



children's flight of hope

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A CELEBRATION OF HOPE
2021 Annual Report



Dear Friends of Children's Flight of Hope,

We are deeply proud and immensely grateful for all we have achieved together. With thanks to many, our mission has grown to serve children from 48 states and 25 countries. For thirty years we have delivered our impactful mission to children in need, and we are eager and ready to embrace the opportunities that lie ahead.

In 2021 and every year, we celebrated the partners, supporters, volunteers, staff, and leaders who have led the way. Most importantly, we celebrated the immeasurable hope and healing delivered to young children and their families.

In the pages ahead, you will read more about our 2021 celebration of:

- **Thirty years serving children in need**
- **Hope and healing for each child and family**
- **A successful year of flights and strengthened and expanded partnerships**
- **Record-breaking fundraising at thriving events**
- **A promising future with dedicated donors to pave the way**

As we launch the next decade, we focus on the growth ahead. With execution of an all-encompassing plan in place to expand our impact, awareness of our mission is growing. It is the support of many that allow us to stand strong, ready to serve new families and new hospital partners. We look forward to celebrating continued service and success with you.

With gratitude,

Jennifer Wade
Board Chair

Pat Nelli
Executive Director

CHILDREN'S FLIGHT OF HOPE **provides flights to specialized** **medical care for children in need.**

At Children's Flight of Hope, we are guided by these core values:

LEAD WITH COMPASSION

We are privileged to bridge the vulnerability of need and the grace of generosity in our daily work to provide hope and healing to the families we serve.

UPHOLD TRUST

Families know they can rely on us to be responsive and empathetic. Donors know we use their gifted funds efficiently and effectively. Doctors and social workers know they can turn to us for every child, every time.

THRIVE TOGETHER

When we link arms with dedicated volunteers, donors, social workers, healthcare providers and families, we bring our children the very best.

SHOW GRATITUDE AND RESPECT

We honor the challenging journeys of our families and demonstrate deep appreciation for those who open opportunities for them.

GROW IMPACT

We passionately pursue all opportunities that allow us to deepen and enhance our impact.

Celebrating *Leadership*

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“Finding CFOH has been a game changer for our family. I can only be the superhuman momma to care for all these kiddos knowing you all can take care of the travel part for us. It’s a huge relief! Travel is a burden on all families and you all make it so easy!”

–Brittan, CFOH parent



Celebrating *Milestones*



**ACHIEVED THREE DECADES OF
MISSION IMPACT**



WELCOMED 113 NEW FAMILIES



**ESTABLISHED NEW
CORPORATE PARTNERSHIPS
FOR PRIVATE FLIGHTS**



**RECORD REVENUE TO SUPPORT
OUR MISSION**



**LAUNCHED OUR GIVING SOCIETY:
“LEGACY OF HOPE”**



Rebecca, age 6

HOME: SAN PEDRO SULA, HONDURAS
HOSPITAL: NICKLAUS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL
DIAGNOSIS: LEUKEMIA

Rebecca has been overcoming obstacles since birth, and she's not stopping now! Rebecca was born with Down Syndrome and her mom describes her as a "beautiful, strong and brave girl." In December 2020, Rebecca was diagnosed with lymphoblastic leukemia and a new challenge began. Rebecca connected with us this year when she started traveling from Honduras to Miami for chemotherapy. She has completed 12 flights and will continue making the trip every month until she celebrates recovery. We're with her all the way!



“Totally grateful to God for the love and support we have received in this adventure. Feeling his infinite love through Children’s Flight of Hope fills our hearts with joy and peace.”

