



SUN DEVIL

*Family Charities*

**2021 ANNUAL REPORT**

# 2014 KEY FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

## FISCAL YEAR END FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### INCOME:

Donations	\$12,267	29.73%
Event Income	\$29,000	70.27%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$41,267</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

### Program Expenses:

Patient Giving	\$30,922	74.93%
Event Expenses	\$11,004	26.67%

<b>Total Program Expenses</b>	<b>\$41,926</b>	<b>101.60%</b>
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Administrative Expenses	\$2,324	5.63%
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<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$44,250</b>	<b>107.23%</b>
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Net Change in Fund Balance	\$(2,983)	-7.23%
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### BALANCE SHEET:

Cash	\$12,367
Other Current Assets	\$516
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$12,883</b>

Other Assets	\$1,407
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<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$14,290</b>
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Current Liabilities	\$265
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<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$265</b>
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Fund Balance	\$14,025
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<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$14,290</b>
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## LETTER FROM **PRESIDENT** *Celebrating Our 7th Year*

**A**s 2014 comes to an end, Sun Devil Family Charities celebrates its 7th year since its official formation. As with most start-ups, time passes very quickly in the infancy stage and during the formative years as the organization takes shape and becomes an established entity.

Over the 7 years SDFC has continued to grow and mature and with this has come greater name recognition and an increasing number of supporters. Whether a for-profit business or a not-for-profit charity, expanding the “customer” base is a crucial element to survival and success.

While our “customer” base of volunteers, board members and donors has grown over the years, this continues to be an ongoing focus as SDFC further evolves in our never ending goal of achieving our Mission Statement... **TO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO THOSE WITHIN THE SUN**

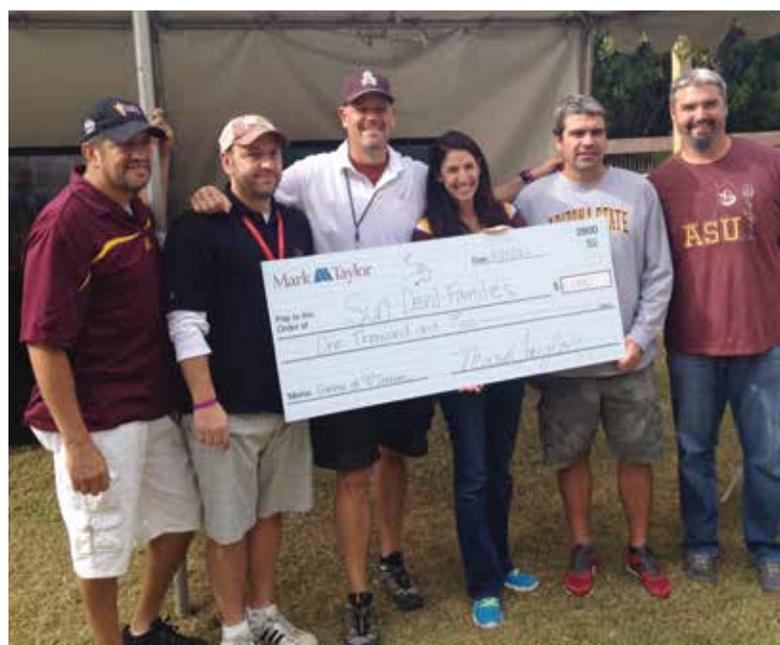
**DEVIL FAMILY WHO ARE EXPERIENCING FINANCIAL HARDSHIP DUE TO A MEDICAL CONDITION.**

The SDFC Board, Volunteers and Donors are very proud of the efforts made to raise funds to assist the Sun Devil Family and we look forward to continuing this good work.

Thank you and GO DEVILS!!!



Scott Holland



# Sun Devil Family Charities



## PATIENT **RECIPIENT** *Candice Dutton*

The Dutton family was in a joyful place; 16 weeks pregnant with their 3rd child and having successfully navigated into the second trimester, Candice Dutton and her family were jubilant and excited. But in a matter of hours, their joy turned to despair when their beloved unborn son, unexpectedly died. Although grief-stricken and devastated, financial demands meant Candice had to return to work just days after the loss. Struggling to cope emotionally and mentally and overwhelmed by the river of medical bills, Candice turned to Sun Devil Family Charities. Thanks to SDFC's financial support, the Dutton family was able to breathe once again refocusing their energy on healing and moving forward.

