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Pete Caldwell



Vicki Gallegos



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During these past two years when so many in our community have been struggling, we at We Care have been deeply grateful for all the remarkable people and groups who continue to provide critical help to at-risk children by supporting our programs:

- Private donors who reached out during the crisis to ask, “What can we do to help?”
- Community groups that created fundraisers for We Care
- Local businesses that generously funded our move to telehealth and Zoom
- Foundations that made available more grant opportunities than at any other time

This has inspired everyone at We Care, and made it possible for us to continue to expand our services to even more of the children and families who need us.

Vicki Gallegos — One Parent’s Impact on Thousands of Children

In this article, we want to **introduce you to an amazingly thoughtful and focused philanthropist, Vicki Gallegos.** She has spent much of her adult life finding (and in some instances, creating) ways to provide her community with the help it needs to make real change in the lives of young children in need.

In addition to her support for We Care, her leadership at the Comdisco Foundation, Kenny’s Kids Foundation, and the Taylor Family Foundation has made a remarkable impact on countless lives by helping build strategic responses to some of the most important issues that many children and families face.

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A message from:

Pete Caldwell, Executive Director



Dear We Care Family,

I love this New Year's issue of our quarterly newsletter. In everything we publish, we always want to express the deep appreciation we feel **every day** toward each of the hundreds of people who help us meet our goals in ways large and small. Whether you've contributed your time, provided financial support, or shared We Care's message in the community, we are extremely grateful for you.

As we start 2022, We Care is reaching the children who need help the most. We are confident that we'll maneuver well in what will be another challenging year – all because of the extraordinary individuals, families, foundations, and businesses that share our vision of a community where young children can reach their full potential.

This past year – like the one before – has been extremely complicated.

It has tested our optimism and resolve. We've moved between deep worry and great optimism as we faced and navigated everything the pandemic threw our way. We lost another Gala, but the generosity of our supporters ensured all our programs continued uninterrupted.

For long periods, we couldn't see our clients in person, but new grants enabled us to improve our tech so that telehealth and Zoom-based therapy became possible – and effective. We couldn't be more thankful for you and the many others who made the effort to keep the needs of at-risk children a priority this past year.

So, I hope you'll enjoy this newsletter. You'll meet Vicki Gallegos – a truly remarkable person and an incredible example of the thoughtful philanthropy exhibited by our supporters. She is one of the many folks who continue to ensure that We Care is able to be there for those who need us most.

From the bottom of my heart,
thank you for all you do to support
this remarkable community.

Best,

Pete



When Vicki's fourth child was very young, he displayed significant cognitive and speech delays. After a few doctors and teachers dismissed her concerns, with one going so far as to tell her, "Even Einstein didn't talk right away," Vicki knew that action was needed. Through her efforts, her son was eventually accurately diagnosed with a rare genetic anomaly that to this date isn't fully understood.

This led Vicki to years of researching and reaching out to education specialists, developmental pediatricians, and innovative academic programs for her son that would help him to reach his full potential. Thanks to her perseverance, focus, and energy, her son – now aged 18 – is living a wonderful and fulfilled life. As her family celebrated their child's achievements, Vicki was very aware that many children with much greater needs didn't have access to all the opportunities she could provide for her own son. **She remains committed to trying to address that inequity through giving to, and working with, organizations that support children with developmental delays and their families.**

Helping We Care Change Lives

When Vicki was introduced to We Care's Executive Director Pete Caldwell through mutual friends, they immediately bonded over their shared belief that smart investments in treatment for children at the right age are the best way to create long-term change. As Vicki learned more about the programs we offered, as well as those we hoped to provide in the future, her interest grew. Because she was profoundly aware of how crucial it is for families to access services, and how daunting it can be, places like We Care were the ideal partner for the good she wanted to create.

Vicki and her husband George have been extremely generous supporters over the years, and she has used her connections to make strategic introductions between our agency and organizations and individuals who believe in the work we do. **Her wholehearted support and compassion for We Care and all her other philanthropic work have helped to directly impact thousands of children and families.**

While words can't fully express our gratitude, on behalf of every child and family at We Care who have received our life-changing resources –

"Thank you, Vicki, for all you do for the children of our community."



Vicki at
We Care's 2018 Gala

“On behalf of the We Care Board of Directors, I want to thank all of you who have been so generous with your contributions to We Care during this time of unprecedented challenges and change. Your support has helped our leadership and wonderful staff to navigate these challenges while also embracing new opportunities to better serve at-risk children in our community.”

– Bob Sachs
We Care Board Chair



Chair Bob Sachs enjoying
time with his granddaughters



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Donations to We Care have never been more impactful to the children we serve than during this ongoing crisis. Please know that space issues prevent us from listing everyone who supports this work, but we are deeply grateful to ALL whose generosity brings hope and help to so many. Thank you for your compassion, thoughtfulness, and kindness.



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