



Wings of Hope

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Julia / Age 5
Central region

Julia has achondroplasia, a form of dwarfism. At six months, she had her first surgery to repair the opening at the base of her skull which was closing and leaving little room for her nerves to work and fluid to move. Julia requires an annual MRI and UHCCF has awarded her three medical grants to assist with this expense.



Bentley / Age 5
Southeast region

Bentley did not speak as a toddler and was diagnosed with speech delay. It was imperative he start speech therapy, and attend regularly. The UHCCF medical grant assists with this ongoing expense. Bentley is working very hard in therapy, and is showing improvement! Even though he may have a long way to go, we know he'll get there!

Find Hugo Challenge!

The first 10 people to find Hugo the Dragon and then reply to this email with the correct answer will win a plush Hugo!





Your Dollars In Action:



Jamison / Age 1 West region

Jamison was diagnosed with plagiocephaly, a flat spot on his head. The UHCCF medical grant helped pay for Jamison's cranial helmet which allows room for his skull to grow and strengthen in the flattened area. "The doctor is very happy to see the improvement in his head shape and facial symmetry, and we all consider the treatment a success. Thank you UHCCF for making this possible," said Jamison's mom.



Ashley / Age 3 Southeast region

Ashley was diagnosed with isovaleric academia, a metabolic disorder, and cannot break down certain proteins properly. This is a chronic condition that requires specialists, medications and treatment. The UHCCF medical grant has assisted with Ashley's ongoing expenses of testing, specialists, and hospitalizations. "My husband and I are very grateful for the financial support given to our child. It allows her to obtain the care she requires. We thank UHCCF for the ongoing support," said Ashley's mom.



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Jamison's mom

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Ashley's mom





Upcoming Events

Get involved! Come out to a UHCCF event. Click any header to learn more and sign up!

Steppin' Up for Kids Virtual Walk

May 1 - June 15

Walk on your own time - wherever you want! Just fundraise for UHCCF and record your own steps to receive great prizes and help kids!

Ride Into Spring Online Auction

May 7 - 19

Bid on a variety of items, including a Custom Rally Cycling Diamondback bike. All proceeds benefit UHCCF.

Florida Fishing Tournament Fort Myers, Florida

May 17 - 18

Take off from the dock of Sanibel Harbor Marriott for a day of fun and fully guided fishing at sea. After spending the day on the water, boats and guests will return to the hotel for an awards program.

UHCCF Golf Classic at Interlachen Country Club Edina, MN

May 21

Golf at the historic and impressive Interlachen Country Club and enjoy an elegant meal and many other fun activities we have planned!

4th Annual Velo & Vines Century Ride Healdsburg, California

June 9

Support UHCCF by fundraising and riding: 30 miles, 100 miles or 100 kilometers, through beautiful Sonoma County. Whichever you choose, you'll take in scenic vistas that lead to an exclusive post-ride celebration at Arnot-Roberts Winery.

Washington Kickball Mercer Island, Washington

July 18

Our most anticipated kickball tournament! All money raised provides medical grants to children in the Western Region. Please help us reach our fundraising goals this year by joining us in this fun event!

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Ongoing Ways to Support UHCCF: Grins2

Give a child a dose of happiness and help raise money for medical grants for kids by donating a Grins to Go® activity bag or Oliver® Bear to a child at one of the participating organizations across the country! So far this year supporters have sent more than 240 smiles! You can help make more smiles [here](#).





Upcoming Events continued

7th Annual MN Century Ride Eden Prairie, MN

July 29

A 100 mile ride through picturesque countryside – the shores of Lake Minnetonka to the rolling hills of Delano. All riders must fundraise \$1,000 for UHCCF. Riders and guests are invited to a fantastic after-party with food, drinks, music and family activities.

9th Annual UHCCF Golf Classic at Hazeltine Chanhassen, MN

July 30

At UHCCF's flagship fundraising event, golfers will bask in the beauty of world-renowned Hazeltine Golf Club and a day of golf and special activities they will never forget.

Northeast Golf Classic Stonington, Connecticut

September 25

Join us for the annual UHCCF Northeast Golf Classic at the extraordinary Lake of Isles Course, ranked one of the top golf facilities in the nation, in North Stonington, CT. After raising \$90,000 at the 2017 event, we hope to surpass this amount in 2018 to support much needed medical grants in the Northeast region!

Medtronic Twin Cities Marathon and 10-mile St. Paul and Minneapolis, MN

October 7

For the first time ever, athletes running in the Medtronic Twin Cities Marathon can register with UHCCF and raise funds for UHCCF medical grants – spots are limited!

U.S. Bank Stadium Holiday Boutique Minneapolis, MN

November 9-11

Visit UHCCF at one of the country's largest holiday boutiques – every purchase from UHCCF will inspire your holidays while funding medical grants for kids!

