



*Impact Report* **2021**





# Giving Help & Hope >

2 CORINTHIANS 1:3-4

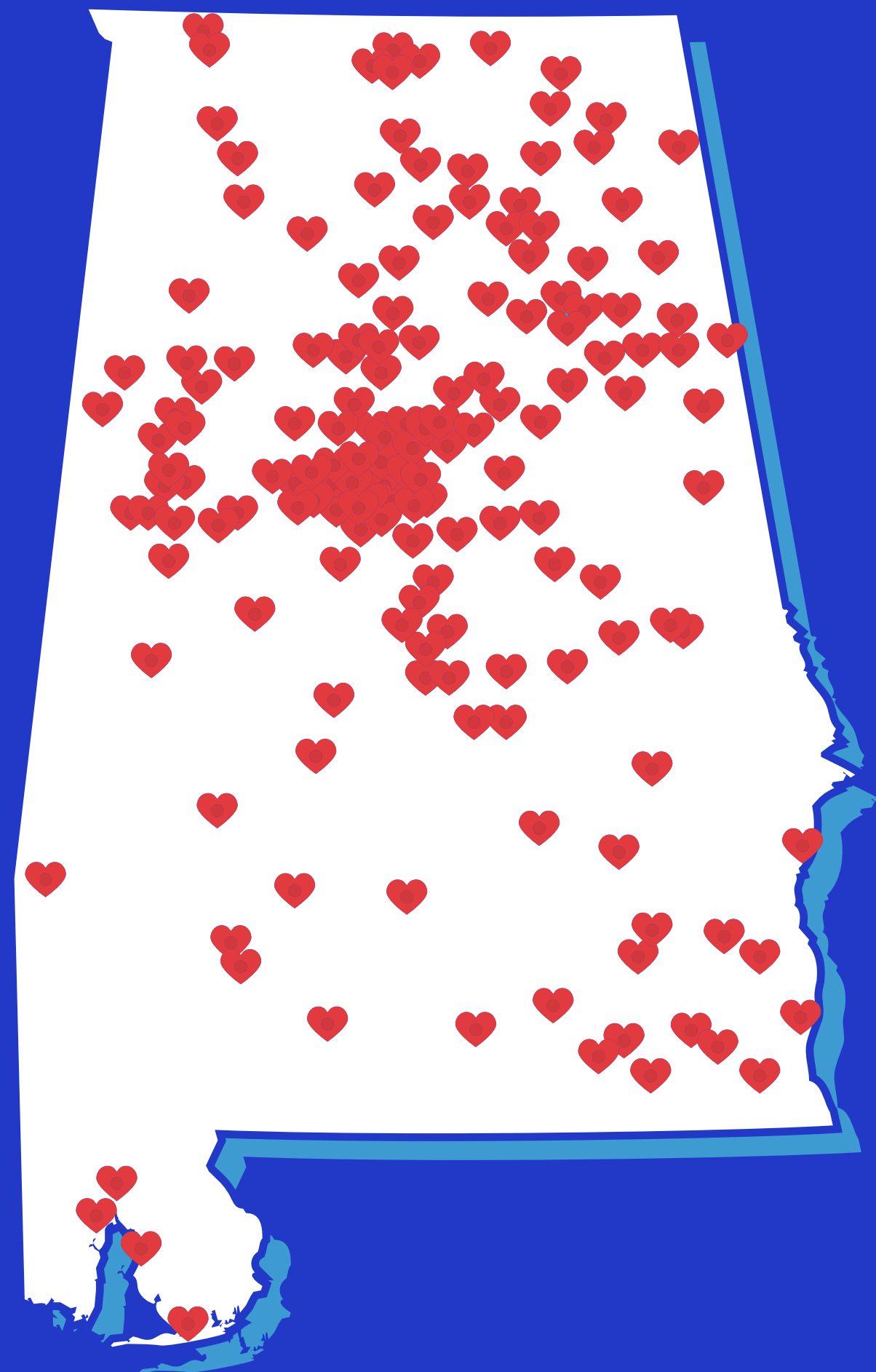
“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which ourselves are comforted by God.”



