

Annual Report

TUMTUM TREE
FOUNDATION





Dear Friends of TumTum,

“The true meaning of life is to plant trees, whose shade you do not expect to sit.” - Nelson Henderson

As I sit back and reflect on 2023, I am overcome with emotion at the generosity of the TumTum Tree community. This past year brought us a record-breaking \$1.6 million in funds raised (!!), but more than that, it was full of joyous people coming together for the children of Alabama. What an honor to stand at the helm of an organization that is bringing the vision of our founders to life - one “tree” at a time.

The TumTum Tree Foundation is blessed to be surrounded by so many gifts. Not only the charitable gifts, but the talents and graciousness of our brilliant doctors, beneficiaries, winemakers, and donors. All who come together to help further our mission. TumTum offers our children respite, escape, restoration, repair, and relief. Our tree allows them to weather their storms, and your gifts keep their hope alive.

Thank you for believing in the TumTum Tree Foundation. Thank you for making a difference. Thank you for adding branches to our tree that will impact many for years to come.

With my deepest gratitude,

Ashley Blomeyer
Executive Director



Enrich Life




The TumTum Tree Foundation's mission is to **enrich** the lives of children in Alabama who face life-altering and life-threatening illnesses.



Our Impact

In 34 years, we have donated over **\$17.8 million** to Alabama children's charities. The TumTum Tree Wine Auction is the longest-running charity wine auction in the United States devoted to raising money for children's charities.



It's all about the children we serve.

772
PATIENT INTERACTIONS
with Smile-A-Mile

1,100
SERVICE HOURS
with Special Equestrians

19
GRANTS PROVIDED
with Libby's Friends

118
EXPERIENCES
with Magic Moments

85
TRYKES
PURCHASED
with AMBUCS

19,152
ROOMS OFFERED
FREE OF CHARGE
with Ronald McDonald House
Charities of Alabama

3,800
PILLOWCASES DELIVERED
with Angel Pillowcases

111
CHILDREN SERVED
with Sight Savers

10%
OF ALL CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS
FULLY FUNDED BY TTTF
for The Red Barn

14,681
ART INTERACTIONS
with UAB Arts in Medicine



Honoring a Life of Service

The TumTum Tree Foundation is proud to present the annual **Jim Clendenen Lifetime Commitment Award**, honoring our dear friend, Jim Clendenen of Au Bon Climat.

Jim had a vibrant personality, exuberant charisma, and made stunningly beautiful wines. He traveled the globe fearlessly, promoting his wines and the Santa Barbara region. Jim led by example and was a tireless fundraiser for numerous charities throughout the country. Peter Thompson of Andrew Geoffrey Vineyards said this about Jim, “He taught me the importance of using our platform as vintners to help those in need and that it was our social responsibility as vintners to participate with and support the charitable organizations, like the TumTum Tree Foundation, who raised and distributed funds to those in need.”

The Jim Clendenen Lifetime Commitment Award will be awarded by the TumTum Board each year to a vintner who exemplifies a similar lifetime commitment that Jim demonstrated to other vintners and wineries in using his talents to raise funds for those in need financially, emotionally, and medically.



“I believe in the TumTum Tree Foundation because Birmingham genuinely cares for its community, something I’ve experienced firsthand. From day one, I was committed. We have been blessed with an ability to help give back; I’m following what my father always taught me.”

-Fern Frias, Frias Family Vineyard



Your gift, multiplied.

When you support the TumTum Tree Foundation, you are contributing to one of the most versatile organizations, as each gift is distributed among fifteen beneficiaries.

An Enriched Life Story

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Along the road, he endured chemo, spinal taps, bone marrow tests, home injections and innumerable labs and tests. His care team at Children's of Alabama became like family, not just to Cole but to his parents and siblings as well.

He took his last chemo pill May 21, 2022, and today he's playing tackle football and living "a normal life" with his family.

Cole's family is grateful for the doctors and nurses who saw them through the journey. "We are so, so lucky to live close to the hospital," said Madison Murphy, Cole's mom. "All the nurses were just fantastic, and I can't say enough good things about the doctors."

