

Mission Statement

To connect families to resources and community by providing reliable transportation for seriously ill children and pregnant women to essential healthcare.

Seventy percent of the children who use the Lansing area subspecialty clinics are on Medicaid and are missing up to 60% of their doctor appointments, often because they do not have a reasonable way of getting there. Since each appointment is essential for monitoring a child's condition and keeping him or her as healthy as possible (and out of the hospital), The Davies Project's first goal is to help families by giving them volunteer-provided rides to primarily Lansing area medical appointments.

The Davies Project provides rides to all of a child's medical appointments. This includes all specialty appointments, physical therapy, occupational therapy, mental health care, dental and eye visits, and primary care. We also provide rides to prenatal visits for pregnant women, and to the NICU for parents of hospitalized infants.

Every activity supports the healthiest outcomes possible for our community's children.

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Message from the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

At the beginning of 2020, The Davies Project was growing rapidly—as it has been since its earliest days. Then the pandemic hit. As appointments were cancelled or moved to online platforms, monthly ride numbers dropped from 192 in February to



71 in July, then slowly began to climb again—reaching over 100 in December. Despite being a challenging year, the final number of rides for 2020 was higher than 2018.

While some volunteers paused as drivers, others—not considered as vulnerable to COVID-19—helped out more. New volunteers stepped forward resulting in more drivers in 2020 than in 2019.

Additionally, despite the pandemic, all client categories saw growth with more than one child a week added to the ride roster and more than one prenatal family added every two weeks. Yet, while having served hundreds of families in Greater Lansing so far, only 6% of those who could benefit from the rides have been reached.

While it may be tempting to wish for a return to a pre-pandemic "normal," I'd like to instead embrace the way things will be. Rather than go back, let's continue moving forward! With your support, I know we can do better.

The 2020 annual meeting took place right before the pandemic upended our lives. A year later, the 2021 meeting occurred as the distribution of vaccines was ramping up. We look forward to new opportunities and possibilities in 2021.

Sincerely,

Ball Riday Mola

Pamela Riley Miklavcic, Ph.D. Founder & Executive Director

Message from the Board President

eflecting back on the three years I have served as board president, I am so proud to have been a part of helping our community's children be healthier. The relief families feel when they know their children will make it to their medical appointments has been a great reward.

I am continually inspired by the way volunteer drivers provide "more than just a ride" by offering friendship and emotional support to the families they drive. These relationships offer stability when families are uncertain, resources when needs are identified, and the greatest gift of all—knowing that someone cares. Our drivers are more than people movers. As facilitators, they embody the key to our success—building trust. Building trust in a year that has been rocked by political divisions and a greater awareness of the effects of racism and inequity is something we need now more than ever. We've learned that every ride matters. Every chance to connect with a family in need is the chance to change the trajectory of their lives.



The growth over the last three years continues to highlight how much need there is and how much work there still is to do. Before the pandemic, we roughly estimated that about 6,000 children in the area could benefit from the rides volunteer drivers provide. We have reached about 6% of them. We need to do more.

After my first year as president, I wrote in the 2018 annual report that, "Our goal is to continue to build a sustainable organization that can withstand the changes that take place outside the organization as

world of today."

As we hopefully begin to emerge from the pandemic, I believe we are well on our way. Thank you for the opportunity to serve with you.

well as within. Our aim is to be agile in the fast paced

Sincerely,

Nick Nauta

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In Memoriam

"Jack was a quiet GIANT who made a difference in tens of thousands of lives, for so many in our community and beyond. It was my pleasure to learn from a man with a great heart, unwavering values, and a commitment to everyone he met to help make this community sustainable and better." Margie Clark, LCC Health & Human Services

Dean and board member, The Davies Project.

2020 Volunteer Drivers



"When I saw a story on the news about The Davies Project I realized that people who need help in good times also need help in difficult times, sometimes more so. It was clear that the pandemic had impacted the number of people who could help, but not the need. From there it was an easy decision."

Volunteer Driver Fred Barton.

Thank you for driving, delivering food, and calling families in 2020.

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"I became involved with The Davies Project because when I learned of the organization's mission I believed that the need was there and that I could help in a small way. My volunteering has been very rewarding as you realize how many difficulties people have in their lives and how we all take so many things in life for granted. Volunteering can be challenging, but I believe volunteers make the world a little bit better for all of us."

