

Kidzz Helping Kidzz Annual Report- 2018



Introduction:

2018 has been our first year of operation. Our team has grown to include individuals with expertise in many diverse areas which allowed us to exceed our goals for the year. We would like to thank all of the volunteers and the organizations who have supported Kidzz Helping Kidzz. We have learned many valuable lessons which will help us to further our mission this next year.

Highlighted Accomplishments for 2018:

- Awarded 5 grants to enable Kidzz Helping Kidzz to successfully run our toy drive to benefit ill children at area hospitals.
- Secured 55 sites in the community that displayed our Kidzz Helping Kidzz toy collection boxes.
- Delivered 5890 toys to ill children at Harrison Hospital, Seattle Children's Hospital and Mary Bridge Children's Hospital during the Holidays.
- Developed a 7-member Advisory Board consisting of children ages 7-15 who will advise Kidzz Helping Kidzz on additional projects.
- Developed a website to enhance visibility about our organizations mission and successes.



Zachary pictured with the Kidzz Helping Kidzz Advisory Board

History of our toy drive and Zachary's passion for helping ill children in the hospital:

2016

Two years ago, 9 year-old Zachary Darnier's infant brother was quite ill and in the hospital on several occasions. It was then that Zachary decided to try to raise 50 new toys to give to children at Harrison Hospital and Mary Bridge Children's Hospital. He went door to door in his neighborhood providing informational flyers to neighbors and friends about his "Kidzz Helping Kidzz" project. He set up collection boxes in four locations in the community and gave a presentation to his classmates at school about the project. The toy drive exceeded all expectations and he distributed 259 toys.

2017

Zachary increased his goal to raise 1,000 toys to give to children during the holidays at Harrison Hospital, Mary Bridge Children's Hospital, and Seattle Children's Hospital. To help promote his toy collection, Zachary delivered public presentations at local Rotary clubs and schools. He also met with the Mayor of Bremerton, Patty Lent who promised to lend her support to his project. Toy collection boxes were placed in 28 different business establishments. Kidzz Helping Kidzz developed a Facebook page to spread the word about the toy drive. He raised 1589 toys!

2018

This year, Zachary desired to once again bring joy, hope and celebration to children who are unable to be at home for the holidays. Zachary increased his goal to 5,000 toys to give to children at Harrison Hospital, Seattle Children's Hospital and Mary Bridge Children's Hospital. He met with the new Mayor of Bremerton, Greg Wheeler and gave numerous presentations to Rotary clubs, schools and public officials. He also went door to door sharing information about his toy drive.

55 Businesses in the community supported his toy drive by having one of his toy collection boxes in the community. Members of the community could place a toy at any of these toy collection sites. Three of our toy collection sites were schools this year.

