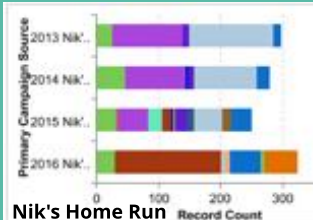
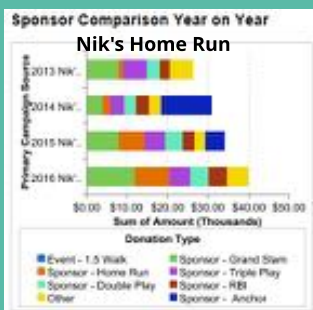




2016 Campaign Summary

2016 Misc Donations	\$100,856
2016 Nik's Home Run	\$59,647
Chicago Cocktail Party	\$12,949
Dance A Thon NEON VIBE	\$4,140
Nothing But Smiles	\$3,568
Tribute Nathan Michael O'Neill	\$3,250
Rockford Town Fair Volunteers	\$2,917
2016 Nik's Night Out	\$1,982
Rockford Rhets Parking	\$1,645
Brews & BBQ Volunteering	\$1,500
Amanda Manilla Memorial	\$1,338
2016 Granite City	\$463
2016 Giving Tuesday	\$450
Applebees Pancakes	\$280
Strike Out Cancer	\$165
2016 Buffalo Wild Wings	\$79



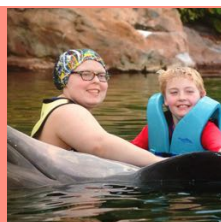
NIK'S HOME RUN

5th Annual Nik's Home Run raised nearly \$60,000. Grammy's silent auction, virtual run, and record attendance contributed to the overall success!

THANK YOU FOR MAKING WISHES COME TRUE!

We are so very thankful for your support throughout the last five years. Nik's dream of helping others who "missed out" because they were too old has given so many families terrific memories. Some of these memories rejuvenate the entire family to continue the fight and support each other. Some memories are celebration victories of a battle completed. Some memories are priceless as cancer continues to take lives. One common theme in all the memories is the love that was shared and the gratefulness to have been given this very special time together. Smile today knowing that you took 1 Step to help!

#LOVEWONcancerzero



MARY - DOLPHINS

"This has been extremely difficult for the whole family. I imagine this has been particularly hard on her 10 yr old brother who is lost in the shuffle. Yet just like Mary, he never complains. I would love to see them take a relaxing fun vacation together. She always dreamed of swimming with dolphins."



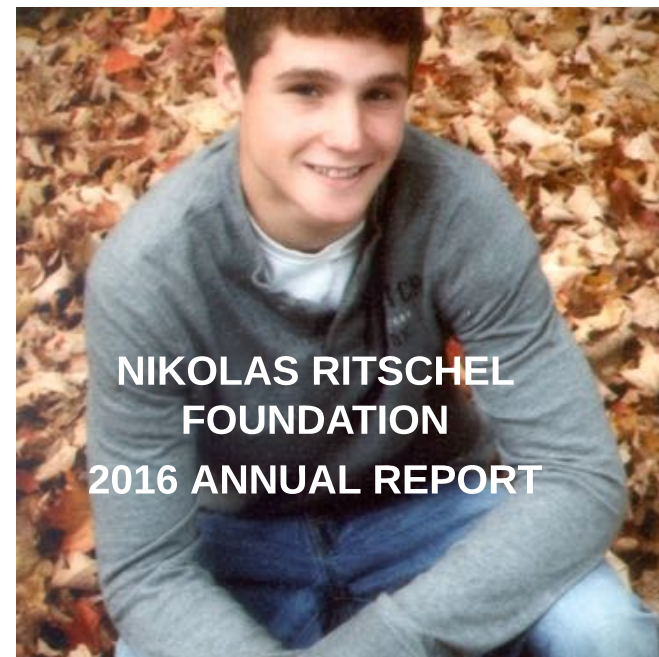
EILEEN - BEACH

"This place is amazing! We have been overwhelmed. WOW! Heaven beyond heaven! All we can say is THANK YOU! Dream come true!"

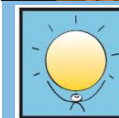
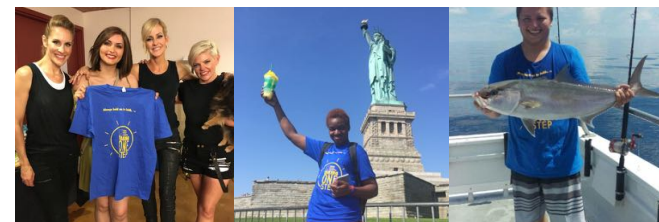


BRAD - METALLICA

"Thank you for providing Brad with an experience of a lifetime!! The concert alone would have kept Brad on cloud 9 forever, but meeting the band was insane! The memories of this experience will definitely get him through the tough bumps along the way with his treatments! We cannot thank you enough for your thoughtfulness and generosity!"