The aTeam Staff (from Left to Right): Andy Thrower, Jan Thrower, Katie Ellis, Emily Courington, Abby Williams

# to Families on the Pediatric Cancer Journey <





♥ 177 cities   ♥ 58 counties   ♥ one team

# Our Mission:

*Fill the Gap between Hospital Treatments and Home Care Needs.*

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.

Our ministry fills the gap that often exists for families that are 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 those gaps that present unique challenges to families facing pediatric cancer.



In addition to the families we've reached in Alabama, aTeam Ministries has also been blessed to extend our ministry beyond state lines to pray for families in TN, GA, MS, LA, FL, SC, VA, IL, PA, NY, WI, CO, MI, and WA!



>> Offering spiritual, financial, and emotional support to children and families on the pediatric cancer journey.

### **SPIRITUAL PROGRAMS**

Many families coping with pediatric cancer diagnoses find spiritual support to be a primary need during this time of crisis. That is why sharing Christ's love is the foundation for each of aTeam's programs.

### **FINANCIAL PROGRAMS**

As if the emotional strain of cancer were not enough—families face financial strain as well. aTeam is committed to helping families with critical financial needs during this time.

### **EMOTIONAL PROGRAMS**

Families coping with the many different aspects of pediatric cancer need emotional support. We offer many different programs to connect families and volunteers to fill in the gaps.



# Spiritual Programs <

ROMANS 12:15

“Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.”



## PRAYER TEAM

Since the start of our ministry, aTeam has made it a priority to pray for our patient families. The aTeam Prayer Team provides an opportunity for supporters of our ministry to gather once a month at our office to pray for patients and families by name. The aTeam prayer journal is updated weekly with specific needs of patients, and it is emailed out every Monday for those who cannot attend prayer time.

## IN 2021:



323 children have been prayed for by name by our dedicated prayer team.

## GET INVOLVED:

*Sign Up for Our Prayer Journal*



# Financial Programs >



## aTeam Scholarship

In 2021, aTeam Ministries introduced a new scholarship program for childhood cancer survivors! A one-time \$2,500 scholarship is awarded to a survivor to help offset the cost of furthering their education. We're excited to announce that in 2022 we will expand this program to include an additional \$2,500 scholarship, awarded to a sibling of a pediatric cancer patient!

### IN 2021:



Lana Grace Turner, pictured above, from Pelham, AL, was awarded the *first ever* aTeam Ministries Scholarship in the amount of \$2,500!



## Home Away from Home

Families from all over Alabama travel hours to Birmingham for treatment. aTeam's Home Away from Home program consists of two apartments in close proximity to Children's of Alabama that provide extended lodging to families battling pediatric cancer, rent-free. These private apartments are specifically cleaned, furnished, and maintained for children undergoing treatment.

This year, we were able to provide some much-needed updates to both of our Home Away from Home units. These updates included

new household items such as a sofa, end tables, coffee tables, rugs, lamps, artwork, and bedding. Through generous donations, we were also able to purchase new TVs for each apartment. These updates help to make the apartments light, bright and welcoming to those who walk through the doors.

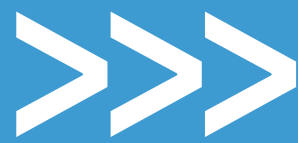
### IN 2021:



aTeam's Home Away from Home program hosted 9 families who needed to remain close to the hospital during treatment.







## Christmas Sponsorships

During the holiday season, volunteers and community groups “adopt” families battling pediatric cancer. Sponsors provide Christmas gifts and additional seasonal cheer to ease the financial pressure for parents working to make Christmas special for their child diagnosed with pediatric cancer and his/her siblings.

### IN 2021:



Families and groups in our community sponsored 17 patient families through our Christmas Sponsorship program.