Volunteer Driver Jeff Gilbert

"I worked as a physical therapist for 37 year and retired as the pandemic began. Speaking to a neighbor, who also had been my patient, I wondered aloud about volunteer opportunities. He recommended The Davies Project. He said I'd be great at it; how could I refuse? I enjoyed driving and WAS missing my patients. I inquired and found out that some of the volunteer drivers have paused giving rides due to health concerns. They needed me! I signed up."

Volunteer Driver Kathy Crisp



"As a retiree, my life is not very stressful. The Davies Project provides volunteer drivers with the opportunity to reduce stress for other people in what can be trying times for them. That is a wonderful thing to be able to do!

I should start off acknowledging that the main reason I volunteered for the Davies Project is because my wife, Helen, was a MSU Pediatric Oncology nurse and she suggested I volunteer with

The Davies Project. The main reason I continue to volunteer for The Davies Project is that many decades ago (too many to count or admit to!) I used

public transportation a lot. Fortunately, I lived close to Michigan Avenue and buses came almost every ten minutes and went back and forth between the State Capitol and past Frandor to MSU and beyond to the Meridian Mall in Okemos. It was very convenient to take to get to most places I needed to get to. But there were times that called for me to stray from that line and using the bus system to do so often required much longer waits and transfers. Which was not a whole lot of fun in the winter. Fortunately, I generally had my own car (or two when our children were living with us and both my wife and I were working) to fall back upon.





It pains me to think of the stress and discomfort some people have to go through taking a child to a medical appointment in the depths of a Michigan winter when infrequent bus routes and transfers are involved. Thank goodness public and private transportation alternatives exist, but The Davies Project eases the worrying parents have about getting to and from medical appointments. Riders have explicitly thanked me for reducing their concerns about the weather, coordination and appointment timing issues, and expenses.



Sometimes unintended consequences of good intentions come with the drives. One time this winter I pulled up to a rider's apartment the day after a good bit of snow had fallen and saw how the sidewalk had not been shoveled yet. I had to park about fifty feet away from the apartment and did not think it would be a good idea for the mom to have to carry her baby all the way to my car in all that snow, Fortunately, I was early and had a snow shovel in my car trunk. I cleared the sidewalk and the apartment's steps and porch landing, then returned to my car and texted her that it was clear. She texted back that she could not see my car. I stood outside my

car and called her. After going back and forth a while about our locations on our phones, she came around the corner from another apartment building - the one in which she actually lived.

Oh well; at least somebody had a clearer path to doing something that day and I had a pretty good chuckle knowing some people saw me shoveling and wondered why the walk to that one apartment received a disproportionate amount of attention! (We were able to park within fifteen feet of the rider's actual apartment unit after we came back from the appointment and so I did not get out the shovel a second time.) " --Volunteer Driver Larry Pedersen

In Memoriam

Vergil Pinckney was one of the first volunteer drivers and even after he retired from driving, families still asked about him. Vergil passed away in early January. He is greatly missed. Current board member LaSean Thompson shared this story:

"I remember our first ride with TDP. Vergil was our volunteer driver. I had my son, who was 8 months old and my daughter, who was 3 years old, and I was grabbing diapers, wipes, bottles, formula, change of clothes, stuff for a 3 year old to do. It



was a crazy house. I felt overwhelmed. When Vergil came to my door, he said "Hello I'm Vergil, with The Davies Project. I will be your driver for today. Can I help you with anything?" At that moment I was lost for words for a moment. No one had asked me if I needed help in a long time. Everything was focused around the care and needs of my son. I was so used to doing it by myself that it felt so nice to have someone ask me, "Can I help you?" Our family will always be grateful for TDP and their many volunteer drivers like Vergil."