UHCCF Mission Ride San Antonio, Texas

November 10

The first UHCCF Mission Ride is taking place November 10, 2018. Sign up to be part of this beautiful century ride around the historic missions of San Antonio.



Tickets for Hope

UHCCF and tix4cause have teamed up to give you access to tickets through Tickets for Hope, making it possible for you to attend the concerts, games and other events you love – while your purchase proceeds go to help fund UHCCF medical grants for kids! Keep checking back for available tickets or by donating a ticket. 90 percent of the donated ticket sales price will go back to UHCCF.





Event Updates

March-May

'Be An Everyday Superhero' Tampa Wine and Craft Beer Tasting



The 2nd Annual Tampa Wine and Craft Beer Tasting took place March 1st at the Tampa Bay History Center. More than 200 guests attended and enjoyed food, drinks, the History Center galleries, superhero caricatures, and a superhero photo station. More than \$50,000 was raised for UHCCF.

UHCCF was honored to have grant recipient Kaiden from Tampa, Florida join the festivities. He was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer at age five, and his UHCCF medical grant helped pay for some of his medical expenses. He is now six years cancer free!



Grant recipient Kaiden and his family. His mother, Dominique, shared how their grant made a difference.



Greg Reidy, Florida CEO, welcomed guests, thanked sponsors, and introduced the grant family.





Event Updates continued

South Florida Golf Classic

The 10th Annual South Florida Golf Classic was held at Shula's Hotel & Golf Club in Miami Lakes on March 8. More than 60 people attended and fundraised \$43,000 for UHCCF medical grants to help children in the southeast region! "It was a great show of support from UnitedHealthcare and our partners," said Nicholas Zaffiris, CEO for UnitedHealthcare South Florida. "I am proud to be part of this important event that helps provide financial support to families for their children's medical expenses."



Photo (L to R): UnitedHealthcare's Brian Garrison, South Florida VP of Sales; Nick Zaffiris, CEO South Florida; Mark Robinson, Regional Marketing Director; and Eric Johnson, CFO Florida



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**Nicholas Zaffiris,
CEO for Unitedhealthcare
South Florida**





Event Updates continued

Golf Classic at FireRock, Arizona

The 2nd annual UHCCF Arizona Golf Classic at FireRock Country Club in Fountain Hills took place March 12. The event included a 4-person scramble and awards reception. UnitedHealthcare Arizona CEO Dave Allazetta hosted along with UHCCF board member Robert Hart. More than 65 golfers and guests attended and raised \$87,000 for future UHCCF medical grants. UHCCF was proud to have 14-year-old grant recipient Alise Mapp from Mesa, Arizona attend. She received a \$1,000 UHCCF medical grant for prescriptions and specialist visits to treat her Tricuspid Atresia diagnosis.



Hole in one winner Kendall Ferguson with Teledoc



Dave Allazetta, CEO, AZ/NM (R)



Paragon Partners Team



“It is truly terrifying to see your child’s empty medicine bottle, and know that you can’t afford to get it refilled, or to be afraid to go see the doctor because you know you still have an outstanding balance from the last three visits. The constant and unrelenting worry about her health is eased by knowing she’ll be able to see her specialists and get her medications. This is what the grant affords us: everyday blessings.”

Alise’s mom



Event Updates continued

New Jersey UnitedHealthcare Health Plan Presents Topgolf for UHCCF

The inaugural UHCCF Topgolf Event took place Thursday, April 19, 2018 in Edison, New Jersey! It was a fantastic evening, with 225 people in attendance and raised \$71k for UHCCF. Thank you to E&I UHC New Jersey Health Plan CEO, Paul Marden for partnering with the Foundation to host this awesome event. UHCCF was happy to have grant recipients, Luca and Enzo attend and share their stories as well. Watch for many more UHCCF Topgolf events in the near future!



L-R: Twelve-year-old Middlesex resident, Nico (pictured 4th from left with his parents and two siblings) is the newest grant recipient at the UnitedHealthcare Children's Foundation fundraiser, conducted in Edison on April 18. From left to right: Bob Benkert (UHC), Kim Gellman (UHC), Alicia, Nick, Victoria Tussing (UHC), and John Verga (UHC); center are Alicia, Luca, Nico and Enzo. (Photo courtesy SweeneyVesty)

L-R: Back -Nick, Nico, (ORANGE SHIRT), Alicia, Front: Luca, and Enzo



“Financially the timing couldn't have been worse. My first thought was it's either Nico's hearing aids or our mortgage. That was truly our option at the time. After conducting research online and applying for a UnitedHealthcare Children's Foundation medical grant, we were so grateful to be a recipient. It was a weight lifted off our shoulders.”

