

Kate's Kart
Books from the Heart

2015
Annual Report

A Message from the Director

As we look back on 2015, we stand in awe of the amazing growth and success of Kate's Kart.

A few of the highlights:

- Passing out our 100,000th book in May
- Being gifted a new cargo delivery van by Parkview Health
- Passing out a record number of books in one month: 2,792
- Growing our yearly distribution by over 4,000—giving away 24,642 books in 2015.

Plus, the notes of gratitude and positive affirmation we received from families impacted by the karts made it an outstanding year. Hearing first hand from kids and families proves that the gifting of a new book makes a world of difference to a hurting, scared, lonely or bored child.

A major highlight also included being selected as one of the WOWO Penny Pitch Recipients. In December, through various fundraisers and a radio telethon, over 280,000 was raised. As one of 4 recipients we received our \$71,000 check in early March this year. Obviously this is a MAJOR gift and we are thrilled with the support. This money has been reserved for growth.



We have learned that at many of the hospitals, kids enter the hospital through the Emergency Room. By stocking a full kart in each ER, children who come into the hospital any time of the day, have the opportunity to choose a book. That is our goal with the WOWO moneyto expand into ERs as well as a few other community hospitals. It is our goal to make the books as assessable to the patients as possible.

What this means...we still need the awesome, generous community support to ensure that we can maintain our current 2,400 books a month distribution. Yes, the WOWO money will help with growth, but we must sustain our current services, as well as be able to maintain stocked karts in each new hospital or ER.

In our 1st annual report, you'll get a glimpse into our growth, as well as the diversity and generosity of our giving partners. We are truly grateful for each donor...as well as for each book that is lovingly given to a hospitalized child. It's been an amazing 7 years. As we enter our 8th year, we are so excited to see where we go, how we grow and seeing each and every smile that a book brings. Thank you for being a part of our team. Together, we can make a difference.

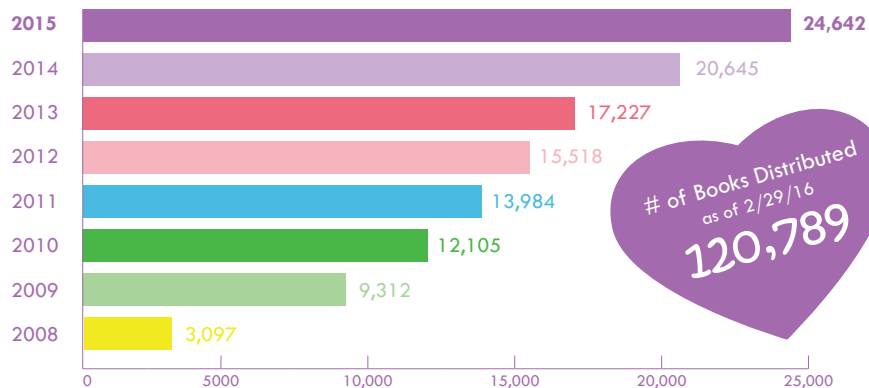
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Director
Kate's Kart