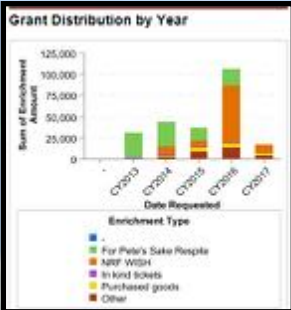
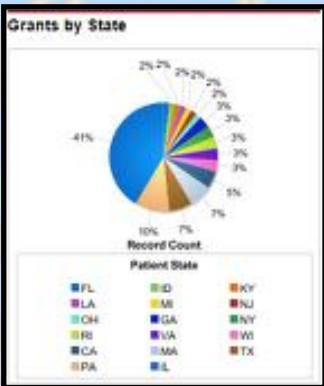
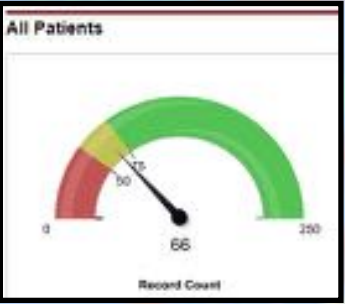
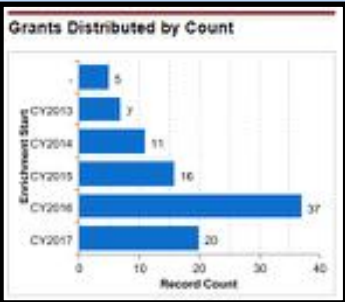


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ENRICHING THE LIVES
OF YOUNG ADULT
CANCER PATIENTS



FAMILY WISHES!

Cancer affects the entire family. In some cases there is a new young family just getting started. In others the patient still lives at home with mom and dad. 18-24 year olds have a wide variety of lifestyle scenarios.



SAYING GOODBYE

Nik's vision was sparked by his close friendship with Nate. Nate was diagnosed just after his 18th birthday and fell in the gap of cancer support. Our foundation fills that gap for Nate and others. Nate passed away on July 4th of 2016.



FUND-RAISING SUMMARY

2016 brought new challenges as the number of wish requests grew. The foundation's Executive Committee went into hyper fund-raising speed as we added several new events. We were pleasantly surprised to have the Auburn High School National Honor Society select us for a 3rd year in a row, raising a record \$4140.

We introduced a new type of fund-raiser with the Nothing Butt Smiles Pork Roast Sales. Smokin Coop BBQ partnered with us to sell over 110 smoked pork roasts (pork butts) and raised over \$3500.

We added a new event on the rooftop of the Old Republic Building in downtown Chicago. It was our first ever fund-raising event in the Windy City and was well attended. We were delighted with a perfect evening for an outdoor cocktail and a magnificent view over Michigan Avenue.

We were very honored to have two families request that donations be made to the foundation in lieu of flowers after their loved one passed. It is a strong reminder of just how important our mission is to the entire family.

Nik's Home Run continues to be our signature event. We had a record attendance and added some surprises including: 3 guest patient speakers we've been honored to serve; Homer our baseball mascot; and a virtual run with 32 participants from 5 different countries. Even with all of our efforts, we would have come short of our need had it not been for a generous \$100,000 donation from a private party. We are so very blessed to be able to continue to enrich the lives of young adults with your support.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

None of us, sitting around the kitchen table in 2012, would have guessed Nik's Wish to help young adults would have come this far this fast. From the first fund-raiser, Nik's Home Run, to delivering our first wish to Nate O'Neil, the journey has been as challenging as it has been rewarding. Each time, when there seemed to be an obstacle too big to overcome, a door would open and the answer would appear.

In 2016 the challenges were more demanding than ever before. There were an amazing number of wish requests pouring in each month. Some requests were, by their very nature, extremely difficult to fulfill. Wishes like

meeting the Dixie Chicks, Metallica and the cast from Hamilton ranked the highest in the wish difficulty category. Only by the persistence of sincerely dedicated wish coordinators did these happen. They just would not give up until the right person was found to make the wish come true. There were many family trips and some interesting experiences as our patients learned to surf and swim with dolphins. One thing for sure is that there were plenty of smiles created in 2016!

We have now reached patients in 17 states with 40% residing in the Northern Illinois area. The majority of the patients are diagnosed with

sarcomas. Ewings sarcoma is the most prevalent. We were saddened this year to say goodbye to four of our Nik's Wish recipients, but honored to be a small part of their journey.

We are so very proud that our foundation continues to provide all of these services by relying 100% on donation and volunteers. Our executive committee is amazingly talented; each freely giving of their precious time. They are so dedicated to our mission that their personal donations cover all the operating expenses.

They believe in our mission so much that their personal donations cover all