Luca and Enzo's mom





Event Updates continued

Tour de Triangle Century Ride

The 2nd Annual Tour de Triangle Century Ride, presented by SAS, took place in Raleigh, North Carolina April 28. The ride included Fifty riders and raised more than \$133,000 to fund UHCCF medical grants in the Southeast Region! The ride started and ended at The Meadows at Firefly Farm Preserve and was followed by an amazing after party full of the South's finest flavors.



UHCCF was pleased to have 6-year-old grant recipient Anna Kate and her family attend! At age two, Anna Kate began treatments for a Chiari Malformation, a structural abnormality of the brain that controls balance, which was causing her to have trouble with her coordination. Without surgery to remove the pressure, Anna Kate would have eventually become paralyzed. Her parents were introduced to UHCCF by her physicians. She received two grants, in 2014 and 2017, to assist with the expenses related to her two surgeries. Anna Kate is now able to do the things she loves: drawing, dancing, swimming, and trying to keep up with her two older brothers.



Anna Kate, UHCCF Grant recipient in attendance



Check presentation: (L to R) Kevin Knarr, Dave Wichmann, Jarrett Jedlicka



Thank you to all of our riders and sponsors at the 2nd Annual Tour de Triangle!

Ride Into Spring Online Auction

Happening now! May 7 - May 19, 2018, UHCCF is auctioning off a number of creative, one-of-a-kind items to fundraise, including uniquely designed Rally Bikes by some of our UHCCF grant kids. **Come bid** and help give medical grants to kids across the United States!



“Receiving the grants to pay off the medical debt is huge for a family like us.”

Anna Kate's mom





Gifts That Do Good Update

Mom's Gold Choice Awards



The Mom's Choice Awards® (MCA) evaluates products and services created for children, families, and educators. The program is globally recognized for establishing the benchmark of excellence in family-friendly media, products and services. UHCCF is thrilled to announce that MANY of our products won Mom's Choice Gold Awards! A full list is below. To pick up any of these items, visit our shop on Amazon:

- [Little Book Big Laughs - Birthday, Holiday & Celebration Jokes](#) Juvenile Books



- [Little Book Big Laughs - Eats, Treats & Sweets Jokes](#) Juvenile Books



- [Chewie® the English Bulldog Plush Toy](#) Toys, Games & Puzzles



- [Millie the Barn Owl Plush Toy](#) Toys, Games & Puzzles

- [Charlotte the Fox Plush Toy](#) Toys, Games & Puzzles



- [Spot it! UnitedHealthcare Children's Foundation Smile Edition Card Game](#) Toys, Games & Puzzles

Retail Partners:

Shop UHCCF near you! To view a list of our retail partners [visit here](#).



“UHCCF helped our family with copays so that our child could continue with her regular, much needed, check-ups to the Geneticist. My husband and I are very grateful for the financial support given to our child. We thank UnitedHealthcare for the ongoing support.”

UHCCF grant recipient
Ashley's mom





Minute with Matt

Dear Friends,

Now that we are almost mid-way through the year, I would like to reflect on some of the Foundation's recent accomplishments. From January 1 through April 2018, we have awarded 1,038 grants worth \$1.7M.

So far it has been a busy year with many successful fundraisers with more scheduled for the upcoming months. Please check out the event calendar on uhccf.org to see if there is an event near you that you may want to volunteer at or attend.

Special thanks to:

- Nicholas Zaffiris, CEO of UnitedHealthcare for South Florida, for hosting the 10th Annual South Florida Golf Classic and raising over \$43,000.
- Greg Reidy, CEO, UnitedHealthcare of Florida, for making the Tampa Wine and Craft Beer Tasting a victory, raising over \$50,000.
- Dave Allazetta, UnitedHealthcare Arizona CEO and UHCCF West Region board members Robert Hart and Dr. Mandeep Sahani for raising over \$50,000 at the 2nd Annual UHCCF Arizona Golf Classic.
- UnitedHealthcare New Jersey CEO Paul Marden for hosting our first UnitedHealthcare Health Plan Topgolf for UHCCF, bringing in over \$50,000 for medical grants.
- Gavin Day, SAS Senior Vice President-US Commercial Sales, for raising over \$133,000 to help fund medical grants in the Southeast region at the 2nd Annual Tour de Triangle.
- Rally Cycling, Charles Aaron, Circuit Sports Minneapolis design team, and airbrush artist Brad Galvin for collaborating to create distinctive hand-painted bikes for UHCCF to auction off in its Ride Into Spring online auction.

Our 2017 Annual Report will be available soon, documenting the Foundation's activities and finances this past year.

Thank you to everyone who supports our mission of helping kids and changing lives.

Sincerely,
Matt Peterson
UHCCF President



“What a privilege it is to be a part of such an amazing foundation.”

Matt Peterson