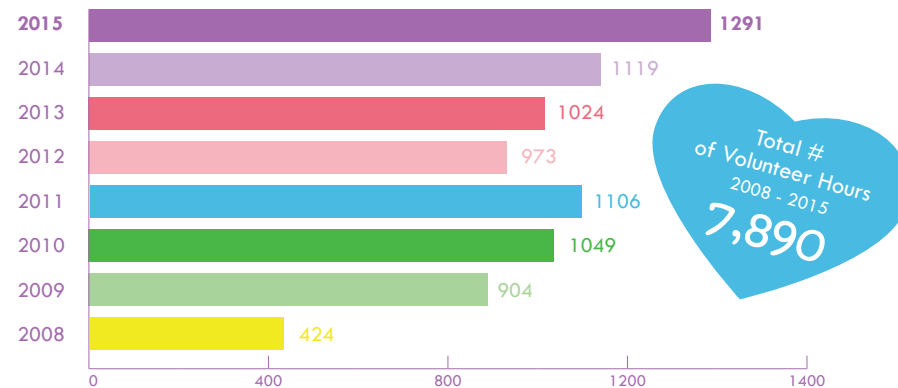
Books Distributed

2008-2015



Hospital Volunteer Hours

2008-2015

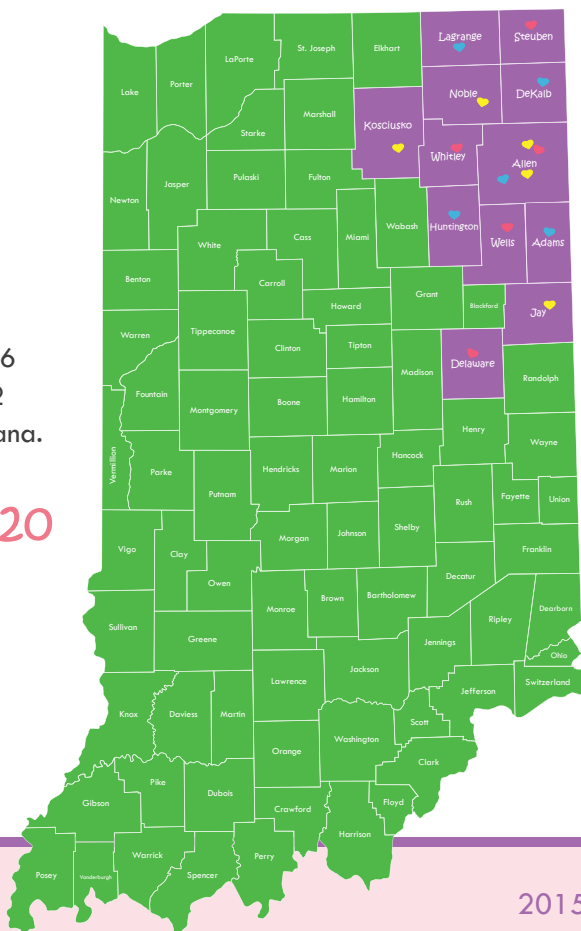


These volunteer hours represent only those given by volunteers distributing books at Parkview Regional Medical Center, Dupont Hospital, and Lutheran Hospital. It does not include time spent by individuals distributing books at the outlying twelve hospitals.

*2012: Decrease due to closing of Parkview Randalia pediatric floors.

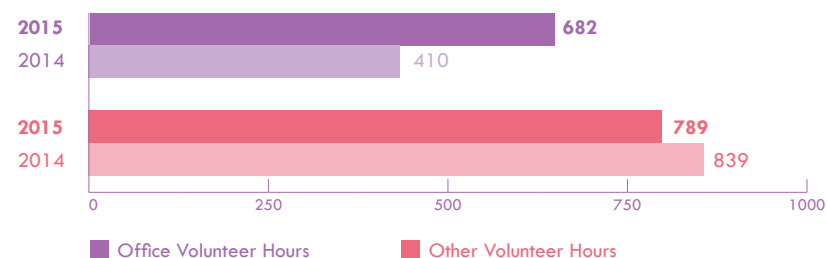
Kate's Kart is currently providing free books to hospitalized children in 16 community hospitals in 12 counties in northeast Indiana.

of Karts: 20



Office & Other Volunteer Hours

2014-2015



Beginning in 2014, Kate's Kart began tracking some of the additional hours donated by volunteers. Office Volunteer Hours include the time spent in the office during open hours. Other Volunteer Hours includes time spent in meetings and planning done by the Board of Directors and committees in planning events such as the annual Ice Cream Social, Bookin' It for Kate's Kart 5-K Run/Walk, Three Rivers Festival Parade float, Festival of Trees, moving to our new office space, etc.



When asked if you could describe Kate's Kart, our volunteers, or any aspect of our organization with just one or two words, the answers are **ASTOUNDING**.

This is an awesome thing. My daughter received a book the other night at the ER in Kendallville and it made her night and time in the ER so much smoother!

- Kayla E.

We have two children, 7 & 1. Our oldest still has the books he received from his visits to the hospital when he was 1 and our little girl is just now really starting to love books. Her favorite is the book she received from Kate's Kart while she was in the NICU. Thank you so much Kate's Kart!

- Troy P.

