

VOLUNTEER IMPACT

In 2016, more than 2,500 volunteers donated more than 7,000 hours of service across all chapters' HopeDay and fundraising events. The stories below represent a snapshot of the numerous dedicated individuals who help provide hope to families who have a child with a life-threatening medical condition. We thank each of you for your service.



Chris Roberts, Arizona volunteer

"I was helping at an event with Colten Cowell Foundation and heard HopeKids needed volunteers at Whispering Hope Ranch. That event was one of the most spiritually enlightening experiences I've ever had. I never thought a volunteer experience would turn into my second family. I'm always available as the 'back-up guy,' if needed. But my favorites are the one-on-one events. I got to see a kid I knew at a building event. He was having a fit and was moaning loud. He grabbed my hand and calmed right down. That's the best compliment you can get. Period."

Corrie Francis, Colorado volunteer

"I attended a HopeKids Arizona event in 2010, and I felt very passionate to get involved. I got involved [again] last year with the new Colorado chapter. My favorite activities are when I can bring my children with me. I like for them to see that we can't help with a diagnosis, but we can still help [in other ways]. Most everyone can relate to having someone close to them being diagnosed with a life-threatening illness. I competed for Mrs. Colorado America last week, and it gave me a chance to share my platform for providing advocacy, compassion and hope for the terminally ill—which ties into my father's terminal illness and the work I do for HopeKids."



Jeff Sibell, Minnesota HopeKid and volunteer

"I [became a HopeKid] when I was a year into cancer treatment for Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia at age 12. [Several years later] my wife suggested we start volunteering. Even though she didn't know me when I had cancer, she felt strongly [to get involved] because she's seen the impact. Our favorite volunteer activities are the movies. The kids are always so excited. I remember always looking forward to the HopeKids movies myself with my family and siblings. It's joy and excitement, and it's not a hospital visit. I felt the HopeKids impact firsthand as a kid. Now being a volunteer, I experience the punch line of: 'Restoring Hope.' You can see right away that it's making an impact for a kid."

Steve Potter, North Texas volunteer

"I volunteered through the local radio station, WAY-FM 89.7, when they sponsored a HopeKids movie. I loved what HopeKids was about. Something special occurs at each event and I just love when I can interact with and serve the families. One time at an aquarium event, I made a girl smile just while I was serving her soup. I learned that she was going to start her treatment the next day. That's what keeps me going—to bring a smile to peoples' faces. The fact that you're there helping somebody take their mind off of what they're going through; seeing their excitement is so rewarding."



Alamo Drafthouse
Amy Sloss
Arizona Coyotes
Arizona Rattlers
Arizona State University
AquaSafe Swim School
AZ Grip-N-Rip
Ballet Arizona
Darcy and Heather Bergen
Cancer Support Community
Center for Native and Urban Wildlife
Cindy Joiner Photography
Clear Solutions
Colten Cowell Foundation
Desert Rivers Audubon

East Valley Children's Theatre
Fiesta Bowl
Feld Entertainment
Gerber Injury Law
Grand Canyon University
K2 Adventures Foundation
Kim and Bobby Melillo
Lassen Family
LegoLand Discovery Center
Live Nation
Mark and Dee Dee Daus
Mesa Community College
Michelle Sweeney
Microsoft-Chandler
Mobile Mini Horses

Monster Jam
Munich RE
Musical Theatre of Anthem
Paisley Pumpkin Events
Parada del Sol
Phoenix Suns
Pinnacle High School
Princess Project
Professional Bull Riders
Queen Creek Performing Arts Center
Racers for Christ
Rainy Partners
Rhonda & Nenos-Build Events
Roadhouse Cinemas-Tucson
Scott Bates Photography

Scott and Lucy Gore
Sea Life Aquarium
Skateland-Mesa
Spotlight Youth Theatre
Steve's Dream
Sugar Buzz
Sundt Construction
Target
Tempe Improv Comedy Theatre
Tim and Susan Reckell
The Encore Agency
Tucson Speedway
UltraStar Multi-tainment Center
Valley Youth Theatre



HOPEKIDS ARIZONA PHOTO ALBUM

Snapshots captured at February and March HopeDay Events

1. HopeKid Adlette, age 6, at Mobile Mini Horses event.



2. HopeKid Angelita, age 10, at K2 Cooking Class event.

3. HopeKids triplets Edith, Adlette, and Izabelle, age 6, at *Lego Batman* movie.

4. HopeKid Bentley, age 4, at K2 at Bat.



5. HopeKid Brendan, age 5, at Skateland event.

6. HopeKid Campbell, age 11, at AZ Grip-N-Rip event.



7. HopeKid Leah, age 2, at Pinnacle High School Baseball Clinic.

“Thank you so much HopeKids for the amazing night!!! We greatly appreciate it! Thank you for all you do for our family! We loved it!”

“We have had a rough few weeks... it was so nice to get out and have some fun! I missed these smiles!”