

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."



Dallas Mavericks Foundation
Taste Buds Kitchen
Dallas Stars Foundation, Inc.
Texas Legends
NYTEX Sports - Lone Star Brahmas
Alamo Drafthouse Cinemas
North Texas Escape Rooms
Plano Children's Theatre
American Airlines Center
Avant Chamber Ballet
Professional Bull Riders, LLC
Escape Expert, LLC

Four Day Weekend
Jumpstreet
Nasher Sculpture Center
LifeStage Theatre at LifeSong Studio
Live Nation Dallas
ShangriLlama
Dance Institute of Dallas
Kelly Alexander Photography
Microsoft - Dallas
North Church
Paintbox on the Square
Allied Integrated Marketing

Minis and Friends North Texas
Dallas Children's Theater
TopGolf Allen
Building Smiles Foundation
Artisan Center Theater
Arlington Parks and Recreation
Sports Marketing Monterrey
American Heart Association Youth Market
AT&T Performing Arts Center
Museum of the American Railroad

HOPEKIDS NORTH TEXAS PHOTO ALBUM

Snapshots captured at
February and March
HopeDay Events



1. Aubrey with her family at their first HopeKids event a Dallas Stars game.

2. Ballerina day camp with Dance Institute of Dallas.

3. Charlotte at Mad Hatter Tea Party.

4. HopeKid Tatum meeting Belle and the Beast.

5. HopeKid Tripp rides Thomas the Train.

6. Rivers at Professional Bull Riding event.

7. Samuel, Hannah, and Toby at LoneStar Brahmas Game.

"An executive? A doctor? A stay-at-home mom? It doesn't matter who you are, you can always bring HOPE for someone else!"
- Diana, HopeKids mom

"All these moments have helped us to forget and relax! Thank you for [making] us forget about those hard times in the hospital visits." - Maria, HopeKids mom