

Empowering Families in Crisis: Miracles for Kids' Path to Stability

From Immediate Relief to Long-Term Stability – How Donors, Partners, and Volunteers Drive Change

Families with children battling a life-threatening illness should not have to face bankruptcy, hunger, homelessness, and depression. Miracles for Kids' mission is to assist such families in achieving emotional and financial stability so they can focus on what matters most – fighting for their child's life. At Miracles for Kids, we depend on our extended community of donors, partners, and volunteers whose dedication empowers our five core programs focused on both meeting immediate needs and achieving long-term stability.

Bill Pay

The first step in stabilization is to meet immediate needs – which is achieved through our Bill Pay Program, offering monthly grants of up to \$500, directly allocated to essential bills such as rent, utilities, food, and transportation. In 2022, the Bill Pay Program covered 2,757 essential bills for 282 families struggling to stay stable. Central to the success of this program are organizations like **Stars & Stripes Children's Foundation** and **Pacific Life Foundation**, whose generous contributions have not only facilitated the achievement of these outcomes but have also empowered us to increase the Bill Pay Program's monthly funding by 25% to make a more significant impact on the families benefiting from the Program.



For over a decade Stars & Stripes Children's Foundation has enhanced our capacity to serve more families.



Pacific Life Foundation has generously funded the Miracles for Kids Bill Pay Program since 2009.

Basic Needs Program

The Basic Needs Program addresses the immediate needs of the families we serve. By delivering essentials like food, clothing, household supplies, and seasonal items, this program ensures access to necessities and eases the financial burden on the families we serve. This program's success relies on the support of the business community. Essential items are donated by companies such as **ECOS** and **Ingardia Bros. Produce, Inc.**, who have generously provided thousands of household supplies and several tons of food respectively. Once all materials are gathered, employees from leading companies such as **Edwards Lifesciences**, who have donated nearly 300 volunteer hours, help fill and prepare each package of essentials for delivery to the families we serve.



ECOS and their team have helped ensure access to household essentials for every family supported by Miracles for Kids



Edwards Lifesciences Employees prepare fresh food from Ingardia Bros. Produce for delivery to families in need.

Housing



Bill and Vicki Booth with the Ueberroth Family Foundation, which continues to change lives through their support of Miracle Manor.

Miracles for Kids believes that a family's battle for their child's life should never coincide with the fear of homelessness. Since 2014, Miracle Manor – a 12-unit apartment complex that provides subsidized housing to families at extreme risk of homelessness, has been the solution to families experiencing housing crises. With the support of grantors like the **Ueberroth Family Foundation**, whose contributions have funded a family's housing since 2018, Miracle Manor has provided over 28,000 nights of safe sleep to more than 140 family members. The families residing at Miracle Manor find not only shelter but also empowerment through wrap-around

programs including dedicated case work, access to mental health services, community events, and our STEM-focused educational Miracle Manor Summer Programs.

Wellness

Mental health is an essential part of a family's battle with their child's illness. Miracles for Kids offers no-cost mental health services through our full-time wellness therapist, and an array of family activities ranging from our Surf and Paddle Summer Camps to monthly family movie nights. These programs are made possible by the generous contributions of donors focused on wellness like **Nsight Psychology & Addiction**, whose multi-year commitment has aided in the rapid growth of the program. These programs are further strengthened by the support of **Waves of Impact**, who provide expert instructors and equipment to our Surf and Paddle Summer Camp, **Bracken's Kitchen**, and **Perricone Farms**, who regularly donate food to our wellness events, making healthy food options more



Nsight Psychology & Addiction has championed the Miracles for Kids Wellness Program from its inception.



Waves of Impact provides expert surf instruction to Miracles for Kids patients and siblings at the 2023 Surf & Paddle Camp.

accessible to families.

Long-Term Stability Programs

To ensure the long-term stability of the families we serve Miracles for Kids has formed partnerships with **Merge Opportunities**, addressing underemployment by providing career development counseling and linking parents with potential employers; **Futuro Health**, providing access to education and training for entry into allied health careers, and businesses like **Commercial Bank of California**, who have offered no-cost financial literacy workshops to families living at Miracle Manor. Miracles for Kids is working to expand this initiative, further strengthening our current partnerships, and establishing connections with additional companies and educational institutions. This expansion aims to create a robust and consistent program capable of offering career and financial development services to every family supported by Miracles for Kids.



Commercial Bank of California hosts a financial workshop at Miracle Manor.

We are grateful to the many companies who continue to support our mission for their vital contributions to our success. Together, as a community, we are making miracles for families in need. To learn more about how you and your business can help make miracles, contact Ruby Foster, Development Manager, at 714-705-4541 or rfoster@miraclesforkids.org.

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