

Annual Report March 2013 through March 2014





Once upon a time, a young boy named Jacob started our story of hope. One day, after a visit to the doctor, Jacob and his parents learned that he had an illness called neuroblastoma. He went through many treatments in Poland, among them: chemotherapy, bone marrow transplant and radiation. When it seemed that the cancer had subsided and his health returned to normal he had to return for yet another treatment.

The only option for Jacob was an antibody and interleukin therapy (Anti-GD2) available in Greifswald University Hospital in Greifswald, Germany. The cost of the antibody therapy was estimated at €80,000. The treatment, which is offered in the US, Germany, Italy and other European countries has not been approved nor is refundable by the Polish National Health Fund. With the help of many people of good heart his parents were able to raise funds and treat Jacob in Germany. Jacob is now seven years old and visits clinic for his scheduled checkups every three months.

While fundraising for Jacob we realized that we have the potential to help other children in need. It was for this reason the You Can Be My Angel Foundation was started. Our story came from humble beginnings; one child, one family, and one donation started a beautiful legacy. Our donors with little fanfare give generously to make amazing things happen. Our volunteers donate time towards ensuring our events and programs soar. We want to continue our story, our mission of providing encouragement, and to support children fighting cancer – because **every child with cancer deserves every chance to live.**



Fundraising Events & Activities



The You Can Be My Angel Foundation held various fundraising events between March 2013 and March 2014 to raise more resources to reach more kids fighting cancer. We fundraised at 24 concerts, cabarets and theater productions; 26 picnics and holiday functions and 9 churches. Our volunteers and supporters initiated and hosted 6 fundraising events from which profits benefited YCBMAF.

We were also asking customers of various businesses to donate into many donation boxes distributed throughout Chicago land area. Donors were also encouraged to make donations through our secure website: www.youcanbemyangel.com





Holiday Fundraiser December 15, 2013

Our most memorable event of this year was the holiday fundraiser organized at Janosik Banquets. More than 700 guests joined in this unforgettable celebration. The event was filled with activities for all ages. Guests enjoyed performances by well known in the Chicago land area artists, had an opportunity to purchase holiday gifts crafted by our volunteers, and children had an opportunity to meet Santa Claus who greeted them with a bag full of sweet treats. The entire event was broadcasted live thanks to ARTV Chicago.

In a magical, festive atmosphere, we celebrated holidays and raised \$19,305 for children with cancer.





Celebrities & athletes give back

YCBMAF mobilized local and international celebrities and athletes to help kids fight cancer.

Among them were: Andrzej Fonfara Andrzej Golota Peter Fetela Majka Jezowska Kabaret Moralnego Niepokoju Tadeusz Drozda Kabaret Elita InoRos Wilki Stare Dobre Malrzenstwo Grazyna Auguscik Baciary, Kabaret Truten Aktorzy spektaklu Klimaterium Ania Wyszkoni & Maciek Zakoscielny & Grzegorze Halama Andrzej Grabowski Joanna Kurowska Andrzej Szopa Jan Englert Marcin Daniec Kabaret Neo-Nowka Raz Dwa Trzy **Cezary Pazura**





Taste of Polonia & Mayfest



These two festivals organized by Chicago's Copernicus Center and Copernicus Center Foundation celebrated Polish culture, heritage, music, food and offered fun for all ages.

YCBMAF volunteers entertained the youngest guests at the kids stage with games, face painting, and balloon twisting. Children especially enjoyed exciting performances by clowns Bubu and Awee. During these festivities we raised \$6,499 for our cause.







You Can Be My Angel Foundation is fortunate to be joined by many creative and motivated champions who put their compassion into action toward the ongoing fight with childhood cancer.

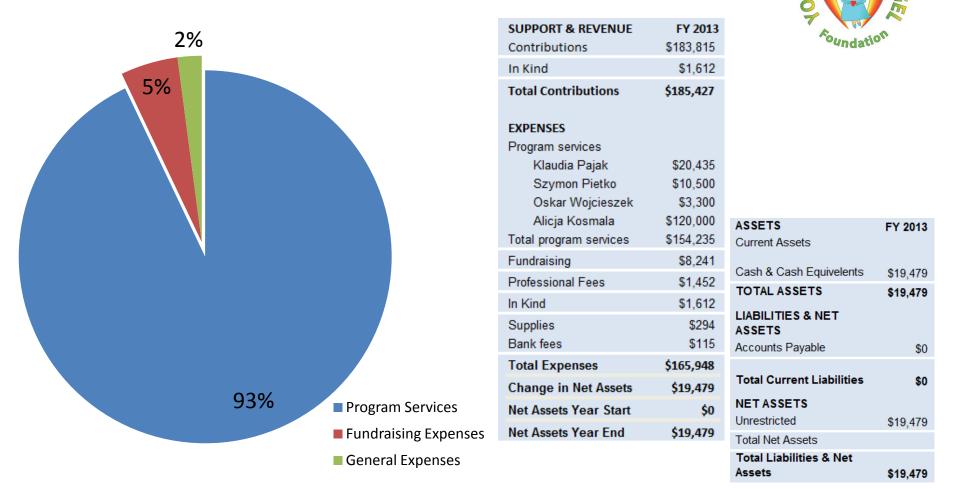
We applaud and thank organizers for naming You Can Be My Angel Foundation their beneficiary. The following supporters raised \$9,164 between March 2013 and March 2014.

- Dorota Szymanska
- Piotr Jezioro & Gallery 259
- Rafal Muskala & Amerykafilm
- Grazyna Auguscik
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2013 Financial Highlights

Your donation at work between March 2013 and March 2014



Since our inception in March 2013 through March 2014, the YCBMAF provided **\$154,235** in direct financial assistance to four children struggling with various types of cancer. The foundation is fortunate to have amazing sponsors who finance all of our fundraising and general expenses, so that **100% of money raised during fundraising events benefits children fighting cancer**. Fundraising expenses include: brochures, banners, donation boxes. Supplies expenses include printer and postage.

The League of Donors, Supporters and Partners

Thank you to our donors, supporters and partners for their generosity, trust, and most importantly, their commitment to our mission.



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