### **SOON THERE WOULD BE FIVE**

Candice and Joby Dutton were expanding their family. With a daughter Emily and a son Ronin, they were delighted to be planning the arrival of their 3rd child - another son. They knew that not all pregnancies are successful as they themselves had experienced a miscarriage some years before. Therefore, they kept a very close eye on this one. Time went by and regular tests continued to indicate it was a very healthy and robust pregnancy. First at 10 weeks, then at 12, they remained cautious but excited. They reached 16 weeks and as Candice explains, this meant they felt they could, "Start getting excited, be happy, connect with this baby." They made announcements and began the process of buying a car to accommodate their soon-to-be family of five.

### **AND THEN THE UNTHINKABLE HAPPENED**

March 18, 2013, was a happy day as the Duttons enjoyed a family dinner together. But Candice noticed that evening that something felt strange. She was having what felt like strong labor pains so they immediately headed to the hospital. Tests revealed that Candice was experiencing major complications which was triggering preterm labor. Their only chance, said the doctor, was emergency surgery which was scheduled for the following morning. Driving home at 2am, Candice was in shock but remained hopeful that with this surgery just hours away, all would be well.

Arriving at her doctor's office the next morning to prep for surgery, the ultrasound showed the baby boy still active as Candice looked on with relief as he sucked his thumb. So special was the moment that Candice commented to the ultrasound technician what an amazing job she had giving people such good news. One look at the stone-faced reaction of the technician set Candice's alarm bells off. The doctor was called in and the news was grave: nothing could be done. Surgery wouldn't help now. Candice was in a state of shock. She says, "I kept saying 'I don't know what you mean by that. I don't know what you mean by that!'" And right there in the doctor's office, her water broke and she began haemorrhaging. She recalls, "The doctor said the baby would come fast, that I should hold him and he'll pass quickly," adding sadly, "We didn't even have a name picked out yet." They eventually named their lost son Gabriel.

And so on March 19th, 2013, within approximately 12 hours, Candice had gone from healthy, happy expectant mom to delivering her son prematurely, watching him die in her arms. Candice's battered body went through more trauma as she then underwent surgery the following day to help her recover safely.

### **FINANCIAL PRESSURE MEANS NO TIME TO REST AND HEAL**

Despite the harrowing experience and urging by her doctor to take 2 weeks off, Candice felt that wasn't an option. Being the main caregiver of their two children

as well as the primary breadwinner, Candice was in no position to use up all of her annual sick time and vacation time in one go. Heartbroken, angry and overwhelmed, Candice returned to her high-pressure job as a social worker just 5 days after losing Gabriel. With her body, heart and mind all in a state of upheaval and chaos, the added financial pressures made the following days, weeks and months even more excruciating.

Newly bereaved, she began receiving medical bills and wanted to lash out in grief-fuelled bitterness. She recalls, "I just didn't want to pay them. I felt resentful; it was like why should I pay these bills when it hadn't even helped us?" The mounting balance became overwhelming as they struggled to manage all the payments.

Then Candice recalled a business meeting the previous year with Anne Resnick, also a social worker and board member of SDFC. As both Candice and Joby were ASU alumni, Candice contacted SDFC on the off-chance that they might be able to help. She recalls speaking to Greg from SDFC about just how many bills they had to which the reply was, "Just send us everything you have and we'll see what we can do."

### **"THEIR WORDS LET ME TAKE A DEEP BREATH AND FINALLY RELEASE THE STRESS IN MY BODY."**

In the meantime, with all the fear and worry about the bills mounting up, Candice was finding it hard to grieve her own loss while simultaneously being there for her two children. She describes receiving her reply from SDFC, "Their words let me take a deep breath and finally release the stress in my body and allow me for the first time to relax." She was told that SDFC would pay all of their medical bills. Candice remembers sitting down and taking a deep breath; it was the first time the stress in her body abated and she was able to relax for the first time in many gruelling months. What touches Candice deeply is how the goodness of strangers came to her family's aid. She explains, "To have somebody out of the goodness of their heart be willing to help you and take the financial stress from you without judgment or even really knowing you is such a blessing."

### **"SDFC GAVE ME BACK A PORTION OF MY LIFE."**

Candice says it's difficult to find the exact words to accurately describe how SDFC's support helped her family and others like hers. She says, "SDFC gave me back a portion of my life - they took over the financial impact and let me regain control and regain the grief. Their help allows people to focus on the other things in their life. My children had a stressed mom but thanks to SDFC's help, they got their mom back." Candice remains appreciative to SDFC and the donors who make it all possible "To know that somebody is with you there in that moment saying, 'you don't have to worry now' is such a blessing. Thank you!"

The Dutton family have worked together to heal their wounds and Candice says they're now at peace with Gabriel's passing. And they've recently had a new reason to celebrate. In November 2014, they welcomed their 3rd child - a son named Ryker who was born happy and healthy.

