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2018 Year End Report

In 2018, Hope for Kids partnered with Geauga County Job and Family Services, JFS-Special Services, Geauga Family First Council, Ravenwood Health and assisted with the funding of a special project at the Chagrin Falls Park Community Center.

Hope for Kids funding of **\$45,425** dollars assisted the following agencies to better serve the children in our community:

Geauga County Job and Family Services: \$15,000 helped over 30 Children and 5 families with expenses such as the cost of specialized orthodontic treatment, Phonics tutoring programs for a child struggling to learn to read, auto insurance for a grandmother who has custody of three of her grandsons, a family's electric bill and more.

JFS-Special Services: \$11,000 in funding assistance contributed to Help Me Learn Day, which provided 470 children with backpacks, school supplies, clothing and haircuts. Also, nearly 30% of the camp fees for 120 kids in Geauga County were paid for by these Hope for Kids funds.

Family First Council: \$10,000 provided consistent on-going activities for 35 children who are identified with low self-esteem. The activities and services such as equine assisted learning, dance lessons, ski club, cooking lessons, and computer coding camp for these multi-need's children helped them to build confidence, increase their independence and improve their interaction with peers.

Ravenwood Health: \$5,500 funded a respite night program for children or youth who are connected in some way to Geauga County Mental Health or social service agencies. Respite care can provide temporary relief for caregivers, improve family stability and reduce risks.

Chagrin Falls Park Community Center: \$3,925 was used to purchase and install carpeting in the newly renovated library which will benefit all the children and families who utilize the community center.



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Only 250 tickets will be sold, check out <http://hopeforkidsgeauga.org/> for detailed information

Consider making a donation to Hope for Kids

More About Hope for Kids Partner Agencies

Geauga County Job and Family Services

Child Protective Services is responsible for investigating every allegation of abuse neglect and dependency, they must make reasonable efforts to prevent the removal of children from their homes, accept custody of children from courts with juvenile jurisdiction, provide temporary emergency shelter when necessary, find family foster homes for children, implement a system for assessing risk to children and administer federal adoption assistance funds.

This agency has many state and federal regulations for serving their identified population. Their financial resources are earmarked for mandated services. Therefore, they do not have extra or flexible funds to meet the variety of needs that Hope for Kids funding provides.

Job and Family Services-Special Services

Provides coordination services for the Summer Camp and Enrichment Program, Help Me Learn Day as well as other programs. Foster children and low income children in Geauga County are provided the opportunity to attend summer camp or other enrichment activities throughout the year. This program is funded entirely through donations from local businesses, civic groups, churches, non-profits and individuals. No local, state or federal tax dollars are used.

Help Me Learn Day is a school supply distribution program serving Geauga County foster children and low-income children. The program has expanded with the help of Geauga County businesses to be able to offer haircuts and dental exams. These programs have a positive impact on children and family's here in the county and offers them opportunities they would otherwise not have.

Geauga Family First Council

Geauga Family First Council is a collaborative, interagency organization designed to meet the diverse needs of families living within Geauga County through a unified system of services. The Council is strongly committed to removing barriers for multi-need children through prevention, early intervention and an inter-system provision of services which support the entire family. The services and activities provided by Hope for Kids funding helped to promote resiliency of multi-need children and as a result strengthen their families.

Ravenwood Health

Ravenwood Health is a trauma informed care facility that builds hope, and strengthens individuals and families. They will continue to support young clients and their families through Respite Nights, thanks to a generous grant from Hope for Kids Geauga. In continued collaboration with the Geauga Family First Council and other health and human services partners, Ravenwood will continue to provide pro-social activities which strengthen families and promote resiliency in kids.



Please click on the link below to learn more about the needs of abused and neglected children in Geauga County and how Hope for Kids helps to address these needs. Thank you to the *Leadership Geauga* class of 2018 for their assistance with the production of the video. <http://hopeforkidsgeauga.org/our-story/>

SAVE THE DATE



August 5, 2019 Chagrin Valley Country Club

*Our Annual golf outing helps to raise
much needed funds, plan to attend!*

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