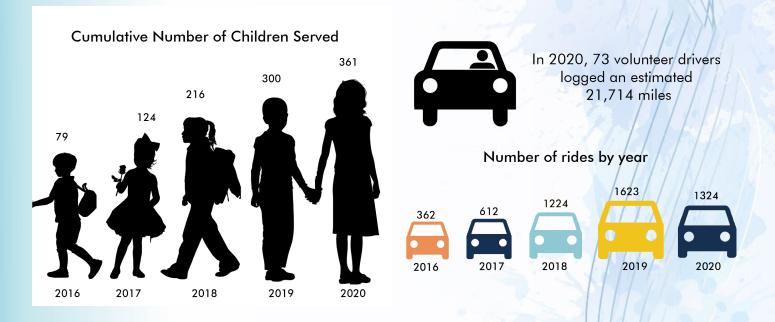
2020 Other Volunteers

Thank you volunteers who helped with mailings, created videos, shelved books, reached out to community organizations, and served as a sounding board for brainstorming.

Libby Baswell
Stacy Dickert-Conlin
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Megan Doherty
Allison Fly
Julie Franklin
Ashley Garvin
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Driving Change to Improve Children's Health



2020 Ride Statistics

2020 Ride Statistics	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Rides Provid- ed by TDP	362	612	1,224	1,623	1, 324
Cumulative Children Served	79	124	216	300	361
Cumulative Expecting Women Served		15	23	80	114
Cumulative NICU families Served	\ _4 _5	5	8	16	18
Volunteer Drivers	27	25	48	64	73
Estimated Miles Driven (estimating 16.4 miles/ ride)	5, 937	10, 036	20, 074	26, 617	21, 714
Volunteer Driver Hours (estimating 1.5 hours/ ride)	543	918	1,836	2,435	1, 986
Value of In-Kind Mileage Donated (\$0.14/mile)	\$831	\$1,405	\$2,810	\$3, 726	\$3,040
Value of In-Kind Hours Donated	\$13, 542 (\$24.94/ hour)	\$22,895 (\$24.94/hour)	\$45,790 (\$24.94/hour)	\$61, 922 (\$25.43/hour)	\$54, 019 (\$27.20/hour)
Total Donated In-Kind Value (\$)	\$14, 373	\$24, 300	\$48,600	\$65, 648	\$57, 059

Food Delivery

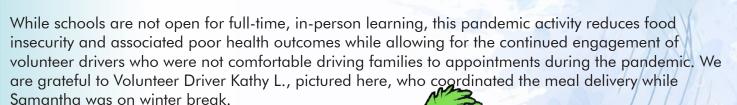
In 3 months, volunteer drivers from The Davies Project made over 650 deliveries, taking over 9,000 meals to children who otherwise would have gone hungry while schools were closed in the fall.

At the beginning of the pandemic, Volunteer Driver Mike Brown asked if volunteer drivers could assist

in delivering meals from the Lansing Schools to families so that children could still have access to healthy food offerings. Initially, volunteer drivers signed up directly with Lansing Schools so that data from March-September is not available. However, based on stories from volunteer drivers, they delivered hundreds of meals to families from April through September.

Tracking meal delivery began in the fall with the arrival of MSU Social Work Intern Samantha Rohrbach who created a meal delivery coordination process with the Lansing Schools, as well as the Holt, Grand Ledge, and Waverly School Districts. The school districts were very appreciative and then asked if volunteer drivers could accommodate a few other families, including some who lived in temporary housing shelters, who

lacked transportation but were not on The Davies Project's roster.





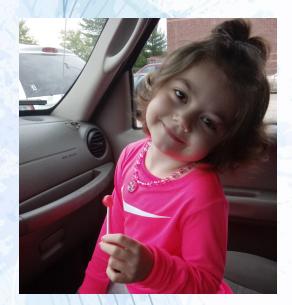
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Coronavirus Crisis Buddies

To help stay connected during the pandemic, volunteer drivers from The Davies Project reached out to families who were not currently receiving rides due to appointments being cancelled because of the Stay At Home order. The Coronavirus Crisis Buddy calls from ten volunteer drivers such as Julie B., pictured here, helped keep 60 families from feeling even more isolated than they already were. Additionally, as families brought up issues or challenges during conversations, volunteers helped connect families to other community resources.



