

MIRACLE PARTY FOUNDATION

Organization Info:

Name of Organization: Miracle Party Foundation

Website: www.miracleparty.org

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Mission Statement:

As a 501(c)(3) foundation, the Miracle Party Foundation is fighting childhood cancer one party at a time. Its unique approach to childhood cancer awareness, and anyone who attends, volunteers, or supports will attest to the enormous impact that this party has. The Foundation creates the annual Miracle Party, the most magical party, for all ages, for children with cancer, their families, and the community. These children look forward to this event and many attend from all over the United States. This party is open to everyone, including children just diagnosed, in active treatment, relapsed or in remission. We also honor and pay tribute to the brave fighters who have lost their lives to cancer. It's a night of celebration, hope and happiness; a chance to forget about the illness and just celebrate life.

The Miracle Party Foundation is funded solely by charitable members of our community- **just like you**. You and your business can support these young champions with a donation or in-person at our celebration. These kids have overcome incredible obstacles just for the promise of a tomorrow; please help their dream become reality.

Contact Person for Questions:

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Please check the most appropriate issue dealt with by your organization:

Children Elderly Hunger/Homelessness Disaster Relief Animal Welfare
 Health/Wellness Environment Human Rights **Families** Soldiers/Supporting Troops

About Your Issue Area:

What is the deeper issue behind your organization?

Did you know that 40,000 families are forced to watch their children fight some form of cancer this year? Childhood cancer is the number one killer of children, by disease.

Through the Miracle Party Foundation, we host an annual Miracle Party to raise awareness, and increase education about childhood cancers. This is an event that will impact anyone involved at any level, from volunteering, to fundraising, to providing silent auction item donations, providing entertainment, or just attending this fantastic party! We are a one-of-a-kind Foundation that during some of the most difficult times, choose to celebrate and raise awareness about childhood cancer. The immediate family members of the cancer kids (including angel families) attend the Miracle Party for FREE, supported by the generous donations of others.

We provide a venue for local and national organizations, foundations, and Non-profits to share their information in order to educate and increase awareness about the various aspects involved with childhood cancer.

What programs or services does your organization offer?

The annual themed Miracle Party, is just that a HUGE PARTY! What kid doesn't like a good party?



Last year's "Golden Miracle Awards" Party venue, sponsored by the generous Downtown Sheraton Denver Hotel started off with a gold carpet and paparazzi extravaganza! Our local Military Color Guard from Buckley Air Force Base presented colors and had everyone on their feet. But the real warriors were all of the kids and families that attended this great party. Once inside, attendees were wowed with a giant gold ribbon (the symbol for childhood cancer) that was the focal point of the enormous Plaza Ballroom, which is Denver's largest ballroom. Local radio personalities, Krystal and Slim from HOT 107.1 helped us get the party started. Centered over the huge dance floor, there were canon-fired streamers, balloons and a fantastic stage and light show. We had entertainment to appeal to all age groups.

One of the fan-favorites was the James Guerra Band, a local 21 year-old who is battling cancer for the second time. Guests had the opportunity to bid at the silent auction, with over 300 items to choose from. The kids had their faces painted, played in various bounce houses, battled it out at the Best Buy sponsored video game station, participated in Kasey's Krafts, or even tried their hand at a just-for-fun friendly game of poker. And, the fun didn't stop there! Kids also played ping-pong, enjoyed a delicious Tickle Belly cupcake, took a break and checked out what it's like to ride in a limo provided by Sweet and Sassy Salon, or got some fresh air and took a ride in a pedi-cab to take in the views of beautiful downtown Denver's famous 16th Street Mall.

Before the night finished, the 140 cancer children in attendance received their Golden Miracle Award trophies. The Colorado Children's Chorale sang a beautiful tribute to a touching slide show honoring some of the children who lost their lives to cancer, and whose families submitted their photos and stories, from across the nation. To top off this spectacular night, the dance floor was packed with children whose effects of cancer were visible, but not limiting for this one special party.

