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HEART

NEWS FROM LIONHEART 2018-19



IT'S OUR 20TH ANNIVERSARY

We are grateful and excited to celebrate this milestone! Learn about our plans for this exciting year. Getting ready to have some fun!

LIONHEART WORKS EXPANDS

New TECH Site

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Roxanne Pinzl

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Read Hampton's story

MEET PARTNER

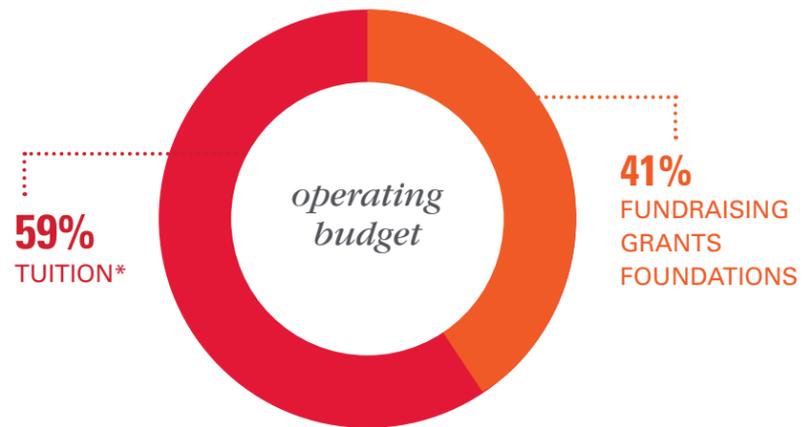
Hippotherapy Hero

This year *The Lionheart School* celebrates 20 years of serving individuals with autism and other developmental challenges. We have reached this milestone for many reasons and because of many amazing people. Our founders stayed true to the original vision of ensuring that every student has the opportunities and support needed to reach his or her maximum potential as an individual. We are proud of how our school has focused on learning, leading and creating hope in education. Lionheart has provided more opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities by continuing to meet each challenge, creating new programs and always leaving the door open for growth. *The Lionheart School* and *Lionheart WORKS* programs would not be possible without the 20 years of support from our phenomenal community. We invite you to join us in celebrating this exciting milestone with our sponsorship packages.



Did You Know?

Tuition and fees paid by families only covers 59% of the cost to serve each child, so it is vital for grants, gifts and fundraising events to make up the difference! Approximately 70% of families receive the financial assistance they need to be a part of Lionheart.



2500
PEOPLE ATTEND OUR EVENTS

1:2

STUDENT:STAFF RATIO

we service

100

INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES
FROM 6 DIFFERENT COUNTIES

we have

360

VOLUNTEERS

SACS
ACCREDITATION:

15
years

PLATINUM/\$50,000

Presenting Sponsor for all 3 events
Ex: 20th Annual Auction Presented by _____

Branding on all event signage at event and marketing materials

Social Media Highlights Monthly

Company Feature Story in Newsletter (2,500 recipients)

Logo with link to company website on Lionheart webpage

HEART & SOUL AUCTION

- 3 tables preferred seating (30 guests)

- Full page ad in event program

- Company logo placement on event bidding website

- Company Marketing Materials in Hotel Guests Bags

GRILLING & GRIDIRON

- 2 Reserved Tables, 30 Tasting Bracelets

- Company Banners at Event

- Company Branded Wristbands

- Prominent logo on viewing screen

- Logo on Banners/Posters around Alpharetta

HEART & SOLE 5K

- Team of 50 runners

- Company Branded Table at Post Race Party

SILVER/\$10,000

Company Branding on Event Signage and Marketing Materials

Social Media Highlights

Logo with link to company website on Lionheart webpage

HEART & SOUL AUCTION

- 1 table (12 guests)

- Half page ad in program

- Company logo placement on event bidding website

- Company Marketing Materials in Hotel Guests Bags

GRILLING & GRIDIRON

- 1 Reserved Table, 10 Tasting Bracelets

- Logo on Banners/Posters around Alpharetta

HEART & SOLE 5K

- Team of 10 runners

- Company Branded Table at Post Race Party

- Logo on Professionally Designed Race T-Shirt

- Company Marketing Materials in Race Bag

GOLD/\$25,000

Branding on select event signage at event and marketing materials

Social Media Highlights

Company Featured in Newsletter

Logo with link to company website on the Lionheart webpage

HEART & SOUL AUCTION

- VIP Party Presented By / Branded with company logo

- 1 table preferred seating (12 guests)

