

2019 in Review

2019 was a very good year! We smashed the old record for bike giveaways by a bunch. Save the Kid Fund (STK) had established 52 as a record in 2017 and thought it would stand for a long time but we gave away 60 bikes this year, and that is the new record. We have spent very nearly \$430,000.00 on bikes since 2005. A lot of our activity has been funded by Grampy's Charities. We used to depend on Millstone for most of our money but that has dried up. Grampy's Charities came to us by accident several years ago. We now get most of our income through this wonderful group. We now participate in Robbie's Run an annual fundraiser sponsored by Grampy's Charities. Grampy's has taken a very special interest in our bike program, which we now call Robbie's Riders. Each year Grampy's funds at least 10 bikes that they give away at their annual Golf Open fundraiser, and that is in addition to whatever we manage to bring into Robbie's Run. Our main program has become quickly accounted for approximately 1/3 of our expenditures, and is growing daily.

STK also gave away a bunch of adaptive equipment. we gave away two bath chair which different in style and a special table that moves up and down with the touch of a button and an arm skate with it. Also given away were no less than 7 scoots – a sort of pre-bike mobility device. We had one girl who graduated to a bike since she developed the strength to ride with little assistance by using the scoot every day a - genuine success story. Other adaptive equipment given away included a feeder seat and 3 walkers.

STK helped pay medical bills for two youngsters, both with autism – God bless the parents of this load they just keep going. We generally don't pay medical bills without first discussing it at length, and when we discussed this family our hearts were overcome by the love shown in this saga. We also presented one youngster with therapeutic horseback riding, a newer intervention for autism. One of our donations was golf lessons for a high school senior who has had several years of OT, PT and chemo for a rare condition. He loves golf so we gave it to him. Other medical conditions that warranted help from us were: a child with Tuberous Sclerosis Complex, a child who had a rare kidney disorder, and a child who needed help to get to a hospital 60 miles from home frequently and whose parents were already stressed financially with his autism.

In all STK spent \$62,889.79 in 2019 and we had an overhead of \$1067.64. That's an overhead of about 1.7% - made possible to the all-volunteer make up of STK.