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# SISU CHILDREN'S FUND

NOVEMBER 2021

## NAVIGATING THROUGH A CHALLENGING YEAR

For two years we have all had challenges. Some to our health situation and waiting for the vaccines to be approved and available. We all had a challenge trying to get an appointment for the vaccine. To add to that, Frank and I sold our home last year, bought a new home in Birch Bay Village, and had to deal with real estate agents, moving men, too much furniture in a smaller home. In addition Frank had his third back surgery.

Yes, I am getting tired of having to wear a mask, show my vaccination card if I want to eat in a restaurant in Seattle, and just plainly tired of the whole virus business. Getting back to normal would be wonderful if I can remember what normal used to be.

Things with Sisu Children's Fund were working pretty normal until Spring of this year. Then, suddenly, no requests came in, no phone calls from therapists, nothing but silence. I thought perhaps with all the Federal programs to help people, maybe no one needs our help. But as months went by I decided we should purchase some ads to remind people that we are available. As I was speaking to one salesperson about an ad she Googled our name. What a shock! She informed me that Google shows us as permanently closed. Kyann and I informed people and organizations about our new address, but I never thought about Google. Google now shows our new address and that we are open. I spoken with Opportunity Council and their therapist said she thought we were closed, but now that she knows different she has two families that want to submit an application for help. I know more requests will be coming.

Now, I am going to purchase some ads, write to therapists and organizations and inform them that we are open for business. I also write to every school in Whatcom, Skagit and Island Counties to remind them about our scholarship program.

The blessing is we have been able to help some children this year. We contributed \$5,000 toward a service dog for a very sweet twelve-year-old. We have five children on therapeutic horseback riding scholarships, plus purchased a portable ramp for a wheelchair, purchased two specialized tricycles, and purchased some exercise equipment for a young child to help develop his muscles and coordination. We only had one application for our scholarship for high school students continuing their education, when in previous years we have had five to seven applications. Ember Leese was our lone recipient and she is now attending Skagit Community College. Our Board just approved giving Ember another \$1,000 scholarship as our scholarship is the only one she received.

I hope you were all blessed with a wonderful Thanksgiving. May Christmas, Hanukah and the New Year be less challenging for us all.

Frank and Barbara Sanchez and the  
Sisu Board of Directors



## MEET OUR NEW BOARD MEMBER WILL CARTEN



Will Carten is a 13 year old who is an 8th grader at Franklin Academy. His favorite classes are math, coding, and social studies. He is a very competitive ice hockey player on the Seattle Junior 14UAA team. In his limited free time he enjoys playing with his chocolate lab, Fiona, hanging out with friends, and playing video games. Will has always been a kind and empathetic soul. Will would like to get involved in community service, and continue to learn about charitable activities. He looks forward to working with Sisu Children's Fund as the Youth Representative to the Board of Directors.

We have lost one Board Member. Kunle Ojikutu has been a board members for many years and a long-time supporter of Sisu Children's Fund. Kunle recently reigned from our Board of Directors as he has accepted a very large, regional assignment with his church. Due to time constraints he felt he needed to resign, but promised to be involved and supportive when he is able.

Now we have a new Board Member. Will's desire to join our group is very welcomed. We believe he will have important viewpoints and will encourage the rest of us to do a bigger job. We will work with Will on how his involvement can bring understanding and compassion to his fellow classmates and friends about the struggles many children have dealing with health and physical problems. We are sure he will have many new ideas that we can implement.



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**Important Dates to Remember**

**Friday, March 4, 2022, Scholarship application deadline**

**Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2022     Board Meeting**

**Wednesday, June 8, 2022     Board Meeting**

**Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2022     Board Meeting**

**Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2022     Board Meeting**

**Any applications for funding needs to be sent  
prior to the above dates for consideration.**

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