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2021

# ANNUAL REPORT



# A WORD FROM April Royal Founder

During the four months of Kory's life and care at Egleston Children's Hospital in Atlanta Georgia, I was blessed to spend every day with my son. I also was able to witness the struggle of so many parents with meal cost, gas assistance and overnight stay.

After the passing of my son, I wanted to do something in his memory that allowed me to give support to the families of the Children's Hospitals. I published a book written for him while he was hospitalized that was going to serve as the first story he would have read to him. Unfortunately, he didn't make it home, but I was blessed to read his story to him two days before he passed away. That story was used as a tool to help assist families with their daily needs while their child was hospitalized. But, I saw that the families needed more assistance and decided, with the support of my late father, John Royal who, we lost the covid, that it was time to form the Kory Foundation Inc. becoming a non-profit organization has allowed us to reach out to companies and individuals within our community for their support and more resources for the families we serve.

Today this organization stands in the memory of my son and late father John W. Royal, who we lost to covid. Every meal we provide, gas card, hotel stay assistance and in-hospital event is because of these two amazing people who touched me and taught me in more ways than my words could ever say. We will continue the works we do from City to city and state to state.

I love you both and you will never be forgotten.

All my love,

April



In honor of my son,  
Kory Lawrence Drake Jr.

July 20th 2007-  
November 27, 2007,  
I envision and formed the  
Kory Foundation Inc.

# ABOUT US

We are a combination of individuals who came together to provide guidance for families of hospitalized children in the the Atlanta and Augusta, Georgia areas. It is our goal to create a system that provides meals, fuel cards and overnight stay assistance to the families in the hospitals we presently serve and those we will serve in the near future. The ideas and structure of this organization came together after our founder's son passed away due to a premature birth. His life created in the mind of his mother a new purpose, the Kory Foundation Inc. the work time and dedication we put forth every day, we do in his and all of the children that we cherish because Family Matters.



# OUR VISION

Our vision is to create a system that provides daily meals, emotional, physical and social stability to all parents of Children's Healthcare of Atlanta patients and individuals in Atlanta Georgia, and surrounding counties.

# OUR MISSION

To enhance the quality of life of residents of DeKalb County and its immediate and surrounding counties of metropolitan Atlanta, Georgia, as well as visitors to the area whose child or children are hospitalized within a local children's hospital. Our services include ensuring discounts on healthy meals for parents and individuals in need of nourishment, soliciting, collecting, and packaging food for distribution as well as providing family support and opportunities for emergency children care.



# OUR VALUE

The values of the Kory Foundation Inc are pieces of a puzzle that that fit perfectly together to create a masterpiece.



**Kory Foundation  
Inc.**



- Courage-allowed us to form and to continue to grow and change.
- Honor- we honor the lives of our children
- Respect-respect ourselves each other and the families we serve
- Compassion-show compassion at all times and gain the understanding of the families and their needs
- Family- build an unbreakable bond with all whom we come in contact with.
- Community-know our surrounding and what it needs to thrive.
- Quality-allow the quality of our service to speak and all we do.

**“Where Family Matters”**

# OUR TEAM



April Royal  
Founder



Wanda Royal  
Augusta Area  
Director



Juanista Burnett  
Secretary



Kathy Davis  
Treasure



Charlotte Royal  
Asst. Treasure

## Events Team



Barbara Hurwitz

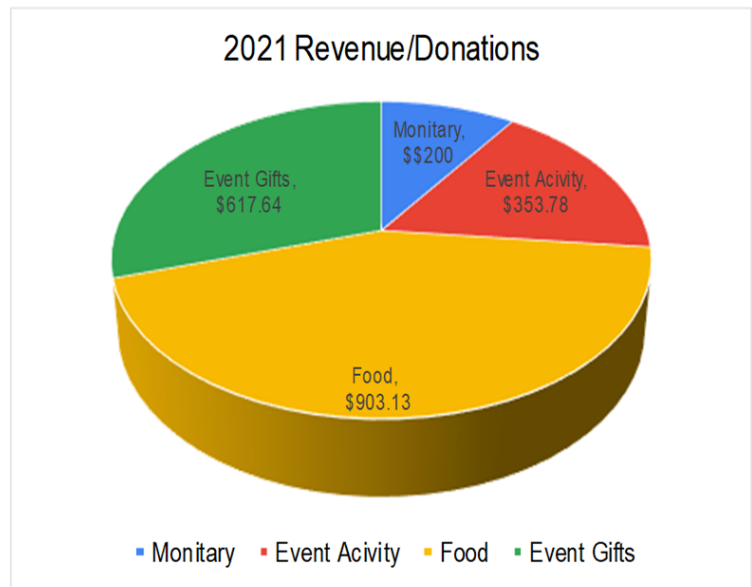


Kimberly Gottschalk



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# 2021 IN REVIEW



# PARTNERSHIPS / EVENTS

During the 2021 interactions with parents and patients was limited due to Covid restrictions. However, during the holidays family support still continued. The level of support families needed increased and the strength of our board members banded together. We worked diligently as one to ensure the families we serve were provided meals and needed items. There is no storm that we cannot shelter ourselves in the community from, because Family matters.

February  
Valentine's Day

In lieu of manicures and cookie decorating.  
We teamed up with Care Source and provided Manicure sets, coloring books and edible treats by Tiff's Treats and Bojangles.





April  
Easter

In lieu of our annual egg hunt,  
Jason's Deli and treat filled eggs were provided.

  
*CareSource*™



# July Kory's Birthday

Each July we celebrate Kory's Birthday. This year we held an outdoor event filled with music, food and fun.



**Annual Balloon Release**

Join us for a celebration of life and lite refreshments and don't forget your beach/folding chair.

**Saturday, July 17, 2021**  
**Time: 11:00 A.M.**  
**Location: Clark Community Park**  
**111 Davis Rd, Stockbridge, Ga**

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Kory Foundation invites you to:

**REMEMBER YOU CELEBRATION**  
**SATURDAY JULY 17TH**

Join us for fun in the park

Come join us at the park as we honor loved ones through song and poetry. Folding/beach chairs welcome, lanterns provided and refreshments served

**From 11:00 - 1:00PM**  
**Clark Community Park**  
**111 David Rd. Stockbridge, Ga**

Tya Storyz Songstress	Nikki Gray Poet	RJ Owens Poet	April Jones Songstress
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December  
Christmas

In 2021 we were able to resume our annual Toy  
Delivery thanks to Toys for Tots of Atlanta.





# GET INVOLVED

Volunteer

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