

Hope for the Kids

Every 80 seconds a child hears the words “You have cancer.” These words have changed my life and so many others. Two years ago my little brother, Kaden, was diagnosed with leukemia, a type of blood cancer. He went from pulling pranks to not wanting to do anything but sleep. He tragically passed away because of the effect his cancer had on his blood vessels. For some families like mine, cancer means death, but it doesn't have to be that way. This isn't just a disease. Some kids, like my brother, will die due to their type of cancer. Others because the family can't afford treatment. This is heartbreaking: watching your child, sibling, or friend slowly die from cancer, particularly if there is a chance, small or large, that they can live. The most common type of childhood cancer has a 90% survival rate with proper treatment. But a 0% chance of life without chemotherapies.

To help these kids, I plan to start a non-profit to fund medical care for kids who would otherwise die from lack of treatment. Funding might include among other things chemotherapy, drugs, radiation, testing, pre-rounds of treatment, etc. Starting a foundation is expensive, but people won't donate until the foundation is up and running, which is a challenge for someone without an income.

For me, this means that I will use my own money (birthday, christmas, ect) to start this non-profit. I first need to apply and begin the paperwork for the 1023-EZ IRS tax exemption. I would use some of the \$301 for this cause. Our family is in contact with a family who knows many people with cancer who might meet our requirements for funding. I anticipate the patients

receiving financial treatment for assistance will include kids that can be cured of cancer at a high success rate.

To get recognition as a non-profit. I need to build a website. I am using Wix because benign it is free; however, for the website I need to pay for the domain and the subscription of wix to use payments.

I can also use the website to showcase our success in curing kids of cancer to donors and encourage more donations. The website would include testimonials, pictures and videos of the patients, and their family and friends.

Allowing the kids to be the center of our mission by showing the highs and the lows. This website will aid the donees' comprehension of our mission. New donors and old ones will see the effectiveness of their money, hopefully continually donating. The website will help me in building a name and reputation and legitimacy. Allowing people to learn about the organization and for additional questions. For hospitals, doctors, social workers, and the people we will help. Without a website, our non-profit will not seem legitimate. This website will help us invest our money to make more (not in the stock market) but in ourselves.

On our website, we will do raffles, and sell products to support the mission. Things like T-shirts, Hoodies, Bracelets etc. These products won't be possible without paying membership fees to places like Adobe, Wix, and Canva. We may need in the future a place to keep our money, and records of expenses and donations. There are many programs that we may need to use in the future that are better than Google Sheets.

With the money left over from the paperwork, the website, and other tools. The remainder of the 301 dollars will be used on the kids themselves. The kids are the reason I am starting this foundation. Even with a little bit of leftover money, it may not seem like loads of money. It isn't but this could make a difference if a kid lives or dies. These prices pale in comparison to the rest of the expenses. But those expenses are investing in the future of the foundation allowing even more money to come in.

These kids will hopefully be able to receive treatment, saving their lives. This is a very simplified version of what my foundation hopes to accomplish and the steps it will take to get there. I hope that the reader will understand how crucial this cause is. These kids aren't just kids; they are the future doctors, teachers, and lawyers; they are the difference-makers. These kids may change the world if we give them the chance to live a long and successful life.