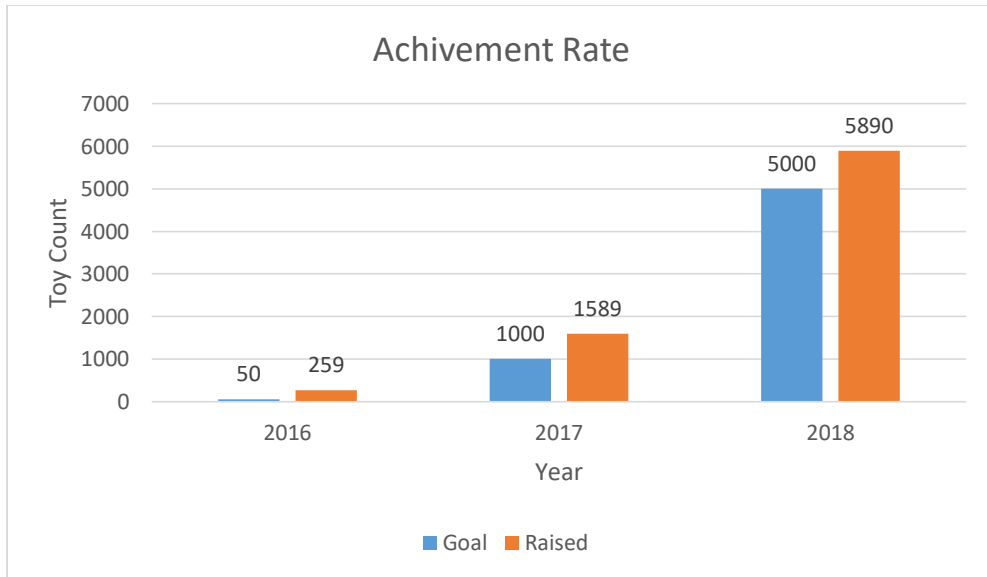
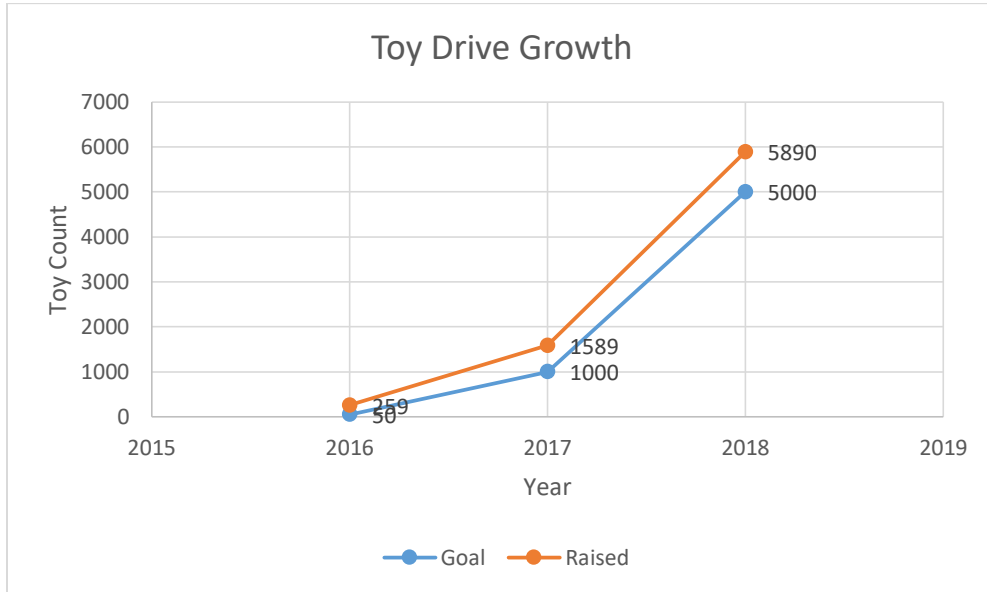
We developed our KidzzHelpingKidzz.org website which allowed the community to learn about the mission of Kidzz Helping Kidzz and our toy drive. Our website contained information about our history and how members could support Kidzz Helping Kidzz.

Twelve adult volunteers assisted Kidzz Helping Kidzz this year. Some of the activities that the volunteers participated in included developing our website, fliers and business cards, servicing the 55 toy collection sites throughout the county, picking up toys, counting, sorting and boxing toys, and driving trucks containing toys on toy collection day.

Seven kids ranging in ages 7-15 assisted Kidzz Helping Kidzz by sorting and boxing toys, going door to door to distribute fliers with Zachary, and delivering the toys to the hospitals on toy delivery day. These kids have formally formed into the Kidzz Helping Kidzz Advisory Board. They will advise Zachary and our Board on future projects/activities to meet the mission of Kidzz Helping Kidzz.

Zachary exceeded his goal and raised 5890 toys which were given on December 19 to children at Harrison Hospital, Mary Bridge Children's Hospital and Seattle Children's Hospital. Matt Lorch from Q13 News followed us for the day and has selected Zachary as one of his "Change Makers". The story will air in January.

An Overview of our Successes (2016-2018)



2018 Toy Delivery Pictures



This 26' U-Haul Truck was filled completely with toys!



The amazing team of volunteers that delivered 5890 toys to the hospitals

Thank You for Your Support

We would like to recognize the partners that have made all of this progress to date possible:

2018

First Federal Community Foundation, Silverdale Rotary & Bremerton Rotary, Suquamish Tribe, Bremerton Central Lions Club- Supported Kidzz Helping Kidzz by providing grant dollars. We could not have successfully raised over 5000 toys without this support!

Port Orchard Eagles- Gave over 1200 toys to Kidzz Helping Kidzz in 2018.

2017

Caring Clowns International- Provided initial funding, guidance and support to assist with all 2017 operations. They were the “backbone” of Kidzz Helping Kidzz and helped us to develop our own 501 (c)(3) charitable nonprofit organization in 2018.

Silverdale Rotary, East Bremerton Rotary, Kingston Rotary, Poulsbo Rotary- Provided grant dollars to Kidzz Helping Kidzz to support with toy drive efforts. Several of these Rotaries also gave toys.

Respectfully,

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