living Staff Person	\$ 300	4/18/2006	Approved \$200		\$ 300		
Chase	Displacement Costs for Johns Hopkins	\$ 1,100	4/24/2006	Approved hotel, gas, and clinic costs - only needed clinic cost		\$ 536		X
Sybil	Wheelchair Ramp	\$ 1,400	4/25/2006	Approved		\$ 1,400		
Stephanie	Ceiling Lift	\$ 4,090	10/18/2005	Approved		\$ 3,589		
Colton	Ceiling Lift	\$ 3,040	3/25/2006	Approved then waiver approved				
	Nursing	\$ 300		Approved interim nursing care		\$ 340		
Olivia	Omnivox Communication Device	\$ 7,000	3/01/2006	Application submitted to MBE/WDD 5/06 - they granted			\$ 5,000	
Caroline	Adaptive Bicycle	\$ 3,400	5/22/2006	Application submitted to MBE/WDD 7/06 - they granted			\$ 3,400	X
Conner	Special A/B & Special Shoes	\$ 200	9/9/2006	Approved large card for milk \$100, Slide Ride GC for \$100		\$ 250		
Sally	balance of payment for leg braces	\$ 200	10/17/2006	Approved		\$ 200		
Alex	Handicap commode	\$ 300	10/1/2006	Approved - Lowert donated \$100 towards purchase		\$ 56	\$ 100	
Roy	Wheelchair Lift and tie-down system	\$ 1,100	10/17/2006	Approved		\$ 1,150		
Vincent Emma & Nicholas	Portable Wheelchair Ramp	\$ 1,500	10/27/2006	Approved		\$ 340		X
Alicia	Displacement Costs for EuroFed		11/1/2006	Approved \$1300 hotel, \$200 Major GC, \$100 Speedway GC		\$ 1,800		X
Ambler	Concrete for drive/wheelchair ramp/shower chair		9/20/2006	Drywall & supplies donated by Lowert. Concrete donated by IM Concrete			\$ 1,500	
Aiden	OT, PT, Speech	\$ 3,500	10/1/2006	Approved for 7 weeks		\$ 3,500		
Heather	Renal Care Unit	\$ 350	11/4/2006	Approved		\$ 45		
Sadie	Water Therapy		on file	approved \$800 for move and electrical work for tpo (donated)	\$ 800		\$ 3,500	
<u>GRANDFATHER SUPPORT GROUP</u>								
Raymond	Assistance w/Coolair Implant \$5		not yet applied	insurance came through				
Christopher	Cranial Helmet	\$ 300	4/24/2006	Decided to Children's Craniofacial Fdn. - They funded.			\$ 300	
Jamar	Assistance with debt reduction	\$ 5,300		Received letter for help - directed to Financial Advocate				
Lyla	Assistance with debt reduction	\$ 3,000	4/3/2006	Decided to appropriate resources and debt was reduced to \$400			\$ 2,400	
Lyla	Needed temporary wheelchair		no app.	connected w/Second Home and she got wheelchair following day				
Frankie	Needed cranial helmet	\$ 2,500	5/20/2006	In contacting w/GCF discovered that insurance overturned denial and covered helmet.			\$ 2,500	
Loyal & Syam	Needs crib, clothes, etc.		no app.	many items were donated on behalf of SSP			\$ 650	X
Seif	Speech Therapy		no app. - email	Connected family with Health Advocate - reinstated insur.				
Djiah	Insurance Problems		no app. - email	Per request from Marla's house - connected w/Health Advocate				
Jack	Additional therapy needed - also a stander & formula		no app.	insurance came through on therapy & Second Home had stander				
Adam	Copayment for cranial helmet	\$ 300	6/31/2006	Decided to Children's Craniofacial Fdn. - They funded.			\$ 300	X
Anthony	Developmental toys for stimulation & motor growth	\$ 175	12/3/2006	Toys donated through the Adopt-A-Family program			\$ 175	X
Roxan	Respite Care		10/25/2006	Needed it immediately. Family participated in Adopt-A-Family				X
Totals		\$ 76,830			\$ 600	\$ 28,746	\$ 20,125	13

*13 families participated in the Adopt-A-Family program. Three of those families were from previous years.

Our History

In 2002, a local family was in search of funding for a procedure which they hoped would improve the quality of life for their daughter. A friend of the family learned of their hope and became determined to help them reach their financial goal in order to give their precious little girl a chance at a better life. Dynette Clark, friend of the family and future co-founder of Building Blocks Foundation began working on a fundraising event which would come to raise about half of the needed funds. After the event, many guests to the fundraiser expressed interest in helping with another one and/or shared that they had so much fun, they would bring more friends if another event were planned. And so the story begins....