—Kimberly, Rebecca’s mom

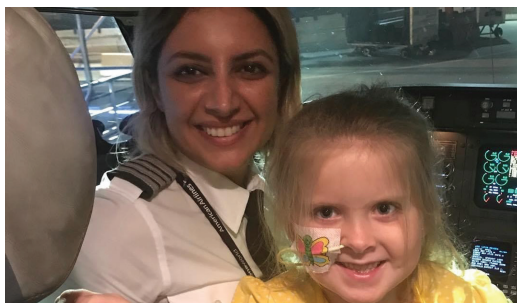
Karlie, age 10

HOME: WARRIOR, ALABAMA

HOSPITAL: CINCINNATI CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL
MEDICAL CENTER

DIAGNOSIS: EOSINOPHILIC ESOPHAGITIS

Karlie is a lively 10-year-old who suffers from eosinophilic esophagitis, a rare and chronic disease of the esophagus. When she first came to us in 2018, Karlie was having trouble finding doctors who could manage this condition in her home state of Alabama. She started flying to a specialist at Cincinnati Children's Hospital and that has made all the difference. She has now completed 18 flights to treatments and surgeries, always with her feeding pump in tow. CFOH flights are essential for Karlie to maintain her specialty healthcare and quality of life.



“Thank you for all you have done for Karlie and our family. CFOH has taken so many burdens away and made it so much easier to get Karlie her treatments. I can't say enough good about you all. Thank you so, so much.”

—Beth, Karlie's mom

Celebrating Endurance

Tristan has grown up with more battles than the average child—he's been fighting stage 4 neuroblastoma since he was six years old. He went into remission for a few years, but sadly the cancer returned in early 2020. Tristan and his mom started flying regularly with CFOH for treatment at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. Tristan's battle continues and he recently learned that his bone marrow is 70% full of neuroblastoma. He has started a new course of treatment at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, pursuing every hope for recovery. We are honored to stand beside brave teens like Tristan and will always fly for their lives.

“If we did not have the support of Children's Flight of Hope, there is no way we could continue to afford going back and forth to the East coast every month. They have been absolutely remarkable in every way, even on short term notice. I am eternally grateful for CFOH and the work they do to help children like mine get the best possible care there is. Without CFOH, I don't know if my son would still be here today. They play a critical role in helping parents access world-renowned health care facilities. We are so grateful for their support.”

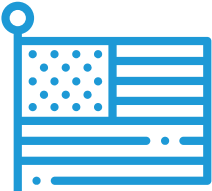
—Riana, Tristan's mom



Tristan, age 13

HOME: BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA
HOSPITAL: CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF PHILADELPHIA
SLOAN KETTERING MEMORIAL
CANCER CENTER
DIAGNOSIS: NEUROBLASTOMA

Celebrating Our Impact



Most common home states:

- 1 North Carolina
- 2 Texas
- 3 Florida
- 4 Virginia
- 5 Tennessee
- 6 South Carolina

Domestic	559
International	74
Total flights	633

Frequent flyers since 2015:

- Julia** from Wisconsin, 86 flights
Yash from North Carolina, 64 flights
Sam from Ohio, 63 flights
Vivianna from Florida, 53 flights
Alivia from Virginia, 50 flights
Oliver from North Carolina, 50 flights



Most common diagnoses for CFOH children:

- Burn Injury
- Short Bowel Syndrome
- Retinoblastoma
- Neuroblastoma
- Spina Bifida



American Airlines provided **352** CFOH flights in 2021



International countries with the most flights:

- 1 Honduras
- 2 United Kingdom
- 3 Dominican Republic
- 4 Mexico
- 5 Peru

30th anniversary mission highlights

Corporate partners provided **seven fully-donated private flights**



91 Unique diagnoses



Top airlines flown:

American Airlines
Delta
Southwest
United
JetBlue

113

of new children welcomed into the CFOH family



Most CFOH children are sent to these five hospitals:

- 1 Boston Children's Hospital
- 2 Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
- 3 Shriners Hospital for Children—Boston
- 4 Cincinnati Children's Hospital
- 5 Shriners Hospital for Children—Philadelphia

167

of flights to Boston Children's Hospital

133

of flights to Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

Celebrating *Partnership*

Individual & Corporate Donors

Our important work is only possible through the generosity and care of individuals and corporations nationwide. We arrange travel with all commercial airlines to ensure that our families travel to treatment as directly, safely and comfortably as possible. We arrange private flights as resources allow for our most medically vulnerable children. We are committed to maximizing efficiency and impact with gratitude to the companies and people who support our mission.