Dr. Ana Xavier, one of Cole's oncologists, once asked for a sewing kit and reattached the tail to Cole's stuffed monkey during their clinic. "She would play cards and color with him," Madison said.

We never give up hope of a world without childhood cancer. Your generosity helps Children's of Alabama care for more 2,000 children with cancer and blood disorders each year. Our mission is to study and identify new and better treatments for children in Alabama and across the globe - with the ultimate goal of finding a CURE!





Alabama Center for Childhood Cancer and Blood Disorders

Training physicians who make major contributions to pediatric oncology patient care and research.
uab.edu



AMBUCUS

Conquering challenges related to mobility and independence.
ambucs.org



Libby's Friends

Ease financial burden for those living with a disability.
libbysfriends.org



MITCHELL'S PLACE
UNLOCKING POTENTIAL

Mitchell's Place

Improving the lives of children affected by autism and other developmental disabilities, and also focuses on early learning for preschool aged children.
mitchells-place.com



Angel Pillowcases

Donating pillowcases to hospitalized children in the state of Alabama.
angelpillowcases.org



CHIPS

Promoting health and healing for those affected by suspected child abuse and neglect.
childrensal.org



Magic Moments
Believe in the Magic.

Magic Moments

Wish granting organization for children of Alabama with chronic, life threatening, or life-altering medical conditions.
magicmoments.org



More Than 4

Partnering with athletes to improve the quality of life for children fighting cancer.
morethan4athletics.com

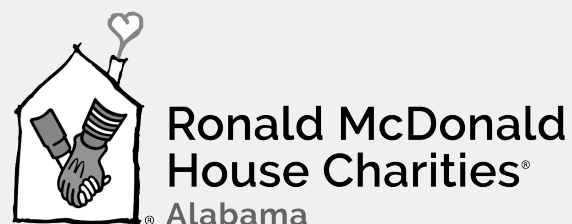
Our
Beneficiaries



The Red Barn

Teaching low income children with disabilities how to ride horses.

theredbarn.org



Ronald McDonald House Alabama

Keeping families together and near to the medical care for their child.

rmhca.org



Smile a Mile

Providing direct programming for families throughout Alabama diagnosed with pediatric cancer in 2022 in our hospital outreach program.

smileamile.com



Special Equestrians

Enrich the lives of people with physical, cognitive, or emotional challenges through a relationship with a horse.

specialequest.org



Service Dogs Alabama

Training dogs who change lives.

servicedogsalabama.org



Sight Savers America

Identify and securing treatment for unmet vision and health needs.

sightsaversamerica.org



UAB Arts in Medicine

Encouraging healing and wellness through the arts. Supporting adults and children living with disabilities, chronic conditions and mental health disorders.

uabmedicine.org

“Low-income children with disabilities are able to experience the healing power of working with horses because of The TumTum Tree Foundation. Therapeutic horseback riding lessons strengthen their bodies and give hope to their hearts. The generosity of The TumTum Tree Foundation reminds families that they are not alone in their journey. The wine auction is one weekend, but its impact is felt all year long as children who have been through so much have the life-changing experience of therapeutic horseback riding lessons.”

Joy O’Neal - The Red Barn

“Being part of the TumTum Tree Foundation Wine Auction means you’re part of a family, a community and a wellspring of generosity and love.”

Jasmine Hirsch - Hirsch Vineyards

Our Beneficiaries

An Enriched Life **Story**

Mary Elizabeth “Liza” Scott is a 9-year-old child in Jefferson County. She has optic atrophy, which resulted after brain surgeries for malformations in her brain.

Liza has some motor delays after her brain surgeries and was struggling to complete her schoolwork at home and school.

On April 20, 2023, Sight Savers America provided a desktop video magnifiers to Liza for her to use at home and at school. When Liza’s mom found out that we would be purchasing this life changing equipment for her, she said “Oh wow!!! That is SOOO amazing!!! Thank you so so much!”

