**OUR MISSION**

Friends of Karen provides emotional, financial and advocacy support for children with a life-threatening illness and their families to help keep them stable, functioning and able to cope.

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(1938–1990)

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Friends of Karen is a registered 501 (c) (3) charity established in 1978. All contributions are tax-deductible. Friends of Karen is committed to the highest standard of public accountability and transparency. We are recognized for achieving this goal by two independent organizations that monitor U.S. charities. Charity Navigator, which evaluates the financial efficiency and responsibility of over 9,000 U.S. charities, has awarded Friends of Karen a 4-star rating for 9 years. The Better Business Bureau includes Friends of Karen in their Charity Seal Program, affirming that we have met 20 rigorous standards for charity accountability, including program expenses, audit reporting, accurate expense reporting, truthful materials, website disclosures, donor privacy, etc.
Milestones like this year’s 40th Anniversary prompt us to remember Friends of Karen’s roots while we contemplate our future. We marvel that what started with one compassionate woman helping dear friends care for their terminally ill teenage daughter has become an enduring institution that has had a profound impact on more than 15,000 children and their families.

Sheila Petersen was that selfless friend and Karen MacInnes was the ill child. Our commitment to keeping a family stable, functioning and able to cope when faced with a child’s life-threatening illness remains as steadfast in 2018 as it was in 1978 when Sheila brought the community together to help Karen and her family. The original name “Friends of Karen” continues and Sheila’s compassion and wisdom guide us to this day.

What have we learned in 40 years and how will our inspiring history influence our future? We know that providing families with a blend of strategic financial assistance, supportive counseling and illness education, delivered by our skilled, caring professionals, is a model that works. Our services and resources are offered fairly and impartially, at no cost to families, to address their needs. That’s what has made Friends of Karen so effective over the years. Our assistance is tailored specifically to each family’s situation.

Friends of Karen’s holistic approach of embracing the needs of the whole family, not just the ill child, acknowledges that cancer (and other life-threatening illnesses) have repercussions for every family member. This is especially true for siblings of the ill child, often referred to as “the forgotten ones.” Our groundbreaking sibling support program utilizes the talents of art therapists and child life specialists who meet individually with the children, most often in their home, to help them cope and adjust to the significant disruption in their lives. The results have been transformational for so many children.

Recently, we've been exploring the use of new technology to reach more siblings, as well as provide support to groups with special needs like ill young adults, the bereaved and others. Friends of Karen may not be able to cure a child’s illness, but we can help save a family so that they will emerge from this traumatic experience intact and able to go forward with their lives.

On an institutional level, we’ll continue to develop the organization’s infrastructure so our dedicated staff will have the tools to work efficiently and effectively. Another priority speaks to the development of committed leadership through our Board of Directors. Their vital governance and fiduciary roles provide the stewardship for Friends of Karen’s continued growth.

Over the next several months, our Board of Directors and staff will be working together to chart the course for Friends of Karen’s fifth decade. We look forward to sharing this meaningful journey with you.

With great pride we present this annual report detailing our past year’s accomplishments and offer our sincere appreciation to all who have helped us reach this 40 year milestone. Thank you for your steadfast and generous support and for being part of our caring community. We are grateful to you for standing with Friends of Karen and sharing our belief that no family should have to face their child’s life-threatening illness alone.
A look-in at the families that Friends of Karen served in Fiscal Year 2018

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*The Federal guideline for poverty level is $25,100 for a family of 4.*

*9% Unknown*

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*(Age in Years)*

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<td>Other</td>
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### LOCATION

- New York City (5 boroughs) ........... 51%
- Other New York (9 counties) ........... 31%
- Southern Connecticut (3 counties) .... 10%
- Northern New Jersey (5 counties) ....... 8%

### FAMILY STRUCTURE

28% of Friends of Karen families live in single-parent households.
$1,515,016  The dollars spent and value of gifts-in-kind that enabled Friends of Karen to cover a family’s living and illness-related expenses and needs, helping them to feel more secure and able to cope with their child’s illness.

15,482  The total number of children that Friends of Karen has helped since our founding 40 years ago.

4,726  The number of hours volunteers dedicated to helping Friends of Karen achieve our mission.

1,532  The number of children whose lives we touched through emotional, financial and advocacy support.

1,073  The number of gift cards provided to help families buy groceries through our Feed-a-Family program; total value $48,896.

901  The number of children’s holiday wish lists generously filled by donors through our annual Adopt-a-Family program.

811  The number of children who received birthday gifts. We ensure birthdays remain a happy occasion even in the midst of illness.

757  The number of children who received backpacks, school supplies, and a gift card for a new school outfit through our annual Back-to-School program.

337  The average number of families Friends of Karen helped each month.

181  The number of siblings supported one-on-one by Friends of Karen’s child life specialists and expressive arts therapists.

78¢  The portion of every dollar raised that directly supported Friends of Karen’s children and their families.

48  Average monthly case load for a Friends of Karen social worker. We currently have 7 social workers and one case worker on staff.

40  The number of years Friends of Karen has been helping children and families in the tri-state area.

34%  The percentage of our Friends of Karen families whose income falls below the poverty line.

28%  The percentage of our Friends of Karen families who are single parent households.

22  The number of counties and boroughs in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut served by Friends of Karen.