Donate

Monetary donations are the most needed and most effective type of donation. With your cash, check, or credit/debit card donation, we can purchase the types of books that we currently need most. And as a non-profit organization, we have the power to purchase in bulk which makes your money go further! You can visit KatesKart.org/donate-money to donate online.

Of course we always need donations of brand new books too! Keeping popular, current title books on our karts can be a challenge. Books with popular characters, best sellers, current movies and classic read-alouds are the types of books we need most (please see our Wish List at KatesKart.org). These are the types of books that are chosen off our karts by children and their families while in the hospital.

Hold a Fundraiser or Book Drive

Holding a fundraiser or book drive to benefit Kate's Kart can be fun and rewarding! Challenge your group or organization to meet a predetermined level. We're happy to come to your office or school and talk about what we do and why it is important to our community. We will also let you know what your book drive can do to help.



If you shop at Kroger or Scotts, supporting Kate's Kart is easy!! Simply link your Kroger Plus Card to our organization, and for the rest of the year, a percentage of your purchase will be donated directly to Kate's Kart! Instructions to link your card can be found at KatesKart.org/shop-kroger.

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can help
Kate's Kart

2015 Donor List

Kate's Kart acknowledges the generosity of all donors who made gifts between January 1, 2015 and December 31, 2015. These gifts fuel our determination to provide comfort and educate hospitalized children in northeast Indiana.

\$1,000 - \$4,999

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UP TO \$99

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2nd Sunday Book Club
Churubusco Elementary 2nd Graders
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Ice Cream Social

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Total Raised: \$17,600

\$1,000

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UP TO \$99

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Glenbrook Dodge • *discount on van purchase*
Girl Scouts of Northeast Indiana • *cookies*
Grainger Industrial • *office supplies, tables & carpet*
Mainstay Solutions • *computer repair & technology installation*
Springfield Remodeling and Restoration • *carpet cleaning*

Book Donors

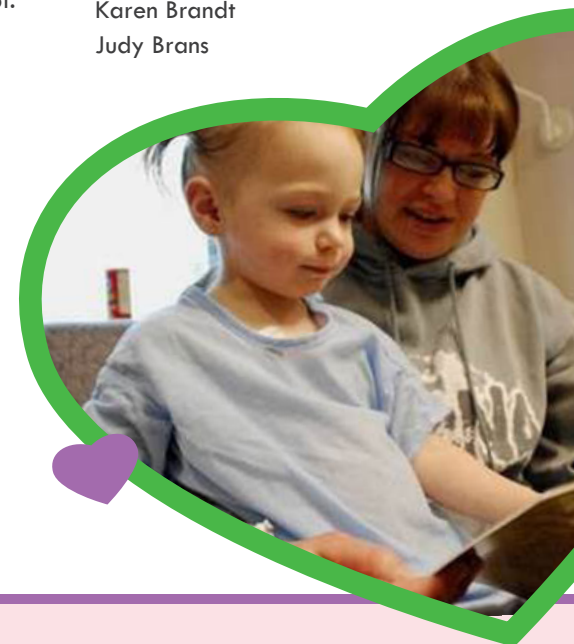
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Churubusco Elementary 2nd Graders
Covenant UMC Women's Bible Study
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IAB Bank
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St. Vincent 5th Grade
Boys Basketball
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Trinity English Lutheran Church
Wells County Library
West Noble Elementary &
Middle School
Whitko Middle School Aides
Woodburn Lutheran School

INDIVIDUALS

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 Kate's Kart
 Book Recipient



Thank you!



FREE!

8th Annual Ice Cream Social

A Fundraiser to Benefit

Kate's Kart, Inc.

Saturday, June 18, 2016

Riverside Gardens

14701 Schwartz Road, Leo, Indiana 46765

11 AM - 3 PM

This family-friendly event is our **ONE AND ONLY FUNDRAISER** each year. We will be accepting monetary donations and BRAND NEW children's book at the event. Please see our wish list at kateskart.org for the types of books we need most.

As always, the Ice Cream Social is a FREE event, open to the public that includes free ice cream, kiddie rides, family-friendly entertainment, inflatables, games and prizes, and more!