## Financial Assistance

aTeam extends grants to families in critical financial need, providing financial grants as direct-to-vendor payments, such as paying a bill directly to the utility company. Individual families are able to receive up to \$1,000 of assistance each year.

### IN 2021:



\$16,395.67 in financial assistance was distributed to aTeam patient families.



# Emotional Programs >



## aConnect

aTeam brings together volunteers and families battling pediatric cancer through our aConnect program to build a community of support in both Birmingham and across the state of Alabama. aConnect brings volunteers alongside pediatric

cancer families to lovingly provide for their needs. Volunteers prepare meals and participate in special events with pediatric cancer families to let them know they are not alone.

## IN 2021:

Our aConnect volunteers helped provide:



24 Meals



33 Back-to-School Backpacks



21 Easter Baskets



85 Boredom Busters for long hospital days



## Going GOLD with aTeam!

September is National Childhood Cancer Awareness month. Our GOLD Initiative seeks to raise awareness of pediatric cancer and its symbol, the gold ribbon, throughout the month of September. This year, we had some help from Daniel Carlson and the Las Vegas Raiders!

## IN 2021:

During aTeam's Childhood Cancer Awareness Month Campaign:



134 Going Gold! shirts were sold and worn to raise awareness for pediatric cancer



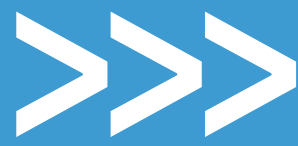
33 yard signs were placed in yards around Alabama



40 gold ribbon door hangers were distributed to patient families and other members of the community to raise awareness







## Day at the Game

Often with generously gifted or donated tickets, our Day at the Game program arranges for a child and his/her parent to enjoy regional sporting events and even interact with players, coaches, or others when possible. Let's hear a "Go Barons!" "War Eagle!" or "Roll Tide!"

### IN 2021:



aTeam Ministries provided 41 tickets to attend different sporting events throughout the year.



## Encouragement Cards

Written for birthdays, holidays, or just for a simple pick-me-up, aTeam volunteers write hundreds of cards for pediatric cancer patients each year! Our Encouragement Card program reminds families and patients battling pediatric cancer that they have a community of support at their fingertips and that they are not alone.



### IN 2021:

aTeam volunteers wrote and sent:



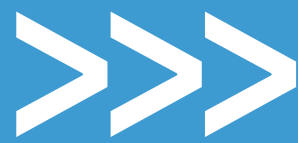
175 Birthday Cards &



255 Encouragement Cards for patients and siblings







## Special Events

aTeam hosts events celebrating occasions such as completion of chemotherapy and holidays such as Christmas and The 4th of July. This provides an opportunity for pediatric cancer patients and their families to get away from the constant barrage of needles and medication and simply enjoy being together.

### IN 2021:



11 families attended our Champions of Chemo Lake Party to celebrate completing treatment!



## Hope Lives On

aTeam walks with families as they journey through the grief of losing a child to pediatric cancer. This can often look like helping with funeral expenses or simply being with a family during one of life's most difficult challenges.

### IN 2021:



aTeam provided 8 families with "Journeying through Grief" booklets.



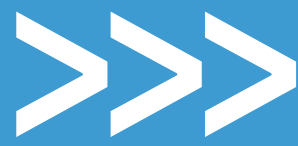


# Fundraising <

Fundraising plays a vital role in the life of our ministry. Every dollar is a resource to help meet a need for a patient family. When your child is enduring cancer treatment, the last thing a parent should be worried about is if they have enough gas to get to clinic or where their child will sleep that night. The funds we raise throughout the year provides a resource families can count on.

*How do we raise support? >>>*





## heart2heart

heart2heart is an exciting evening crafted to celebrate pediatric cancer patients and raise support for aTeam Ministries. Pediatric cancer patients are paired with professional artists to create unique works of art during a fun art workshop. Then, at the event, we celebrate our artists and auction off their works of art!



