



The Office Charity Foundation was formed in July 2015 for the purpose of providing and promoting relief, benevolent and financial assistance to individuals and families in the 20882 zip code & surrounding areas, due to medical, physical, emotional, life emergency, death or any life experience rendering them in a position of need. To date, The Office Charity Foundation has donated \$449,000 to those in need.

Currently, our biggest fundraiser is The Office Charity Golf Tournament. We have worked with Montgomery Country Club in Laytonsville, in creating a tournament that is fun, practical, and enjoyable. Our sponsors are our key to success! Without them, we would not be able to provide the families some support they desperately needed.

Here is a little bit of information on the past few year's recipients:

The 2021 recipient was the Kyle Johnson Family. Kyle Johnson, a 2018 graduate of Gaithersburg High School was killed by a drunk driver August of 2021. Kyle had a light that sparked joy and fun in everyone he spoke to. His smile invited you in as the best friend you never knew you had. He was a part of the drumline at Gaithersburg High School. This drum line was an incredible part of many GHS student's lives while he was there. He is the one who would get you in the Trojan spirit! As a result of the Charity's proceeds, Kyle's family was alleviated by some of the financial burden of his estate as well as for of taking care of his sister's son's, who died from colon cancer. In addition, a scholarship program, in honor of Kevin was established at Gaithersburg High School, to help other students pursue their music goals without worry of financial stress.

The 2020 recipient was Quinn Fernandes. In April 2019, Quinn was diagnosed with Char-cot-Marie-Tooth 1B (CMT1B), a genetic disease of the peripheral nerves that control the muscles (unlike muscular dystrophies, which affect the muscles themselves). She uses leg braces (called AFOs) and a walker to get around. She's going to be in PT for years to come, and had worked her way up to standing for 10 seconds and can walk up to 7 steps independently! She's not going to let this life-long disease get the best of her.

The 2019 recipient was the Jaffe family of Olney, MD . After a 6 & ½ year battle with cancer, Adam Jaffe, 48, passed away in June 2019. Leaving a wife and three boys behind with no father and no income.

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Also in **2019**, we held a winter event, “A Night at The Office” for The Aaron Pogue Memorial Fund. Aaron Pogue was 45 when he passed unexpectedly in October of 2019. A graduate of Gaithersburg High School, Class of 1992, he left behind a wife and three sons, who, at the time were 7, 5 & 2. In Aaron’s Death, he saved several lives and will forever be someone’s miracle. The Charity was able to provide education funds for the three boys. A tremendous support to Aaron’s family.

The **2018** Office Charity Golf Tournament recipient was the Luke Engler Family of Olney, MD. Just a little over a year before the 2018 Tournament, the Engler Family’s lives changed forever. Six year old Luke was diagnosed with DIPG (Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma, a rare cancer that forms a tumor on the brainstem. Because of the location of the tumor it was considered inoperable and to date, there is no cure. Dad Rich was laid off right before Luke’s diagnosis and had not been able to return to work due Luke’s to radiation treatments and doctors appointments. Sadly, a month after the Tournament, Luke passed away. The Office Charity Foundation played an important role at Luke’s funeral and many of the tournament players attended Luke’s funeral.

The **2017** recipient was Drew Reiter’s family. Drew is the son of two GHS Graduates, Michael Reiter and Megan Fitzgerald Reiter. Drew is Michael and Megan’s 2nd child, born with a condition so rare, there is only one other person in the world with it. A one in a million chance of having a child with this condition. Drew suffers from daily seizures, severe scoliosis, intellectual delay and quadriplegic cerebral palsy. He tries to participate in all the family activities his health allows. He has a big brother, Jack, and a little sister, Alyse. Insurance did not cover many of the expenses incurred for Drew’s care. Michael and Megan are his primary caregivers and consider Drew to be their one in a million! Several Tournament attendees also provided services to the Reiter family to repair and update the home of the Reiter family to outfit the home to better equip Drew.

The **2016** Office Charity Golf Tournament recipients were two children, Kylee, 10, and Konler, 3, who tragically and suddenly lost their mother, 34-year-old Krissy Bingham Wells, in June 2016. Krissy was a graduate of Gaithersburg High School in 2000. The proceeds of the tournament helped with their ongoing care and set up an education fund for these two young children who have had their world turned upside down.

All the work to plan, implement and run the tournament is done by volunteers. From the planning and the bookkeeping, to the day-of activities. The Office Charity Foundation is looking to expand its fundraising to help more families in the 20882 and surrounding areas.