- Half page ad in program

- Company logo placement on event bidding website

- Company Marketing Materials in Hotel Guests Bags

GRILLING & GRIDIRON

- 2 Reserved Tables, 20 Tasting Bracelets

- Prominent logo on viewing screen

- Logo on Banners/Posters around Alpharetta

HEART & SOLE 5K

- Team of 25 runners

- Company Branded Table at Post Race Party

- Logo on Professionally Designed Race T-Shirt

BRONZE/\$5,000

Company Branding on Event Signage and Marketing Materials

Social Media Highlights

HEART & SOUL AUCTION

- 1 table (10 guests)

- 1/4 page ad in event program

- Company logo placement on event bidding website

- Company Marketing Materials in Hotel Guests Bags

GRILLING & GRIDIRON

- 10 Tasting Bracelets

HEART & SOLE 5K

- Team of 5 runners

- Logo on Professionally Designed Race T-Shirt

For more information on sponsorship opportunities:

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Anniversary Sponsorship Packages

Lionheart WORKS is an individualized vocational training program serving young adults ages 18 and up. Current Lionheart WORKS participants include individuals with college degrees, high school diplomas, and certificates from both public and private schools and programs. Our goal is to place participants in sustainable and meaningful jobs that match each individual's interests and strengths. After a discovery and work readiness curriculum, Lionheart WORKS participants interview and secure individualized job placements. At these placements, each participant is supported by his or her matched job coach to help build skills, increase independence, and promote natural supports on the work site.

This year, we launched the *Lionheart Tech Site*. With the help of our wonderful community partners and gracious donors, we have been able to create the new internal worksite. *The Tech Site* offers opportunities to Lionheart WORKS participants who have a training and vocational interest in technology. The young adults are gaining transferable technical skills that give them the ability and knowledge to perform specific tasks related to computer, cell phone and tablet repair, computer programming and more! Thanks to a generous supporter, the new *Tech Site* is located north of our Alpharetta campus in a 3,000 sq ft office space. *The Tech Site* is a typical work environment. When our young adults launch into the work force, our goal is for them to be confident with the abilities and skills they developed.



Our Community Partners

- ALPHARETTA ADULT ACTIVITY CENTER
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- PUFF N FLUFF PET SPA
- RAINMAKER
- REAL PAGE
- SKILL SHOT
- STEEL CITY POPS
- TOP GOLF

We heart Our Volunteers



Volunteers are critical in helping Lionheart achieve our mission. We could not run our various programs without our amazing group of dedicated volunteers! Roxanne Pinzl is one of those people. She has generously given of her time and talents with the *LionheARTisans Cottage* and our *Lionheart WORKS* program since 2015. In Roxanne's own words, here is what volunteering at Lionheart has meant to her.

"My ending up at Lionheart was a happy accident. I came to the Cottage looking for fabric but left with so much more. While I was there, I noticed an extra set of hands would be useful and asked if I could help. It has been such a rewarding and challenging experience. Rewarding to watch the participants accomplish something that they didn't think they could do and challenging because sometimes you have to think outside the box to make it work."

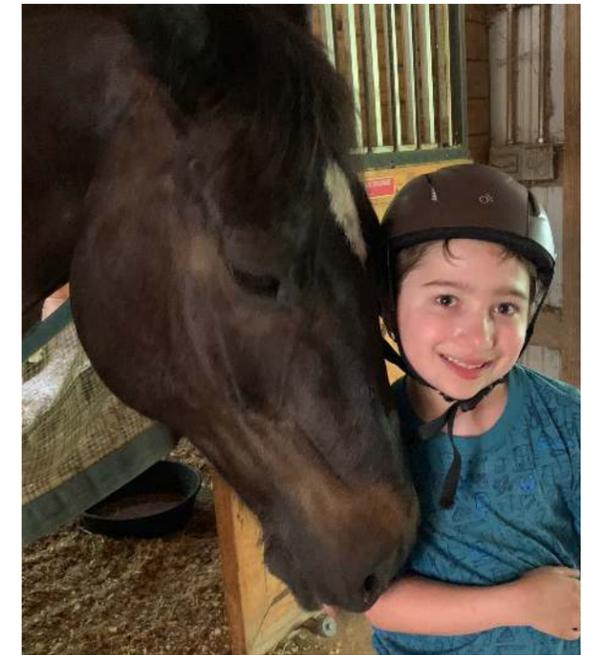
The cottage is located at 160 Academy Street, Alpharetta, GA 30009 and is open M-F 9:30am-1:30pm.