In the process of planning a second event to raise the remaining funds, Clark shared with those helping with the event that she dreamed of eventually starting a non-profit to help children in some way. The group of four women ~ Dynette Clark, Suzy Hummel, Liesl Roeder, and Bridget Hallam ~ came to the conclusion that with the success of the first event and the planning of the second underway, the timing was right to bring the dream to reality and all four wanted to go along for the ride.

Building Blocks Foundation became a 501(c)(3) organization in January 2003 during the planning of the second event. That event, with matching funds from the We Deliver Dreams Foundation, not only raised enough money to send the child who inspired it all for her treatment, but also gave the organization funds to begin filling a need in the Greater Cincinnati area and beyond.

2003 ~ BBF helped its inspiration child receive special therapy in the hopes of improving her quality of life.

2004 ~ Seven children were assisted with needs such as a wheelchair ramp, a prosthetic ear, intensive therapy for a traumatic brain injury, a safety device, a communication device, speech therapy, a stair lift, and displacement costs for a child who needs a lung and heart transplant and needed to go to a more specialized Children's Hospital.

2005 ~ Twenty one individual children were assisted by BBF in a variety of ways including 2 wheelchair ramps, a TTY machine for a child who is deaf, a security system for a child who would quietly escape the house, and 2 FM Hearing Systems. In addition, we were able to locate other resources for families we helped including airline tickets for one child to see a specialist in Texas and another to receive treatment in Texas, an orthodontist who donated orthodontia for a child who needed dental assistance, a car for a family with no transportation, and computers with educational software to help two of our children.

2006 ~ Referrals to other organizations, obtaining donations for materials and/or services, as well as giving financial support for needs such as special beds, therapy sessions, ceiling lifts, wheelchair ramps, nursing support, and displacement costs, allowed us to improve the quality of life for more than 50 children.

Our Leadership

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* Denotes co-founder of the organization.

** Denotes non-voting member of the Board of Trustees.

2006 Financial Summary

Beginning Balance \$ 32,252

INCOME

Individual donations/Annual Campaign \$ 19,022

Business Donations/Sponsorships \$ 23,576

In-Kind Donations \$ 20,125

Fundraisers \$ 16,023

Foundation - Grants \$ 20,000

Investment/Other \$ 283

Total Income \$ 99,029

EXPENSES

Caring for Kids* \$ 59,826

Personnel and Operations \$ 19,052

Upgrade Web Site \$ 5,598

Fundraising Expenses \$ 20,244

Total Expenses \$ 104,720

Carryover / Deficit \$ (5,690)

Ending Balance \$ 26,562

* Note: Includes in-kind donations and direct program expenses

2006 Sponsors

Annual Benefit Sponsors

- Kids R Kids ~ Mason
- Kids R Kids ~ Union Center
- Taft, Stettinius, & Hollister LLP
- Top Gun Sales Performance System
- Schlosser Financial Planning, LLC
- Creative Department
- Great Day Productions
- UPS Store ~ Mason-Montgomery

World Record Bowling Sponsors

- Thoma & Sutton
- Sara Lee Corporation

Rockin' for Kids Concert Sponsors

- People's Community Bank
- LaRosa's Inc.
- Ellis Eye Productions

Independent Event Sponsors/Hosts

- Kids R Kids in Mason ~ Bake Sale
- Kids R Kids at Union Center ~ Bake Sale
- Flip & Fly Gymnastics ~ Neighborhood Gymnastics Camp

BBF Kid Sponsors

- Mail Boxes Etc. We Deliver Dreams Foundation (MBE/WDDF)
The following UPS Stores sponsored a child to MBE/WDDF
 - UPS Store ~ Mason-Montgomery ~ Owner, Renee Vieth
 - UPS Store ~ Montgomery ~ Owners, Todd & Kathy Saberton
- Dr. Logeman ~ Orthodontist
- Lowe's Home Improvement
- IMI Concrete
- The Leslie Spencer Family

Adopt-A-Family Sponsor

- Walmart ~ Eastgate

Matching Funds

- Sara Lee Corporation
- GE Foundation

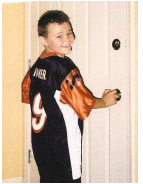
Grants

- Greater Cincinnati Foundation (GCF) ~ Building Blocks for Kids received a \$20,000 grant from GCF to fund technology upgrades and staff hours to implement the Building for Kids program.
- Anonymous Donors/Foundations ~ Building Blocks also received a several anonymous donations from both individuals and private foundations/trusts.
- UGS/GCCAC ~ One of our volunteers applied for this grant from her employer and we were chosen to receive it for the second year in a row.

2007 Priorities



Provide help to 100 Kids



Start the *Building for Kids* program



Start the *Therapy for Kids* program with Leap Beyond Therapy



Add three new board members



Conduct four fundraising events



Add two new annual sponsors