## Clays4Kids

Clays4Kids is an annual sporting clays tournament to support the programs of aTeam Ministries. This is a great event for the advanced clay shooter as well as the first-time shooter just looking to make memories with friends while supporting aTeam. There are excellent prizes for individual top shooters and top shooting teams and even prizes for the lowest shooters.



## Shoal Creek Shootout fore aTeam

Shoal Creek Shootout fore aTeam is an exclusive golf tournament where participants support aTeam Ministries by enjoying a round of golf at Shoal Creek Country Club!

*For more information or to make a gift, visit the [donate page](#) of our website!*



# Goals for 2022 >



***Share*** the love of Christ with patient families as we support new and existing families known by our ministry.

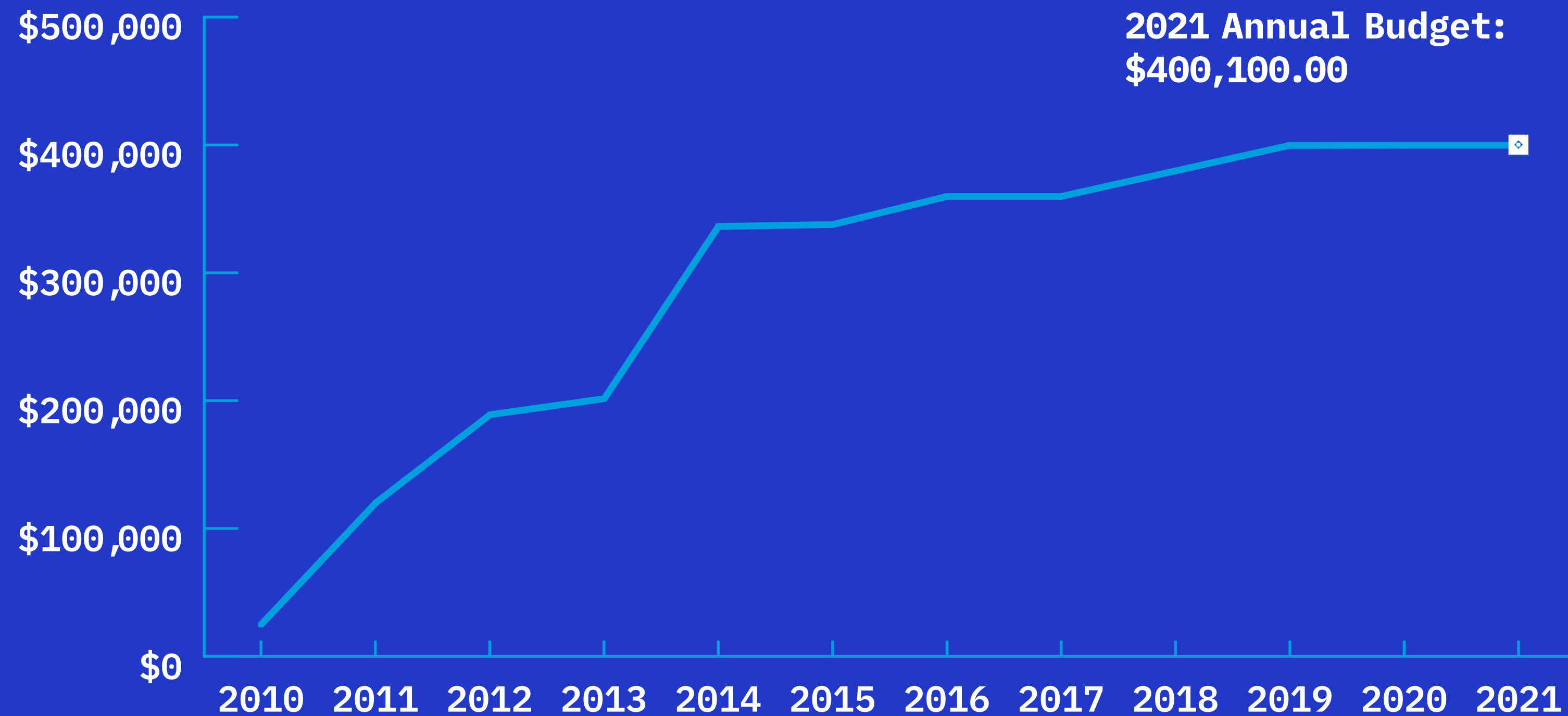
***Assess*** and, if necessary, adjust our programs to meet the needs and/or trends of patient families.

