



Kidzz Helping Kidzz Annual Report- 2019

Introduction

2019 was an exciting year for us. In addition to conducting two toy drives this year to benefit ill children at Puget Sound area hospitals, we formed partnerships with the Bremerton Backpack Brigade, The Coffee Oasis and Barnes & Nobles. Our team has grown to include volunteers 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.



Zachary pictured with the Kidzz Helping Kidzz Advisory Board

Highlighted Accomplishments for 2019

- Awarded five grants to enable Kidzz Helping Kidzz to successfully run our toy drives to benefit ill children at area hospitals.
- Received three Community Service Awards.
- Secured 54 sites in the community that displayed our Kidzz Helping Kidzz toy collection boxes.
- Delivered 6712 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 7-16 who will advise Kidzz Helping Kidzz on additional projects.
- Developed partnerships with the Bremerton Backpack Brigade, The Coffee Oasis, and Barnes and Nobles to help kids in need.

Our History

2016

Two years ago, 9 year-old Zachary Darner'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. Zachary raised 1589 toys!

2018

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.

Fifty-five 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 formed 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 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 selected Zachary as one of his "Change Makers" (see News Page).

2019

Kidzz Helping Kidzz forged relationships with three organizations this year to assist kids in need. Zachary and the kids who make up the Kidzz Helping Kidzz Advisory Board volunteer their time assisting the Bremerton Backpack Brigade to fill backpacks with food for children who are in need. In an effort to increase literacy among children, our Advisory Board of kids developed a "story time" at Barnes and Noble. They read to small children and play fun games to promote a love for reading. Kidzz Helping Kidzz also works with The Coffee Oasis to serve homeless youth by baking desserts and playing board games with the youth. By volunteering their time in these activities, the kids develop empathy, compassion and relationships by serving others in need.

Kidzz Helping Kidzz held two toy drives this year. The first occurred during the Easter holiday. The kids from our Advisory Board hand painted 200 boxes which were filled with toys and given to children with Cancer at Seattle Children's Hospital and Mary Bridge Children's Hospital on Easter. 1212 toys were donated in this toy drive.

Zachary and the kids from our Advisory Board set a goal of raising at least 5000 toys to give to children at Harrison Hospital, Seattle Children's Hospital and Mary Bridge Children's Hospital during the Christmas holiday.

Zachary was invited to speak at several schools, churches, rotary clubs and other civic groups to share about his toy drive. He also went door to door sharing information about his toy drive.

Fifty-four 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. Four of our toy collection sites were schools this year. One school raised 596 toys. Four of our sites were Churches. One Church raised over 800 toys.

Over 60 volunteers assisted Kidzz Helping Kidzz this year. This assistance ranged for designing flyers and updating our website to servicing the toy collection sites,

sorting, counting and boxing toys, and driving trucks containing toys on toy collection day.

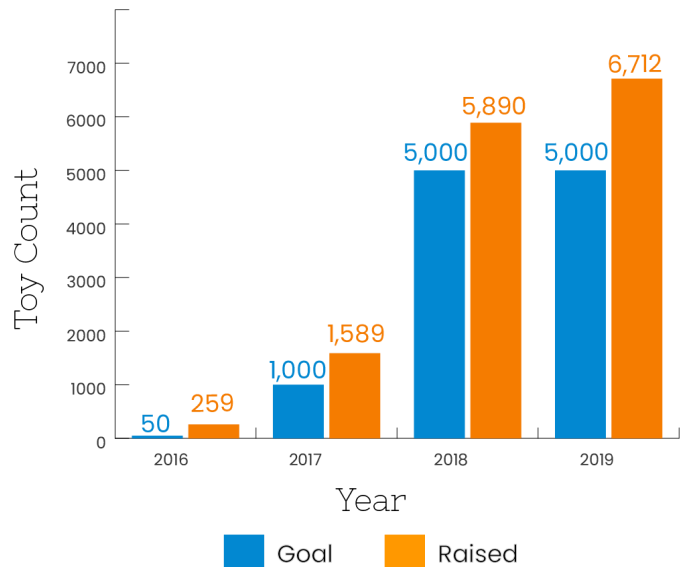
Kidzz Helping Kidzz received three community service awards this year: 1) Boy and Girls Scouts of America Service to Youth Award; 2) King 5 Evening Magazine: 12 Under 12 Award; 3) Mary Bridge 2019- Youth Hero Award. We greatly appreciate the community recognizing Kidzz helping Kidzz and the work we do to serve kids in need!

An Overview of our Successes (2016-2019)

Toy Drive Growth



Achievement Rate



2019 Toy Delivery Pictures







Thank You for Your Support

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

2019

- Rotary Club of Kingston- North Kitsap, Rotary Club of Poulsbo- North Kitsap, Silverdale Rotary, East Bremerton Rotary, & the Suquamish Foundation- Provided grant dollars to Kidzz Helping Kidzz for our Easter Toy Drive and our Annual Christmas Toy Drive.
We greatly appreciate their support and could not have brightened the lives of some many ill children without them!

2018

- First Federal Community Foundation, Silverdale Rotary & Bremerton Rotary, Suquamish Foundation, Bremerton Central Lions Club- Supported Kidzz Helping Kidzz by providing grant dollars.
We could not have successfully raised over 5890 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,

Beth Friedman Darner

Beth Friedman Darner, Board President

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