American Airlines

American Airlines is our primary airline partner, generously donating 20 million miles to our mission in 2021 and making a world of difference for the children we serve. We administer their “Miles for Our Well-Being” program, bringing international children in need to charitable medical partners in the United States. The dedication American Airlines shows toward children with medical needs each year continues to take us to new heights.

“By supporting CFOH, we care for hundreds of children who may not have otherwise received support. We are proud to have provided the opportunity for CFOH to expand its impact internationally so that children all over the world can benefit and be able to receive treatment no matter their geographical location. Together we are changing lives and bringing hope to children across the globe.”

—Griffin Gonzalez, American Airlines, Head of Global Charitable Initiatives,
Corporate Giving & Cause Marketing

Southwest[®]

Southwest Airlines graciously supported our mission again in 2021 with 400 one-way vouchers through their Medical Transportation Support Grant. This generous contribution to our mission extends our resources for even more families needing flight assistance. Southwest also selected us as a 2021 winner of their “One Million Acts of Kindness, One Million Dollars of Thanks” contest, awarding an additional 100 flight vouchers. Southwest has our continued gratitude!

Our mission thrives as we work together for the children we serve:



PARENTS

Focused on their family's health



MEDICAL PROVIDERS

Turning hopes for treatment and recovery into reality



AIRLINE PARTNERS

Taking our mission to the sky



SOCIAL WORKERS

Paving the way with connections and documentation



VOLUNTEERS

Bringing energy, heart, and helping hands to all we do



DONORS

Generously supporting families who need us most



LEGACY OF HOPE SOCIETY

Ensuring that children always fly and hope never fails



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Keeping our sights high, vision clear, and foundations strong



Celebrating *New Heights*

Golf Classic

Children's Flight of Hope kicked off its event season in May of 2021 with the CFOH Golf Classic. Our sold-out field of 36 teams enjoyed a day of friends, food and fun in support of our mission while enjoying the beautiful courses at North Ridge Country Club.

SAVE THE DATE

Wheels Up Party: Sunday, May 1, 2022 | Golf Classic: Monday, May 2, 2022
North Ridge Country Club



Denim & Diamonds

Children's Flight of Hope hosted our annual Denim and Diamonds gala at the Angus Barn with a great celebration of support, raising a record \$886,000 for mission impact! With live and silent auctions, the event also included powerful stories of our kids and well-deserved awards. Harold and Deborah Nunn were recipients of our 30th Anniversary award, Ray White received the Mark Ash award, and Joe Elphick received the Noah Duncan award. It was a fantastic night to celebrate 30 years of flying for hope and healing.

SAVE THE DATE

Friday, November 4, 2022
The Pavilion at the Angus Barn, Raleigh, NC



Hops for Hope

The 2021 Hops for Hope event set records when 31 corporate teams and 30 breweries who teamed up to fundraise and celebrate at North Hills Midtown Park. The community raised over \$295,000—a record-breaking fundraising milestone for this sixth annual event led by Duke Health, Chiesi, Netsertive and many others! On September 25th, over 1,500 people enjoyed specialty craft brews, live music, local vendor booths and learning more about CFOH's important mission.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, September 10, 2022
North Hills Midtown Park, Raleigh, NC



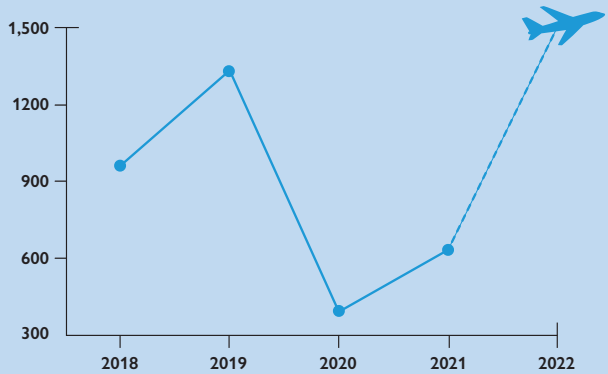
Fiscal Report

In a world of continued uncertainty in 2021, two things remained certain: that children and their families need Children’s Flight of Hope to ease their medical, financial, and emotional burdens, and our supporters and partners are committed to meeting that need.