### **"THE POWER OF SDFC GOES BEYOND THE FINANCIAL."**

Through SDFC several months later, Candice was able to use some of her experience to help another. A friend of a SDFC board member had recently experienced the loss of her baby at full-term. SDFC wondered if Candice might be willing to reach out to this bereaved mother. And so she did and the two women connected. Although Candice had already been moved by SDFC from her own experience, this took it to another level. Candice says, "The power of SDFC goes beyond the financial. It allowed two grieving moms across state lines to offer support to one other. That's the impact of this charity - helping people helping people."

## PATIENT RECIPIENT

### Stuart Ivener

Most people facing a leukemia diagnosis would be devastated and initially gripped with intense fear. But Stuart Ivener isn't most people. When Stuart received the news he had acute myelogenous leukemia (AML), Stuart says he never feared for his health; something deep within knew he'd survive but his big question was how? With limited medical coverage and even more limited funds, it was through the help of Sun Devil Family Charities that Stuart received the life-saving medical treatment he needed.

#### **"IT'S NOT MY TIME. I'M GOING TO BE HEALED OF THIS."**

For years Stuart Ivener's blood cell count was low. Living in Nevada, he went through routine testing which seemed to indicate this was relatively normal for Stuart. In January 2012, his routine blood cell count was even lower than normal which prompted further testing. Just two days later, Stuart was told that he had acute myelogenous leukemia (AML). With his white cells at just around 50%, he was urgently sent for chemotherapy in California. With his HMO cover supplied by the VA and transferrable to CA, he underwent two rounds of hospital stays to receive treatment.

In his heart, Stuart didn't question that he'd go into remission. To his children he declared, "I'm not going anywhere. It's not my time. I'm going to be healed of this." Feeling calm and peaceful, he was ready to do whatever needed to be done to reverse the disease and enter remission. And so he did...for a time.

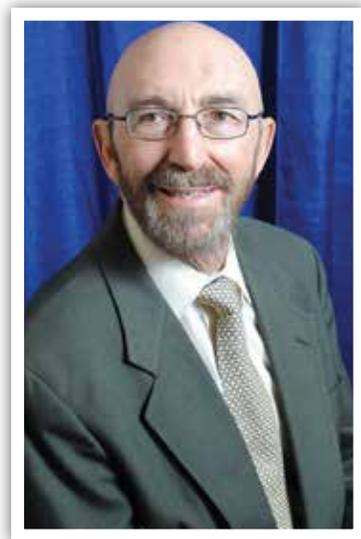
#### **"CHEMOTHERAPY WILL EXTEND YOUR LIFE... A STEM CELL TRANSPLANT WILL SAVE IT:"**

Just eleven months later, Stuart suffered a severe relapse. Wanting to return to Arizona where his children were, he asked the VA about the best possible treatment and was told the Mayo Clinic because of how much more quickly they could treat him. The Mayo Clinic oncologist laid out Stuart's options, "Chemotherapy will extend your life...a stem cell transplant will save it." And so the decision was made: at the Mayo Clinic he would undergo a stem cell transplant, his greatest chance at long term remission. Unfortunately, his HMO wasn't transferrable to Arizona. His only option was to pay a Medicare supplement which the Mayo clinic would accept. The only problem was, Stuart couldn't afford it.

#### **THE PRICE TAG OF TREATMENT HE COULDN'T AFFORD**

And it was this, says Stuart, which marked the darkest time in his illness. Believing he would survive wasn't Stuart's issue. It was having

no way of paying the health care costs which would, in turn, provide his life-saving treatment. For the better part of two months, Stuart searched and searched for funding. Says Stuart, "I just couldn't get funding anywhere for anything. That was a dark time."



The Leukemia Society offered a support person, someone who would help him traverse the long and challenging road ahead. And that support person would be the key in Stuart's quest for funding his stem-cell transplant.

#### **SUN DEVIL FAMILY CHARITIES – A TRUE LIFESAVER**

As Stuart shared with his new support person, little did he realize that he was speaking with Joe Cajic, a leukemia survivor himself and none other than the founder of Sun Devil Family Charities! Joe suggested Stuart try SDFC as long as he met the key criteria that someone in his family had graduated from ASU. And sure enough, his daughter was an alumnus.

He completed the simple submission process and remembers the day in April 2013 when he received notice that SDFC would help pay his Medicare supplement. Explains Stuart, "SDFC was the only place at the time where I could get support financially. Believe me, it was a god send. My Medicare supplement was well over \$230 a month which I didn't have."