***Evaluate*** and implement ways to engage with new and existing donors to support the mission of aTeam.



# Ministry Budget : 2021

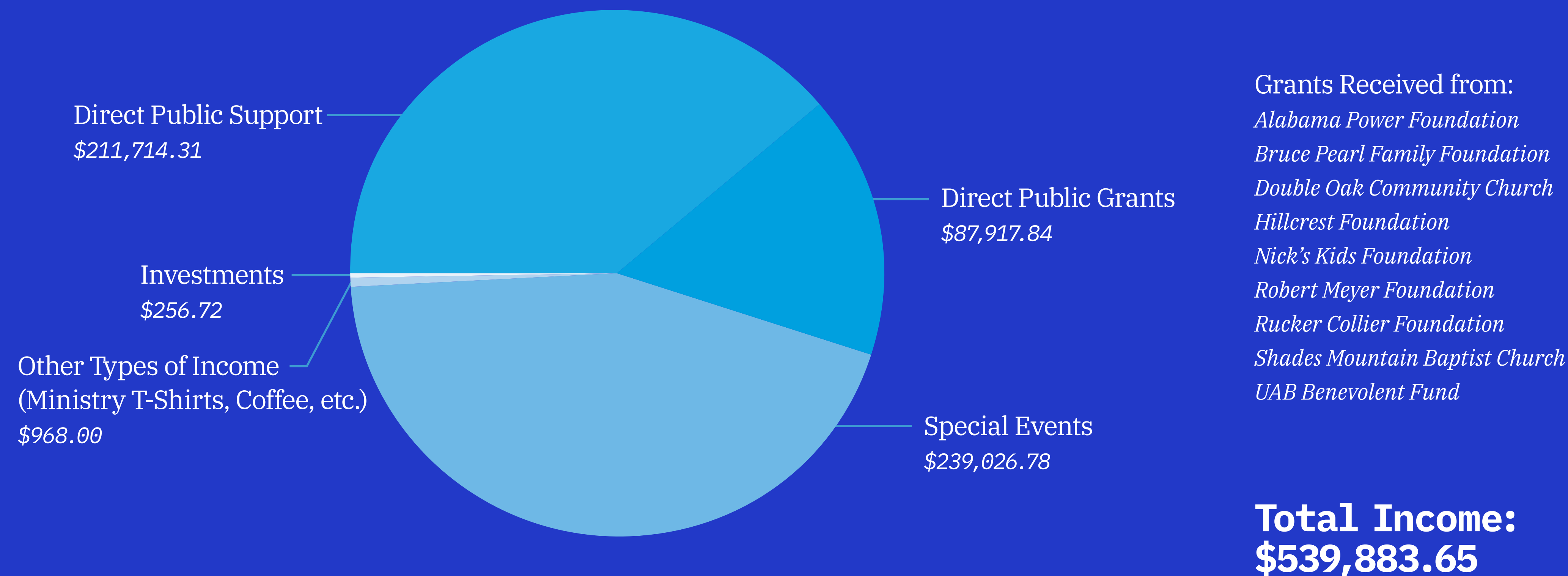
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Where does this budget come from? >>>