With continued impact of COVID on healthcare and travel, CFOH mission delivery began its rebound in 2021 with a 61% mission increase over 2020. With thanks to many who contribute to a record year for funding, Children’s Flight of Hope grew the reserves needed to meet future need.

CFOH mission delivery by year

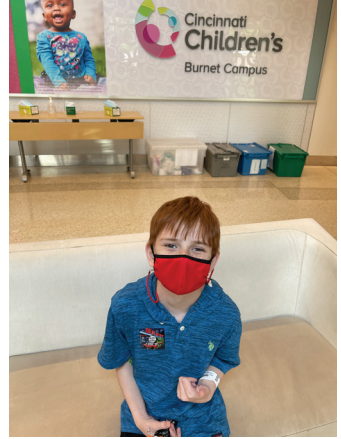
Projected goal of 1500 missions in 2022



Strategic steps to increase awareness and partnerships with hospital partners, parent support groups, and aligned organizations are well underway. Our 2022 budget reflects a mission delivery increase of over 200% as we efficiently and effectively steward donated resources to expand mission impact.

	2021	2020
Total Assets	\$1,495,898	\$738,132
Total Liabilities	\$44,832	\$29,869
Net Assets	\$1,451,066	\$708,263
Total Revenue	\$2,541,944	\$1,256,649
Total Expenses	\$1,873,278	\$981,706
Other Revenue (Mostly PPP Loan Forgiveness)	\$63,577	\$64,997
Net Revenue	\$732,243	\$339,940

Celebrating *What is Possible*



With so much to celebrate in our past and our present, we look to a future of continued success. We are well-positioned to expand our mission so more children can access specialty medical care.

IN 2021, THE CFOH BOARD OF DIRECTORS DEVELOPED A STRATEGIC PLAN TO EXPAND OUR REACH.

As we considered our current impact and unmet need at top US Children's Hospitals, opportunities for growth emerged:

- **CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF PHILADELPHIA**
- **CINCINNATI CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL CENTER**
- **TEXAS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL**

We are confident that our efforts to expand our reach will bring even more children with serious health conditions the resources they need for hope and healing. As always, we are also committed to flying our existing client families throughout their journeys of treatment and recovery.

So much is needed... and so much is possible.

We invite you to join us at our events, be part of our monthly giving campaign, and spread the word of our mission to families who could use our help. With your support, we will do more for more.

Celebrating Support

The Legacy of Hope Society is the annual philanthropic giving society of Children's Flight of Hope and recognizes and celebrates those most generously dedicated to our mission and impact, with gifts of \$10,000 or more.



The Legacy Society celebrates this impact by providing meaningful experiences, information, and recognition to those providing such distinguished and generous support.

Alex Ambrose and Jennifer Wade
Dick and Marsha Ambrose
Edward and Elaine Auslander
Donald and Vicki Beaver
Anthony and Beth Blackman
Bobby and Marianna Clampett
Michael and Melissa Colantuoni
Daniel and Kimberly Corgan
Joe Elphick
Richard and Jennifer Gardner
Barry Goldstein
Robert and Elizabeth Gooding
Kamran and Tonia Goudarzi
Ray and Trudy Hales
Joey and Renee Iannone

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Scott and Katherine McDowell
Tom and Nan Merrick
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John Rodgers
Rick and Deborah Snow
Scott and Ashlyn Sullivan
Raymond Trevino
Tomislav and Gordana Vujec
Abel and Barbara Zalcberg

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Heartfelt thanks to those who donated between \$1,000 and \$10,000 to keep our kids flying in 2021 and beyond:

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In 2021, we celebrated the generous community that has driven our mission forward for 30 years.

The words of gratitude from our families drive us to do more, and thanks to our supporters, we will be there when children need us the most.



WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US AS WE DELIVER
HOPE, HEALING, AND BRIGHT FUTURES.

Together, we fly for their lives.



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