#### **SDFC SUPPORT MAKES POWERFUL IMPACT**

With his Medicare supplement finally covered, Stuart received his stem-cell transplant which has brought him into remission. To the donors who make SDFC possible, he can't thank them enough. Knowing he didn't have to worry about the health care premium costs made a powerful impact on Stuart's health. He says, "It tremendously reduced the stress level to enable my body to re-channel that energy into the healing process."

Compassionate. Sincere. Flexible. These are just a few of the words Stuart uses to describe Sun Devil Family Charities. Stuart adds, "They stay in communication with you. They're easy to work with, they're sincere and flexible and supportive of your process. I can't recommend them highly enough."



# Sun Devil Family Charities



## 2013 **ANNUAL SDFC** *Golf Tournament*

In 2013, SDFC returned to Karsten Golf Course on the Campus of ASU for the 4th Annual Golf Tournament. With a full field of over 130 golfers the Charity raised over \$16,000 that directly benefited our patient services. It was the third year at Karsten, which hosted a tremendous event and help us tie into the ASU Community. Dick Patchett, father of board member JP Patchett, invited the winning foursome, the “old guys,” who overwhelmed the competition with an impressive score of 54 (16 under par)!

## How To Help

When families are stricken with serious ailments the first and most important task is to fight the diseases. But sometimes the ailments require that one member of the family leave work to help the other get better. Then the families find themselves fighting two battles, the second being to keep the steady wave of bills at bay.

That's how many of the Sun Devil Family Charities' honor patient families feel when they reach out to us for financial assistance. Sadly, there are many more people still feeling overwhelmed, isolated and scared because they haven't heard of Sun Devil Family Charities or they don't understand the simplicity of our service or the difference it can make.

Sun Devil Family Charities is more than a united network of ASU Alumni, Students and Faculty trying to fill the financial needs of these families. It is also a unified group of Sun Devils that support families in finding additional resources to help win their battle.

Please help us in spreading the news about Sun Devil Family Charities. We'll continue our outreach but we know the most effective introduction to Sun Devil Family Charities comes through a personal recommendation.

### **SDFC OFFERS MULTIPLE DONATION OPTIONS INCLUDING:**

- ▶ Become a Sun Devil Family Charities fan on Facebook.
- ▶ Support our mission with a monetary donation by sending a check or money order made payable to “SDFC” and mailed to:  
**SUN DEVIL FAMILY CHARITIES**  
One East Washington Street, Suite 1400  
Phoenix, Arizona 85004
- ▶ Donation of items for auction or raffle at fundraising events. For more information, please contact us at [donate@sundevilfamily.org](mailto:donate@sundevilfamily.org).
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## 2013 **SDFC** *CornHole* *Tournament*

Cornhole, or bag toss as some call it, has become an activity that is played in parks, at tailgates, at parties all over the United States. Members of SDFC have seen other charities use this activity for fund raising with much success. Based on its popularity and success, several members of the SDFC board decided to hold our first annual

event at Cogburn's, in Gilbert. The 1st Annual Cornhole Bowl was held on 4/12/2014. The event was a great success from both a financial, as well as a pure enjoyment perspective. The event was achieved with the dedication of several members of the board and some additional volunteers. Similar to the golf tournaments that we have held in years past, our focus was to ensure that the "player experience" was our primary focus in an effort to ensure a satisfied and sustainable participant base for future Cornhole events. The participants and spectators were able to enjoy great food and drinks through donations from Cogburn's and their incredible management and staff. There were several additional games that occurred throughout the day, such as long toss, that added to the enjoyment.

The result was ~35 team or 70 players plus roughly 25 spectators in attendance, several sponsorships and, most importantly, ~\$2,700 in net proceeds available for qualified patients. The Board was very happy with the results of the first Annual Cornhole Bowl and plan to make some small changes to further enhance the experience for the Cornhole Bowl II.



### **1<sup>st</sup> PLACE**

*Won \$500 cash prize*  
Team "Mission Uniforms"



### **2<sup>nd</sup> PLACE**

*Won \$250 cash prize*  
Team "All In"



### **3<sup>rd</sup> PLACE**

*\$100 PF Chang's Gift Card and Gift Basket*  
Team "Old Guys"



# SUPPORTING THE NEEDS OF THE ASU FAMILY...

...BOTH PAST AND PRESENT

## Special Thanks

To reduce the overhead costs associated with the production of its charity fundraising events, SDFC relies on local businesses committed to community involvement for underwriting up to the full costs of such events. Some of the sponsors and volunteers that have been vital to the success of our events in fiscal year 2014 include:



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