

# Keepin' Up With The Kidz

Fall 2019

## 11 Years... \$1 Million+ Raised, 400+ Helped!

We wanted to take a moment to thank each and every one of you for your continued support of Kelly's Kidz over the last 11 years.

As we close out 2019 and reflect on how far we have come since we started, the results are overwhelming and humbling.

Because of you, we:

- successfully raised more than \$1,000,000.00
- positively impacted more than 400 families
- continued to raise necessary funding to support our grant programs year-after-year.

We are equally excited and proud to highlight some of those individuals and organizations who have benefitted from your generosity in 2019. This year, we provided grants from our Drivers Education Program to 8 new drivers that will gain independence they have never experienced, we supported the Unified Sports Program at Plymouth-Canton High Schools to allow them the ability to run a full year of programming without budget concerns and we have also continued to support the Miracle League of Plymouth in a variety of ways.

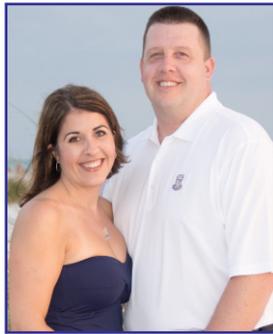
Our Random Acts of Kindness Program has continued to grow as we learn about many different hardships that families in the special needs community experience ranging from constructing new ramps to provide access to their homes, fixing wheelchairs so they can interact in our communities or lastly assisting with home repairs for those that continue to have new challenges as they grow and adapt. (See further details in the newsletter)

Kelly's Kidz will continue to assist individuals with physical impairments and supporting organizations. We are able to achieve this through your continued support and generosity each and every year.

Thanks for Caring,

*Kelly & Dave*

Dave and Kelly Hermann



## Random Acts In 2019

Over the years, Kelly's Kidz has been fortunate to support many of our families through various Random Acts of Kindness. This year, a number of the Random Acts dealt with making some level of home modifications for easier access.



For one family, we were able to provide several portable ramps giving them easier access to their home and a variety of other locations in the community. In fact, they were able to take them on vacations allowing them to overcome many obstacles they encountered.

Additionally, by partnering with other organizations and volunteer groups, we were able to assist another family by adding a permanent ramp, modifying a bathroom, and expanding a number of doorways, which ultimately allowed their children to move freely and safely throughout the home.

And, none of these amazing stories could be done without your continued and generous support!

## CFCU Recognizes Kelly's Kidz In August

Kelly's Kidz was the recipient of more than \$1,100 from Plymouth-based Community Financial Credit Union through their *Win for Charity* program.

The credit union selects a different, local charity each month to raise funds for and selected Kelly's Kidz in August.



CFCU has always been a strong supporter of Kelly's Kidz and we are very grateful for their generosity. This donation will be used for our Driving Grant Program in 2020.



Kelly's Kidz is a not-for-profit created to provide financial assistance and resources to physically-impaired children with special needs and to create an opportunity for them to lead the best life they can possibly live.

## Driving Grant Recipient: Summer

Summer was one of our A&A Driving Grant Program recipients in 2019. She was diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy, which is defined as a condition marked by impaired muscle coordination.

Summer is very excited about being able to drive so she can hang out with her friends without having to depend on others to take her everywhere. Her biggest worry about driving was crashing, but she shares the hand controls are super easy and she barely even notices anything different about driving.

The most difficult thing about driving in a different way is explaining what the hand controls are and why she needs them. As you can imagine, a lot of people are not exposed to these kinds of things, but once she shows them how everything works they always say it's "super cool."

One of the first things Summer plans on doing once she is fully licensed is to drive her cousin to a nature preserve. She also plans on getting a job for even more independence.

In her spare time, Summer likes to read because she feels reading takes you to a whole other world. In fact, she considers herself a very fast reader and is always in need of another book! Congratulations Summer on being a 2019 Driving Grant recipient.



*"I'm so incredibly grateful for Kelly's Kidz for helping me with this milestone in my life that would otherwise be super hard for me to achieve."*

*- Summer, 16*

## Students Donate To Kelly's Kidz

Four students at Sashabaw Middle School in Clarkston (MI) chose a project that would help the environment by returning bottles and cans.

Over a five week period, the students held a bottle/can drive and successfully raised more than \$600 for Kelly's Kidz.

"We chose to donate our money to Kelly's Kidz because we thought it is an amazing cause that helps many outstanding children," shared Grace C., one of the students.

The students also made bottle cap necklaces as gifts to Kelly's Kidz kids with the intent of making them happy and more confident.

Kelly's Kidz is extremely grateful for this donation and will be using the funds to pay for six kids to play baseball at The Miracle League of Plymouth this spring.



## Thank You, Solid Rock

Canton-based Solid Rock Jewelers selected Kelly's Kidz for their charity of the month in November.

"We are excited to make a monetary donation to Kelly's Kidz in supporting our mission statement of giving back to the community in which we live," shared owner Felicia Haggerty.

Solid Rock Jewelers is located at 5924 North Sheldon Road in Canton or online at [www.solidrockjewelers.net](http://www.solidrockjewelers.net).



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