



ATEAM MINISTRIES 2015



LEFT: Honorary Childhood Cancer Survivors Starters for the 3rd Annual "18 for aTeam" Charity Golf Classic. CENTER: Anna Coleman enjoys the 5th Annual "Champions of Chemo" Lake Party. RIGHT: Calvin (childhood cancer survivor) works with professional artist Jayne Morgan for aTeam Ministries' 5th annual Heart2HeART. BELOW: Jan, Anderson (7), Andy, and Avery (9) Thrower.

## our story

On January 6th, 2009, Andy and Jan Thrower were thrown into the formidable world of childhood cancer as their 16-month-old son, Anderson, was diagnosed with ALL (Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia). During Anderson's taxing treatments of monthly chemo injections, weekly lab work, and daily oral treatments, the Throwers' eyes were opened to the deep needs of families who found themselves living in the same life-altering world of pediatric oncology or hematology-related diseases. Inspired by their first-hand experiences, the Throwers sought a way to minister to these deserving families.



JETT WALKER PHOTOGRAPHY

## our mission

aTeam Ministries is a 501(c)(3) organization committed to offering spiritual, emotional, and financial support to children and their families within the pediatric cancer community. This support is given with the desire to live out the scriptural truth found in 2 Corinthians 1:3-4:

**"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God." (ESV)**

## our unique place

A gap often exists between receiving great medical care inside the walls of a hospital and the unique needs of oncology and hematology patients outside of those walls. Issues such as compromised immunity eliminate the ability to stay in communal living situations like a hotel. The extended length of treatment often creates great financial burdens on families who are required to remain in close proximity to the hospital. aTeam Ministries was created to fill gaps like these that present unique challenges to families facing pediatric cancer.

“Having a place that seems like paradise compared to the confines of the hospital walls is a treat and therapy beyond words.”

—AMANDA HUGHES, MONTGOMERY, AL.



## our programs

THE HEART OF OUR MINISTRY IS THE PROGRAMS LISTED BELOW, WHICH HAVE BEEN SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED FOR THE NEEDS OF PATIENTS AND FAMILIES GOING THROUGH PEDIATRIC CANCER.

### SPIRITUAL

**PRAYER TEAM** Provides an opportunity for supporters of aTeam to gather on a weekly basis and pray for patients and families



*Santa Clause with Dayton (childhood cancer survivor) at the aTeam Ministries Patient Family Christmas Party.*

### EMOTIONAL

**ACONNECT** Links volunteers with pediatric cancer families to lovingly provide for their needs

**DAY AT THE GAME** Arranges for a child and his/her parents to enjoy regional sporting events

**GO GOLD!\*** Seeks to raise awareness of pediatric cancer and its symbol: the gold ribbon

**GUESS WHO'S COMING TO SEE YOU?** Enlists local or regional celebrities and sports figures to visit patients

**HOPE LIVES ON** Seeks to walk with parents and siblings as they journey through the grief of losing a child to pediatric cancer

**PERSONAL CARE BAGS** Delivers personal care items to families who find themselves in an unexpected hospital stay

**SPECIAL EVENTS** Hosts events that celebrate exceptional occasions such as chemo treatment completion

**WARM AND FUZZIES** Aims to create a family-like atmosphere inside Children's Hospital of Alabama

### FINANCIAL

**HOME AWAY FROM HOME** Seeks to offer hospitality and comfort by providing practical necessities such as extended local lodging, meals, and computers within minutes of Children's Hospital

**HOW CAN WE HELP? FINANCIAL GRANTS** Provides professional financial counseling for planning prolonged medical expenses and extends grants to families in critical financial need

→ aTeam has expanded its reach from 5 patient families in 2009 to over 225 in 2015.

## 2014 highlights

**10** children who had completed their cancer treatment celebrated at the 5th Annual “Champions of Chemo” Lake Party

**14** pediatric cancer patient families were assisted by aTeam Ministries and community partners to provide Christmas gifts at a special Christmas party for the families

**78** patients/siblings of patients received new “Back to School” backpacks with school supplies prior to the start of school during an aTeam visit to the oncology clinic

**150** tickets were given to families to enjoy time at a UA, AU, Samford, UAB, and Birmingham Barons sporting events

**\$6,120** was given to Children’s of Alabama on behalf aTeam Ministries to help patient families with housing needs and support the monthly pastoral care patient family dinners

**\$22,200** in financial assistance grants was given to patient families throughout the state of Alabama

**\$102,000** was raised at Heart-2HeART 2014

## 2015 goals

**1** new apartment to be added to help support the “Home Away From Home” program and families needing additional housing while receiving treatments or bone marrow transplants

**3** new events/opportunities for patient families to build relationships with other patient families who have previously experienced the journey of pediatric cancer

**15** new community partners that will join with aTeam in 2015 to support the mission of the organization through sponsorships, participation projects, or ministry program ownership

**25** new monthly recurring donors to help support the ministry programs of aTeam Ministries

**50** new patient families to learn about the ministry programs and they ways the programs support families upon being diagnosed

**100** new guests to attend Heart-2HeART 2015

**\$50,000** to be raised in the 2015 “18 for aTeam” Charity Golf Classic presented by M.J. Harris Construction Services

**\$110,000** to be raised at Heart-2HeART 2015

## Impacting families from the beginning

- **225 patient families** have been supported by aTeam since 2009
- Pediatric cancer families who take part in aTeam come from **87 Alabama cities**
- aTeam has provided over **over \$122,000** in financial assistance to patient families since 2009
- **40 families** have lived in Home Away From Home since its inception in 2011

