

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



What is the Casey Cares Foundation?

We are a non-profit organization that provides uplifting programs *with a special touch* to critically ill children and their families throughout the Mid-Atlantic region serving patients at such hospitals as Johns Hopkins, Children's National, Georgetown University, University of Maryland Hospital for Children, Children's Hospital at Sinai, Medical College of Virginia and Hershey Medical Center. Most of the children are being treated for: leukemia, brain tumors, cystic fibrosis, blood disorders (sickle cell, TTP, aplastic anemia, etc.), lymphoma (Hodgkin and non-Hodgkin), sarcoma, and other childhood cancers.

When did it begin?

Established in 2000, the Casey Cares Foundation was founded by Casey Baynes and is headquartered in Maryland. The Foundation is governed by our Board of Directors.

What makes you different than other children's charities?

Because we are a local charity, we have the opportunity to personally get to know our families and tailor our programs to meet their needs. Whether it's tickets to a sporting event or live show, weekend getaway, delivery of new pajamas or a birthday surprise, our families' imaginations are the inspiration of our creative programs. Activities and events are provided not just once a lifetime or once a year, but frequently throughout the child's illness. Our popular, bi-monthly parties offer occasions to socialize and support each other while experiencing new adventures.

How do children qualify for the programs?

Children from birth to age 18 who are on active treatment and frequently hospitalized for life-threatening diseases are eligible. The application is reviewed with the child's physician before eligibility is determined. Eligibility continues for an additional year following the child's last active treatment and for families who have suffered the loss of a child.

Are children eligible if they participate in programs with a similar organization?

Yes, during this time of stress in their lives, we believe the more opportunities the better. We encourage children to participate in all programs in which they are eligible.

How is the Casey Cares Foundation funded?

We are funded through in-kind donations, special events, private donations, corporate sponsors and foundation grants. Seeking to keep administrative costs down, the Foundation does not employ telemarketing companies or solicit door to door.

Are my contributions tax deductible?

Yes. As a 501 (c) 3 tax exempt organization any contributions or gifts are tax deductible as allowed by law. We provide receipts for all donations. To view our 990s, please contact our office, or visit: www.guidestar.org/index.jsp.