

## PASCO PEDIATRIC FOUNDATION, INC.

is a 501 (c) 3, non-profit tax exempt charitable organization founded in 1995. Our mission is to raise and distribute funds to children and young adults who need assistance with medical, emotional, physical, and educational needs not otherwise met by existing federal, state, and local services and organizations in Pasco County.

The Pasco Pediatric Foundation fulfills its mission by partnering with Pasco County's school nurses, educators, health department, local hospitals, pediatricians and many other concerned professionals serving our children. With referrals from these professionals and the community, we are able to provide assistance through our various programs.

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## WHAT DO WE DO?

- ❖ Meeting special requests/needs of children (i.e. wheelchair lift, dental services, therapy for autistic children and mental health services).
- ❖ College scholarship aid for high school seniors.
- ❖ Playground for children with special needs located at JB Starkey Park.
- ❖ Free prescription vouchers for children in need of medication.
- ❖ Free radiology vouchers.
- ❖ Ariel Goldman Holiday Giving Fund: holiday gifts for children in need.

*"Making a difference one child at a time."*

## RADIOLOGY VOUCHER PROGRAM\*

Free MRI's, CT scans, Ultrasounds and plain X-rays are available to children who reside in Pasco County and who cannot afford to pay for these services. These tests are performed at Radiology Associates.

## PRESCRIPTION VOUCHER PROGRAM\*

Free cash vouchers are available to pay for much needed emergency and/or chronic medications for children whose families are of low income and without prescription coverage. Healthcare professionals at local emergency rooms, pediatric offices, schools and clinics help to distribute our vouchers, which are exchanged for medication(s) at participating K-Mart and Wal-Mart pharmacies.

In 2006, the Foundation paid over \$10,000 in prescription vouchers helping 150 children.

## CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

School success is encouraged by providing college scholarships through the Pasco Pediatric Foundation's Student Scholarship Program. These students are

nominated by school teachers and/or guidance counselors. These students have overcome a physical, cultural and/or scholastic hardship to become leaders in their community through community service. At least two awards of \$1,500 each are given each year.

**The Foundation has provided 26 children with scholarships totaling over \$39,000.**

## SPECIAL REQUEST PROGRAM

Every attempt is made to fulfill all types of requests for children in need through collaboration with community professionals and agencies; including medical equipment, mental health care, dental care and other medically related items as presented to the board. In 2000, we donated \$20,000 to build a playground specially designed for children with special needs at Jay B. Starkey Wilderness Park.

In 2002, the Pasco Pediatric Foundation paid for a custom designed wheelchair lift for a 17 year old with a physical deformity and for oral reconstructive surgery for a 5 year old girl with a severe dental malformation.

In 2004, the Pasco Pediatric Foundation helped to provide necessary orthodontic treatment for an eight-year-old boy who had severe dental abnormality, enabling to correct the problem and improve his self-esteem. A little boy was struck by a car and suffered severe brain injury. We replaced the broken locks that hold his wheelchair in place in his parents' van. In addition, we supplied necessary medical supplies for a six-year-old paraplegic boy.

In 2005 we purchased a medical Tri Stander to

allow a physically challenged child the freedom of movement. Additionally, we have paid for cataract surgery for a youngster after an injury occurred.

In 2007, we are working on a new shelter being built adjacent to the Jay B. Starkey Wilderness Park playground and playground equipment expansion.

## ARIEL GOLDMAN HOLIDAY GIVING FUND

Every year during the holidays, we try to find children and families in need and provide them medical supplies, household goods, and/or toys.

In 2006 we helped 75 children from the Salvation Army, Foster Care System, and Pasco School System receive badly needed clothing, bicycles, computers, and much more.

## DENTAL REQUEST PROGRAM

This program was launched in 2005 and provides dental treatment for children identified for dental needs in the nursing department at the Pasco County school system.

*\* Vouchers also available at physicians offices, local hospitals, and Pasco County school nurses.*

