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In the “Can Imagine Triathlon,” a traditional event combining biking, swimming and running with adaptations as necessary, athletes compete.

Swimmers build skills and self-confidence at the Adaptive Swim Team.

Erin Wentz, a KKF founder and former President, helps with the Ice Fishing Relay at Camp Kool Kidz South. The outdoor day camp ran for one week in two locations.

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Parents must learn new terms and treatments relating to their children’s diagnoses. They often manage several different kinds of developmental therapies, as well as difficult medical care and/or behavioral strategies. FOCUS helps through metro-wide support groups, newsletters, a day out on Lake Lanier, a home modification tour, educational seminars and a conference, and the website www.focus-ga.org that averages 3,000 hits daily.

The gift we can offer others is so simple a thing as hope.  – Daniel Berrigan

FOCUS children need fun!

FOCUS offers fun programs for children, as well as activities for the whole family.

FOCUS Holiday Party - 100 families visit Santa and celebrate together.

FOCUS Aquarium Day - families tour and enjoy brunch

FOCUS Zoo Day - families share a meal and see the animals.

Extra Special Saturday Respite - monthly childcare in multiple locations. Children play together under the watchful eye of FOCUS while parents enjoy time off.

Summer day Camp Hollywood at 10 locations - children have fun with arts and crafts, music, science and cinema, recreation, and cooks with books.

Summer day Camp Hollywood

FOCUS Six Flags Day - families enjoy coasters and a picnic together.

Under the Stars - families experience the great outdoors with FOCUS at Camp Twin Lakes.

MVP Events - Quarterly parties for medically fragile children and their families.

Monthly teen socials culminate in Camp Infinity where teens tackle outdoor challenges.

Life does not have to be perfect to be wonderful.  – Annette Funnicello

2009 FOCUS Financial Statement

Support & Revenue from Operations
Contributions & Special Events $543,869
Program Service Fees $120,149
Interest Income $9,695
Contributed Assets $80,279
Total Support & Revenue $753,992

Operational Expenses
Programs $594,477
Management & General $33,255
Fundraising $50,865
Total Expenses $678,597

Change in Net Assets
Change in Net Assets $75,395
Transfer of Net Assets from the Kool Kids Foundation $156,438
Total Change in Net Assets $231,833

2009 Balance Sheet
Current Assets $745,759
Fixed Assets $37,283
Other Assets $31,659
Total Assets $814,701

Liabilities & Net Assets
Current Liabilities $52,744
Net Assets $761,957
Total Liabilities & Net Assets $814,701

FOCUS maintains assets roughly equivalent to a year’s operating expenses.

2009 Expenditures

- Parent Support, Education
- Respite, Summer Camps
- Family Activities, Camps
- Teen Activities, Camps
- Fundraising
- Administrative
- Recreational Programs