20  The number of hospitals we partnered with that have a pediatric oncology department and/or pediatric transplant unit, including Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, Yale-New Haven Children’s Hospital, Cohen Children’s Medical Center, Maria Fareri Children’s Hospital, Children’s Hospital of New Jersey and New York-Presbyterian Morgan Stanley Children’s Hospital.

9  The number of years Charity Navigator, an independent charity evaluator, has awarded Friends of Karen their highest 4-star rating.

1  How it all began... with one child and one caring neighbor.
A financial summary from Fiscal Year 2018 (April 1, 2017 – March 31, 2018)

**SUPPORT AND REVENUE**

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**EXPENSES**

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<td><strong>Total Operating Expenses</strong></td>
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| Change in Net Assets Before Other Changes | $(427,546) |
| Investment Income               | $422,002     |
| Change in Net Assets             | $(5,544)     |
| **Net Assets Beginning Of Year** | $6,290,089   |
| **Net Assets End of Year**       | $6,284,545   |
MATTEO’S STORY

“We were told, if you’re going to have cancer, this is the cancer you would want to have,” noted Kim. The prospect of surgery for kidney cancer, a full nephrectomy of his left kidney at such a young age, was serious. The “good news” though, was that this would be it in terms of treatment…surgery and no chemo.

“Remain optimistic no matter what.” This is the motto Kim and Alfred adopted. Already financially and emotionally drained from dealing with a prior serious illness with their daughter Francesca, now three, they faced the challenge of cancer with Matteo head on. The surgery took place, the tumor was removed and there were clear margins all around. Everyone breathed a sigh of relief as things couldn’t have gone better. A few short months later, during a routine scan, their family motto was put to the test again as they heard a diagnosis that shook them to their core – Matteo’s cancer was more aggressive than anticipated.

Instead of being able to catch their breath thinking their latest crisis was behind them, Kim and Alfred steeled themselves for what they knew would be the fight of Matteo’s young life.

Two inoperable tumors were discovered as the family now faced a metastatic cancer that moved to Matteo’s lungs. Matteo would need to have a central line surgically implanted and 25 weekly rounds of chemotherapy. Already familiar with Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) due to Francesca’s illness, the family knew they wanted Matteo treated there. CHOP is a long, two-hour ride from Kim and Alfred’s home in New Jersey. Both parents wanted to be with Matteo during his treatment sessions, but this distance meant they would have to be away from their three children for significant periods of time. Faced with such impossible decisions that would deeply affect their family, Kim and Alfred struggled over priorities – Matteo, their other children, taking time off of work, finances. They felt so torn over where to focus first. With their lives spinning out of control, they knew they needed help. Following the referral of a friend, Kim and Alfred reached out to Friends of Karen.

Stacey, their Friends of Karen social worker, visited with Kim, Alfred and the four kids at their home to assess their needs. It was a relief to learn that Matteo’s grandparents would be watching Alfred and the four kids at their home to assess their needs. The reality though of mounting bills, along with the emotional needs of their other children - questions from Christopher, 11 years old, and concern and fear from Francesca and Luca, age four - meant a lot of support from Friends of Karen was desperately needed for the entire family. Kim recalls “Our initial thought was how amazing it is that an organization is willing to help take the financial burden off of our family. The stress of not working, commuting to the hospital two hours away, paying bills and pretty much surviving. But we quickly learned after a few visits with Stacey at our house that it was much more than that.” Friends of Karen helped with the bills, both household and medically related, providing thousands of dollars in financial assistance over nine months. That’s the support people can see, but just the tip of the iceberg for Friends of Karen. “It’s more than cutting a check. We build a relationship with the whole family,” Stacey says. Kim agrees, noting how first Stacey, and then Jennifer, a Friends of Karen child life specialist, took the time and “built a relationship with each member of our family.”

Stacey and Jennifer worked with the family as a whole and also separately, through individual sibling support and parent sessions. Despite age differences, there were many common issues. For example, Matteo’s disease created stress in all the family members. To address this, Jennifer led the family through a “volcano exercise” to illustrate the need to alleviate this stress. She emphasized the importance of communicating and not bottling up important feelings. Concerns about Matteo’s treatment and absences were prevalent in the younger siblings. Jennifer used fun and creative ways to address these issues. In addition to age-appropriate books, she brought Francesca and Luca their very own Worry Eaters Doll (pictured above). A Worry Eaters Doll is a whimsical creature with a zipper for a mouth which is used to “eat up” fears that are written down and “fed” to it. Just imagine if your fears included “I’m scared my brother won’t get better.”

Kim shared that “never in a million years would I ever think it was my child,” that would have cancer. But it was her and it was her child. She remembers feeling so alone at the time, thinking nobody she knew would care or could relate to the devastating impact Matteo’s illness had on her family. Now she knows better. Through Friends of Karen, Kim and Alfred found support and a larger caring community. And the kids? Christopher, Luca and Francesca are all doing great. As for “Teo,” as Kim lovingly calls him, he had his last chemo session a few months ago. His port has been removed and so far, early scans are all looking clean. Kim and Alfred are forever thankful for the care, support and hope they received from the entire team at Friends of Karen who relieved them of everyday needs and concerns so the family could have more time for what’s most important: each other.
Friends of Karen gratefully acknowledges the generosity of the individuals, foundations and corporations who help us provide the services our families need. The Circle of Friends recognizes our most generous annual donors of $1,000 or more within fiscal year 2018. We wish there was enough space to thank each individual who has made a gift or donated a gift-in-kind. Please know that each gift is deeply appreciated and greatly valued.

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