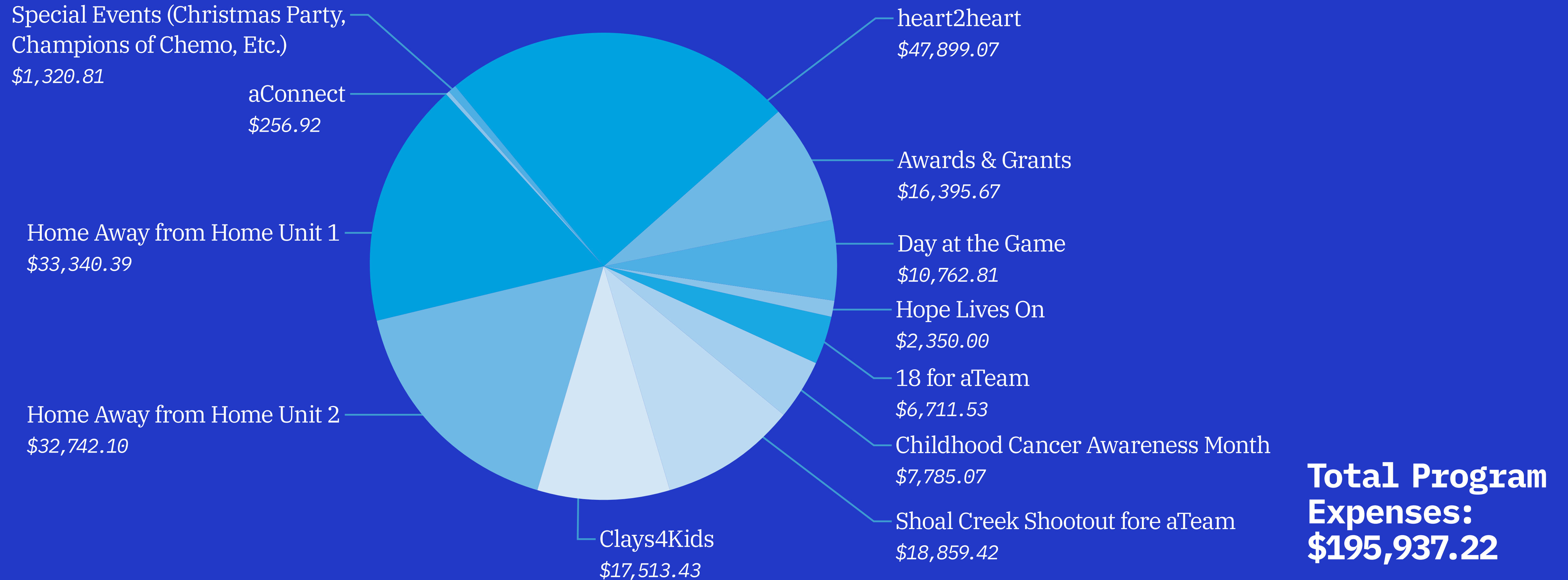
# Ministry Income by Source : 2021



Where do these dollars go? >>>



# Ministry Program Expenses : 2021





# Meet Our Board >

## Board of Directors

**Jonathan Hardison**

*Anchor – WBRC Fox 6*

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*Co-Founder aTeam Ministries*

**Jan Thrower**

*Co-Founder aTeam Ministries*

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**Keith Turberville**

*Realtor – ARC Realty*

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**Katelyn Patrick**

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**Emily Spain**

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**Meredith Stanley**

*Office Administrator – Alabama Policy Institute*

**Walter Young**

*Underwriter – Steadpoint Insurance Group*



# The Hope Society <



*We are so thankful for each and every individual who generously supports aTeam Ministries. The Hope Society is our donor society honoring those who have gone above and beyond by making contributions of \$5,000 or more to aTeam over a one year period.*

## **2021 Members:**

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Batson

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# Thank You!

Just in the last several months, we have had the opportunity to be reconnected with some of the patients we worked with in the beginning stages of aTeam Ministries. Some are now married and expecting their first child while others who were babies at the time of treatment are now teenagers. There is a bond with these families like no other and we are honored to walk with them even now as they are surviving and thriving. What a blessing it is to be connected to these families for life! As we reflect over the last year, we are grateful to those who have come alongside us from the beginning until now. It is an encouragement to us as we continue the work God called us to 12 years ago. Thank you for supporting aTeam as we continue providing spiritual, financial and emotional support to children and their families going through pediatric cancer!

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