## our board

### Jonathan Crawford

SENIOR MANAGER, BB&T WEALTH MANAGEMENT

### Lyle Dubois

VICE PRESIDENT, M. J. HARRIS CONSTRUCTION SERVICES

### Robbie Egan

CFO, M. J. HARRIS CONSTRUCTION SERVICES

### Charles Evers

VICE PRESIDENT, PROTECTIVE LIFE INSURANCE

### Jeff Mardis

PARTNER, SELLER RICHARDSON HOLMAN AND WEST

### Harriet Minor

ALABAMA POWER FINANCIAL & CORPORATE PLANNING BUDGET ANALYST

### Farah Mote

MARKETING MANAGER, ROBINS & MORTON

### Mark Nunnally

PRESIDENT, NUNNELLY ENGINEERING

### Clay Rikard

MANAGER, SOUTHERN COMPANY

### Adam Thrower

PRESIDENT, CRESCENT MANAGEMENT SERVICES

### Andy Thrower

CO-FOUNDER, ATEAM MINISTRIES

### Jan Thrower

CO-FOUNDER, ATEAM MINISTRIES

### Crissi Waters

STAY-AT-HOME MOM

*Jim Brown (father of a childhood cancer survivor) stands next to a high school field painted with the gold ribbon as part of the Childhood Cancer Awareness GO GOLD! campaign.*



## financials

**2010 Annual Budget**    **\$25,000**

(JAN. 2010—DEC. 2010)

**2011 Annual Budget\***    **\$120,000**

(JAN. 2011—DEC. 2011)

**2012 Annual Budget\*\***    **\$189,000**

(JAN. 2012—DEC. 2012)

**2013 Annual Budget**    **\$201,557**

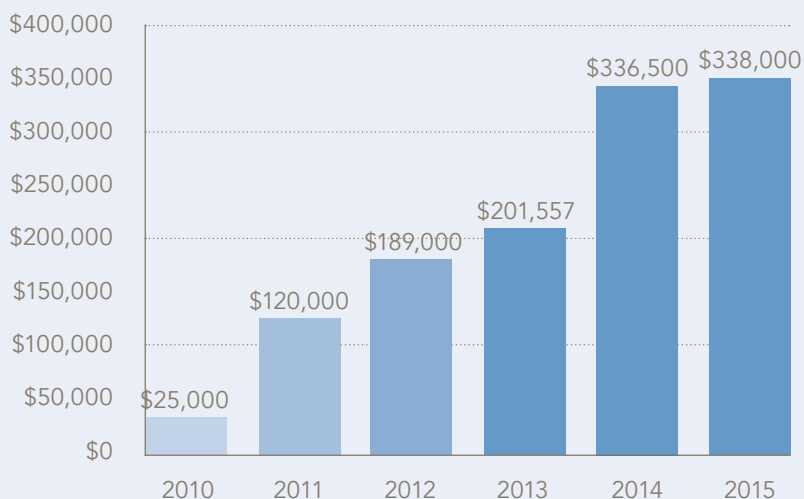
(JAN. 2013—DEC. 2013)

**2014 Annual Budget**    **\$336,500**

(JAN. 2014—DEC. 2014)

**2015 Annual Budget**    **\$338,000**

(JAN. 2014—DEC. 2014)



**aTeam Ministries Annual Budget**

### Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements

PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2011 TO DECEMBER 31, 2014

Receipts	2011	2012	2013	2014
<i>Contributions and Gifts</i>	\$244,938.40	\$220,655.05	\$314,022.00	\$362,740.00
<b>Disbursements</b>				
ATEAM PROGRAM DISBURSEMENTS				
<i>"How Can We Help?" (Grants)</i>	\$34,512.19	\$24,594.88	\$24,497.00	\$22,200.00
<i>"Home Away From Home" (Housing)</i>	\$26,439.39	\$20,468.86	\$49,000.00	\$49,800.00
<i>Special Events Program</i>	\$4,450.00	\$10,146.85	\$5,208.00	\$8,600.00
<i>Other Support Programs</i>	\$7,846.00	\$18,033.64	\$22,784.00	\$16,286.00
<b>Total Program Disbursements</b>	<b>\$79,478.70</b>	<b>\$78,667.34</b>	<b>\$101,489.00</b>	<b>\$96,886.00</b>
DIRECT FUNDRAISING EXPENSES: ATEAM FUNDRAISING EVENTS				
<i>Heart2HeART</i>	\$32,331.00	\$35,800.77	\$50,126.00	\$43,950.00
<i>18 for aTeam</i>	\$0	\$7,136.15	\$17,108.00	\$17,090.00
<b>Total Fundraising Expenses</b>	<b>\$32,331.00</b>	<b>\$42,936.92</b>	<b>\$67,234.00</b>	<b>\$61,040.00</b>
OPERATIONAL DISBURSEMENTS				
<i>Marketing</i>	\$2,740.11	\$30,682.10	\$22,754.00	\$13,200.00
<i>Travel and Meetings</i>	\$247.01	\$2,606.58	\$2,050.00	\$2,300.00
<i>Operations</i>	\$4,961.07	\$18,015.52	\$19,810.00	\$27,315.00
<i>Operational Payroll**</i>	\$22,623.08	\$59,980.22	\$81,740.00	\$106,120.00
<b>Total Operational Expenses</b>	<b>\$30,571.27</b>	<b>\$111,284.42</b>	<b>\$126,344.00</b>	<b>\$148,935.00</b>
<b>Total Assets (as of 12/31)</b>	<b>\$111,877.77</b>	<b>\$126,634.00</b>	<b>\$166,535.00</b>	<b>\$202,065.00</b>

\* The increase in the 2011 budget was a result of aTeam Ministries' 1st Annual Heart2HeART, which raised \$105,000.

\*\* Beginning in 2012 a private foundation has provided an annual donation of \$50,000 designated for non-program related expenses. In the 2013 budget this donation represents 45% of the total operational expenses.