Sight Savers America provided an in-home equipment training for Liza and her mother. During this training, Liza was so excited to use her new devices. She absolutely loved using the equipment for reading and writing, and then also for playing games on her iPad. Her mom said the equipment at school would dramatically help improve Liza’s reading and standardized testing. Both Liza and her family are so grateful and thankful for this life-changing video magnification equipment!

Thank you very much to the Tum Tum Tree Foundation for your support that allowed us to change the life of Liza and other children with severe visual impairment across Alabama! We appreciate you so much!





Wine Auction Weekend

Every November in Birmingham, Alabama, the TumTum Tree Foundation gathers alongside some of the most talented vintners, generous sponsors, and gracious volunteers from across the United States in order to raise money for children's charities.

For three nights we eat great food, drink great wine, and most importantly auction wonderful lots and experiences in order to celebrate the great work being done by organizations in our state. Join us this fall.

*Thursday, November 14th - **Vintner Dinners***

*Thursday, November 14th - **TASTE of TumTum***

*Friday, November 15th - **Tasting and Live Auction***

*Saturday, November 16th - **TumTum Tree Tailgate***



Our Honorary Chairs

1990 No Honorary Chair at our first auction
 1991 Ann and Dick Grace—**Grace Family Vineyards**
 1992 Rusty Staub—New York restaurateur and philanthropist
 1993 Margrit and Robert Mondavi—**Robert Mondavi Winery**
 1994 Robin Lail—**Lail Vineyards**
 1995 Brice Jones—**Sonoma Cutrer**
 1996 Shari and Garen Staglin—**Staglin Family**
 1997 Diane and John Livingston—**Livingston-Moffett**
 1998 Teresa Norton and Tom Paine—**Vineyard 29**
 1999 Morgan and Jim Clendenen—**Au Bon Climat/Cold Heaven**
 2000 Micki and David Voisard—**Napa Valley Artists**
 2001 Michael Honig—**Honig Vineyards**
 2002 Margaret Duckhorn—**Duckhorn Vineyards**
 2003 Joe Davis—**Arcadian**
 2004 Rosalind, Jacques and Jeremy Seysses—**Domaine Dujac**
 2005 Margie and Kerry Murphy + Janet and Michael Verlander—**DuMOL**
 2006 Grace and Ken Evenstad—**Domaine Serene**

2007 Juelle and Fred Fisher—**Fisher Vineyards**
 2008 Tom and Susan Curtin—**Five Sons and DuMOL**
 2009 Ann and Dick Grace—**Grace Family Vineyards**
 2010 Peter Thompson—**Andrew Geoffrey Vineyards**
 2011 Beth Nickel—**Far Niente, Nickel & Nickel, Dolce, EnRoute**
 2012 Anne and Chuck McMinn—**Vineyard 29**
 2013 Alan Viader—**Viader**
 2014 Jim Clendenen—**Au Bon Climat**
 2015 Jasmine Hirsch—**Hirsch Vineyards** + Fern Frias—**Frias Family Vineyard**
 2016 Dr. Madaiah Revana—**Revana Family Vineyard**
 2017 Jake Krausz—**Arkenstone Vineyards** + Wes Steffens—**Vineyard 7 & 8**
 2018 Andy Peay—**Peay Vineyards**
 2019 Eric Jensen—**Booker Vineyards**
 2020 Susan and Tom Lowder—**Holman Ranch**
 2021 **Donelan Family Wines**
 2022 Shannon Staglin—**Staglin Family Vineyard** + Artie Johnson—**Le Artishasic**
 2023 The Fisher Family—**Fisher Vineyards**
 2024 Pardis & Frank Stitt—**Stitt Restaurant Group**



“For more than 30 years, The TumTum Tree Foundation has been a pillar of good—from the millions raised to support the lives of children in Alabama who face life-altering and life-threatening illnesses, to the deep and lasting friendships made with the kind souls here in Birmingham and the wine community beyond. The legacy of compassion and generosity will continue to positively impact the lives of children and families for many years to come.”

-Pardis & Frank Stitt, Stitt Restaurant Group





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