We are one of the only local Foundations, that collaborate with the Colorado Kids Cancer Association, to bring together over 50 organizations like, Make-A-Wish Foundation, Camp Wapiyapi, American Cancer Society, Brent's Place, Children's Hospital, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Gold Ribbon Families, Just-In-Time Foundation, The Kalya Weber Believe Foundation, and Shining Stars, just to name a few. It is our

commitment and our personal obligation to provide as much information and education in a non-competitive forum, to reach a broader group, and raise childhood cancer awareness.

We also provide a Bone Marrow Registry table, where individuals can be swabbed, and apply to be included in the National Bone Marrow Registry, which could potentially save a life of a child or an adult.

Do you have an interesting story about your organization or clients to share with the students?

Founded by a mother whose daughter was diagnosed with bone cancer at the age of 10, this party was originally supposed to be an “end of chemo” party to celebrate her daughter’s completion of treatment. Her daughter, Kennedy endured over 52 weeks of aggressive, intense, chemotherapy treatment where she also lost 3 ribs, and suffered through countless side effects and setbacks throughout her journey. However, through this families fight they met so many other amazing cancer warriors, who were just as deserving of an end of treatment party, as her own daughter, she couldn’t leave them out. She ultimately decided to go big with her vision, and created the most amazing one-of-a-kind Miracle Party. Kennedy is now 15 and after 3 years, she still has to have regular scans and recently had surgery to remove another mass. She is now cancer free and playing volleyball for her middle school, snowboarding and is just trying to be a normal teenager. Every year, she looks forward to the annual Miracle Party to celebrate what she has been through, and to honor her best friend Taylor, who passed away from cancer, in April 2010.



Stacy & Kennedy 2007



Stacy & Kennedy 2010

How Can Students Help?

How can students help through specific, tangible cash grants?

To host a party of this magnitude, costs around \$50,000! We do not employ staff, and we rely purely on the hard work of our volunteers. This ensures that every penny raised, donated, or provided through a sponsorship, will go directly to the cost of the Miracle Party.

Your generous grant donations can go directly, in full *or in part*, towards any of the following expenses associated with the Miracle Party 2011:

Tickets/Wristbands	\$200
Marketing	\$500
Printing & Supplies	\$525
Linens	\$1,975
Sound Equipment	\$1,700
Lighting & Video	\$6,930
Decorations	\$4,500
Food	\$20,000
Activities	\$265
Cancer Family Tickets	~\$25/person
Cancer Family Hotel Costs	~\$175-\$250/room

How can students help through group service projects?

There are various ways that students can help through group service projects. In the past, some kids have coordinated yard sales, lemonade stands, collected change, hosted car washes, sold gold ribbon pins, coordinated events with their own schools (like hat days), volunteered to gift wrap during the holiday season, and have donated the funds raised, to the Miracle Party Foundation.

Students can also volunteer their time on the night of the party, to set up, break down or to supervise the night's activities.

Often times through their service projects, the students will be able to meet some of the most resilient children of cancer, to learn and share about the obstacles that they have faced through their cancer journey.

Do you provide individual volunteer opportunities for youth?

We provide volunteer opportunities for all ages. Kids can participate in a wide range of activities to make this party great, anything from blowing up balloons, to setting tables, to fundraising, to purchasing tickets and attending the event with their families.

Are there opportunities for students to be recognized by your organization?

For the *Young Philanthropist Foundation's* grant, (for *ANY DOLLAR AMOUNT*), the Miracle Party Foundation will recognize the Foundation, the student(s) and their school(s) in the following manner:

- Verbal recognition, on the night of the Miracle Party 2011
- Written acknowledgement on the www.miracleparty.org website
- Student(s) will have the opportunity to participate on one of the Party Committees, for this year's party
- Invitation to host a table, at the Miracle Party 2011, to share the mission of the Young Philanthropist Foundation with guests
- Up to 2 FREE tickets for students, to attend Miracle Party 2011