The Stories Behind the Mumbers Mary Jane: Beating Cancer Despite a Pandemic



Linda called The Davies Project because her granddaughter, Mary Jane, had just been diagnosed with leukemia and they didn't have safe and reliable transportation for the many appointments they were about to have. Since the beginning of 2018, volunteer drivers made sure she always had a ride to her appointments. Mary Jane's final chemotherapy appointment was scheduled for the day Governor Whitmer's Stay at Home order took effect. Timely treatments are critical for leukemia patients. Volunteer drivers took extra precautions to ensure a safe environment for transporting Mary Jane to this and subsequent follow up appointments. Her port has been removed and she's on track to be cancer-free! Her grandmother Linda wrote, "I appreciate everything you've done

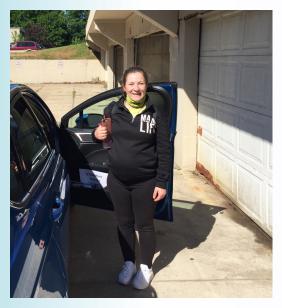
for me and my granddaughter!"

Sheileyah: No Car Accident or Pandemic Will Stop Her

Sheileyah was hit by a car last fall and required many physical therapy appointments to allow her to walk, move and do everything else the way she did prior to the injury. Her condition had improved greatly. Then the pandemic hit and transportation was a challenge. It was imperative that Sheliyah continue to consistently attend her twice a week appointments to not regress. Volunteer drivers ensured she made all of her appointments.



After a period of time, her mom, Angel, was able to buy a car and drive to Sheileyah's appointments herself. Angel was so grateful for the rides from the volunteer drivers that she told Mary Jo, the family services coordinator, that when life settled down, she wanted to come drive to help other families the way she had been helped.



Elizabeth: Pregnant During a Pandemic Stay At Home Order

As Elizabeth approached her due date, she needed rides to in-person prenatal appointments. "Larry [Volunteer Driver] was really nice and easy to talk to. He did a map of where I live which I thought was really helpful since my apartments are very confusing. It was a good idea. The rides with The Davies Project have been amazing and I appreciate it so very much! Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to use the services so I could get to my prenatal appointments. I would gladly recommend and tell everyone how amazing it was. :-)" Elizabeth

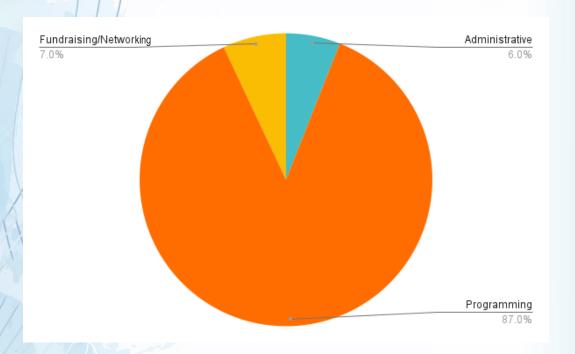
Jamesia and Kevon: Starting a Family During a Pandemic

Jamesia and Kevon were so excited to finally be parents. Their daughter was born prematurely at the beginning of April during the most strict portion of the Stay at Home order as cases in the Lansing area were increasing quickly. Jamesia and Kevon did not want a pandemic to interfere with family bonding.

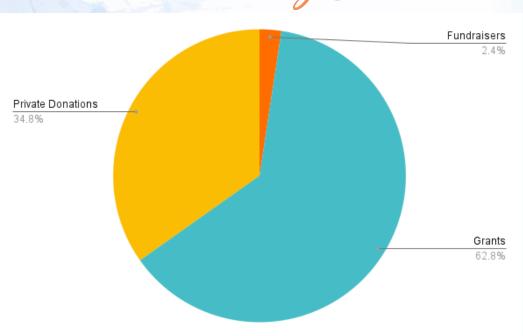
Volunteers drove the couple to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit to visit their hospitalized baby girl. However, at first, they only visited the hospital once or twice a week but after a few rides, Jamesia and Kevon requested to go every day. They bonded as a family and went home to start a healthier future together.



2020 Allocation of Funds



2020 Funding Sources



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Thank you so much for driving change to improve children's health and support families going through a personal crisis in the midst of a pandemic.

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Donors who make a multi-year gift of \$1,000 or more pledge over a 5-year period to The Davies Project. The generosity of these leadership gifts drive change for families in our community.

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"From the first time I heard about The Davies Project and what they do to help those in our community, I thought what a wonderful way to give back. We support The Davies Project both in volunteering to drive and financially. The gratitude from clients you get from being a driver is indescribable. The friendships are memorable. The fact you are making a difference, priceless!"

Volunteer Driver & Monthly Donor Millie H.

