



2016 Annual Report



The Baliguat-Lamoya Family

Measuring Success



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Measuring Success

Aloha Friends,

Like many nonprofit organizations, HUGS measures success by whether we've reached our goals in terms of numbers, such as number of families served, number of volunteers, or amount of funds raised. We also measure success on how we've improved the lives of Hawaii's seriously ill children and their families.

We know we're succeeding when a family says, "We love the HUGS Ohana, because each and every family knows what it feels like to have an ill child. We share stories and experiences that we can relate to! We love each other because that's what families do." Or, "HUGS comes to a family's rescue in big and small ways."

HUGS provides comprehensive, long-term services for families with children who suffer from a range of diverse life-threatening illnesses. When a family comes to HUGS for help, we're here for each family member and the entire family as a unit.

Success takes hard work and dedication on the part of many people – our Board members, staff, hundreds of volunteers, and community partners – working together to enhance and grow our services and programs for our families. Our success is also possible because of the generous spirit of our individual donors, foundations, corporate partners, and community groups. Thank you for your monetary and in kind contributions and for embracing the mission of HUGS.

In 2017 HUGS is observing its 35th year, and I'm honored to continue the legacy of sharing support, love and joy with Hawaii's seriously ill children and their families.

Mahalo,

Joan Naguwa
HUGS Executive Director

Mission:

To strengthen Hawaii's families and improve their quality of life as they face the emotional and financial hardships of caring for a seriously ill child.

We Did it!



"Wow, we did it!" remembers Shannelle Baliguat-Lamoya after her last chemotherapy treatment in August 2016. Today, she's feeling better than ever.

Shannelle was 13 when she felt a sharp pain in her knee while walking home from school one day. A few weeks later, her mother Debbie Baliguat-Lamoya noticed Shannelle's shoulder was drooping. One evening, the pain so unbearable, Shannelle screamed. Her parents rushed her to the emergency room.

Then came the shocking news. Blood tests confirmed Shannelle had acute lymphoid leukemia, a fast-growing cancer that affects the white blood cells. It was a long, two-year journey of touch-and-go for Shannelle and the rest of her family. The first year was the hardest, recalls Debbie.

This included an intensive course of chemotherapy that made Shannelle sick. Her weakened heart stopped and she nearly died on three separate occasions before being revived. Shannelle needed tubes to be fed and take her medication. Her hair kept falling out, so she had her head shaved twice.



Shannelle's perseverance and positive attitude helped the family get through all of the ups-and-downs during treatment. "There were many times when Shannelle got upset, but she took it all in stride," says Debbie.

"God also blessed us with the people we needed," she adds. "Great nurses and doctors, friends, and... HUGS." The family was referred to HUGS in 2014 during Shannelle's hospitalization at Kapiolani Medical Center for Women & Children. "The hospital visits by the HUGS staff brightened our days, adding joy and laughter," says Debbie gratefully.

They also enjoy the HUGS events, including the Family Dinners that bring families together. "At HUGS, everyone knows you and cares about you. You can relate with each other," says Shannelle. "HUGS is like a second family."

A child's illness impacts the entire family, including siblings. Debbie says that when Shannelle got sick, her younger sister Shaillee, age 7 at the time, was very sad, worried and scared, and prayed for her sister to get better. HUGS' SibCamp, a three-day camp just for siblings, helped Shaillee understand her feelings and overcome some of her fears. She loved every moment of camp, where she made new friends, and can't wait until the next one, her fourth. Debbie says Shaillee matured quite a bit over the past two years.

Last year's Surf4HUGS, organized annually by the Thomas family, was the first time Shannelle felt well enough to participate. She says it was a lot of fun and an amazing feeling to stand on a surfboard and surf far out from shore.

Shannelle is glad to be "normal" again – back in school and happy to just hang out with her friends. An honor student at Kapolei High, her favorite subject is biology.

Her dream is to become a pediatric oncologist. Having gone through the experience, Shannelle wants to help other children fight cancer. What advice would she share?

"Keep smiling. I know what you're going through because I've been there. Just know you're going to get through this, too."

Debbie adds, "HUGS was always there for us and will always have a special place in our hearts."

2016 Gifts to HUGS

HUGS is deeply grateful to the following individuals and organizations who gave gifts of \$1,000 or more in 2016 to help Hawaii's families in their challenging journey of caring for a child with a serious illness.

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HUGS by the Numbers

300

Families received HUGS' services

81

New HUGS families

\$0

Amount families pay for services

527

Children/teens participated in HUGS' programs and services

36

Siblings received support through SibCamp and SibShops

322

Hospital visits made by HUGS staff and volunteers

91

Boxes of food provided to 36 HUGS families

36

Family members received emergency airfare assistance

31

Neighbor Island families received stipend for daily living expenses with a hospitalized child on Oahu

1,074

Volunteers donated the gift of their time

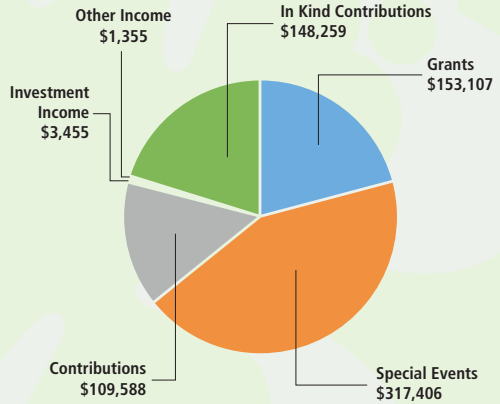
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Total Volunteer hours

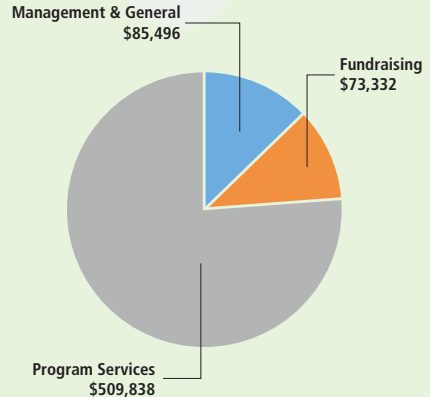
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