In Our Hearts

We are heartbroken to share of the recent passing of our beloved teacher, Kathe Robertson. Kathe was a passionate and dedicated educator for over 30 years as well as a champion for individuals and families in the special needs community. What many do not know is that Kathe was instrumental in the start of *The Lionheart School*. Kathe and Tamara Spafford, our Executive Director, met many years ago through their sons' hockey teams. Through that relationship, Kathe was able to offer her expertise and support to the Spafford family as they came to determine that their youngest daughter, Alexandra, needed something different for her education. Kathe's extensive relationships within the special needs community connected the Spaffords to Elizabeth Dulin, our co-founder and Head of School. It was Lionheart's great fortune that, after 30 years of teaching in the Fulton County school system, Kathe joined our team as a teacher in 2014.

She had a tremendous gift with Lionheart students and made every child feel safe, respected and encouraged.

She was an integral part of our school. Kathe will be deeply missed. We take comfort knowing that her spirit will live on through all the lives she touched throughout her life.



Meet Partner, a Lionheart favorite, a 30-year-old horse famous for his endearment. Partner was donated to Lionheart five years ago, arriving at Lioncrest Farms 200 pounds underweight, out of shape, possibly blind and scared of absolutely everything. Partner quickly became the best therapy horse at the farm proving he just needed to find his calling in life. He tolerates any and all behaviors from his riders- shrieks of enjoyment, grips of fear, kicks with too much force. Partner stays calm and focused on his duty; to protect and serve the children of Lionheart that ride him for hippotherapy. He is in fact, not blind, no longer underweight, and not scared but simply needed riders that love, respect, and relate to him. Thank you for your service, Partner. You are one amazing horse that changes children's lives with every ride!



In Memoriam

Peggy Turner was a dedicated job coach with our Lionheart WORKS program. We are grateful for her time and commitment. Peggy will be dearly missed.

Where Are They Now?



Peter Pan Grows Up

Hampton began his journey with *The Lionheart School* as a little boy with circle glasses who loved costumes, and he is now a 24-year-old man that enthusiastically works to assist everyone around him. We could have never guessed that our child, who wore a Peter Pan costume (*tights and all*) to school for two years straight, would now work three jobs. Getting to this reality has not been without a lot of challenges.

For the past twenty years, Hampton has received some form of speech, occu-

pational, physical, floortime, and reading therapy. We did not see great change daily; however, the monthly reports of progress grew into yearly transformations in Hampton's confidence and well-roundedness. Thanks to the therapists and teachers at Lionheart, Hampton has grown into the kind, funny, thoughtful, motivated man he is today.

Now through the *Lionheart WORKS* program, Hampton is continuing to grow and learn. We could not have imagined the joy that each of his jobs bring him. Whether he is working with the children at Alpharetta Presbyterian Church Day School or working independently as Sanctuary Manager, Hampton is always enthusiastic about the job at hand. Our son excels at each of his three jobs, but we feel most proud of the relationships he has built along the way. He has formed some of the deepest connections with his *WORKS* job coaches and the other *Lionheart WORKS* participants he has grown with over the

years. Hampton is now a man, even if he still never wants to grow up, that is able to be an active, involved part of his community. We have Lionheart and many others to thank for so much of this amazing journey. Even in the moments of doubt, in the moments when we were focused on what Hampton couldn't do, the Lionheart team continued to focus on what he could do and helped him grow real relationships and real life job skills. Thanks to that determination, Hampton found his way to all the opportunities we had wished for him all those years ago and so much more.



New Wheels!



The new Lionheart bus is on the move! Thank you to our generous Fund-A-Need Donors at the 19th Annual Heart & Soul Auction on February 9, 2019 Our students and staff are so grateful for this sweet ride!

Gratitude From Our *Hearts*

Thank you to the generous people and corporations that donate to Lionheart. We wouldn't be where we are without your continued support.



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STEEL CITY POPS

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HEART & SOLE 5K
April 18, 2020

Our 6th annual 5K race begins and ends at Avalon where participants will run or walk a course through the Alpharetta area. A post-race party includes kids activities, a fun run, complementary adult beverages and food.



PARTY WITH HEART
February 1, 2020

Our 20th annual auction held at the Hotel at Avalon in Alpharetta is a magical evening celebrating the Lionheart community. Each year guests enjoy live music, a delicious dinner, an energetic live and silent auction filled with party packages, gift certificates, artwork created by LionheARTisans, wine, and more.



GRILLING & GRIDIRON
date to come

Our 8th annual family friendly event in downtown Alpharetta is centered around a GA Bulldogs football game on a large outdoor screen. 20 plus restaurants and community grillers each contribute by preparing tailgate bites and savory sweets. Beer and wine is donated by community partners and sold at the event.