



KIDS' CHANCE OF NORTH CAROLINA FACT SHEET

MISSION: The mission of KIDS' CHANCE of North Carolina is to provide educational scholarships to the children of North Carolina workers who have been catastrophically or fatally injured in work-related accidents.

FUNDS RAISED TO DATE: Since Kids' Chance of North Carolina's inception in May of 2004, more than \$8,000 has been raised. As each state funds its own programs, all funds raised in North Carolina are spent on North Carolina students.

FUNDING: Scholarship funds come from donations by individuals, groups, organizations, foundations, and medical, legal and other professionals. Other funds originate from special activities organized by volunteers such as KIDS' CHANCE Silent Auction. We also plan to organize other fund raisers such as tennis, golf and bowling tournaments, celebrity roasts, and an annual Family Fun Festival.

NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED: Kids' Chance of North Carolina hopes to award its first scholarship in August of 2005. Hundreds of scholarships have been awarded nationwide.

SCHOLARSHIP PROVISIONS: Scholarship awards vary for high school, technical school and college depending on the needs and educational expenses of the student. Scholarships may cover tuition, books, housing, meals, transportation and/or supplement the income of the family to compensate for monies the student would earn by dropping out of school. Scholarships are awarded for one year provided the student maintains acceptable grades each term (six weeks/quarter/semester). Scholarships cannot exceed a set maximum per year (currently up to \$3,000 in North Carolina). Renewals are contingent upon the availability of funds.

ELIGIBILITY: Any student between the ages of 18-25 whose parent's on-the-job death or injury resulted in a substantial decline in family income is eligible. The applicant must meet adequate academic standards set by the selection committee.

RECOGNITION: Kids' Chance of North Carolina appreciates the recognition and support of the North Carolina Industrial Commission as well as the many individual donors who have and continue to contribute to the funding of the scholarship program.

OTHER KIDS' CHANCE PROGRAMS: KIDS' CHANCE, Inc. was originally established in 1988 by the Workers' Compensation Section of the Georgia Bar. Kids' Chance currently is represented by more than 26 states, and has been recognized for outstanding service by Georgia Governor Roy E. Barnes and both Houses of the Georgia Legislature, been featured in an article on the front page of "The Wall Street Journal," written up in other publications throughout Georgia and the United States. It has been featured on local and statewide television stations in Georgia and has been videotaped for broadcasting in a 15-minute segment on an ABC "Peter Jennings Special" on national television. The American Bar Association has endorsed the concept of establishing organizations like KIDS' CHANCE to receive donations and establish college scholarships for the benefit of the children of Workers Compensation claimants.

The first National KIDS' CHANCE Conference was held in St. Louis in April 2002 and a national federation of KIDS' CHANCE programs is now in place.

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