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## 2019 CHaD HERO Report

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**15th Annual CHaD HERO**  
**October 18, 2020**  
**Hanover, NH**

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# 2019 CHaD HERO

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Thank you, CHaD HEROES!

You made the 2019 CHaD HERO a heroic event for CHaD kids! Over 3,100 participants, volunteers and corporate partners donned their capes on the Dartmouth Green on October 20 in support of the Children's Hospital at Dartmouth-Hitchcock (CHaD)! With your superhero abilities we raised \$830,000 for critical programs and services that provide for patients and their families.

- CHaD HERO Staff and Committee



## Top Fundraising Teams

1. Psi Upsilon Dartmouth - **\$54,881**
2. Rivendell Heroes - **\$49,979**
3. Finding Our Stride - **\$46,282**
4. Winnie's Warriors - **\$45,354**
5. Molly's Place Heroes - **\$29,715**
6. Global Forest Partners LP - **\$20,217**
7. Dartmouth 23s - **\$14,711**
8. Susie and Bella Hastings - **\$12,835**

*"Fundraising for the CHaD HERO has been one of the most meaningful experiences I've had during my undergraduate career. The skills it's taught me have been meaningful from a personal level and the ability to give back to a grade A pediatric hospital has been important. The best part of it for me has been watching Psi Upsilon come together to participate in this community event and maintain our commitment to success. Year over year, our house succeeds in its CHaD HERO participation, and I hope to see this trend continue after I graduate." -- Saheer Mathrani, Psi Upsilon President, Dartmouth College*

## Top Individual Fundraisers

1. Saheer Mathrani - **\$52,671**
2. Kathy McGowan - **\$47,454**
3. Jen Lyon - **\$29,573**
4. Susie and Bella Hastings - **\$12,835**
5. Timothy Keane - **\$8,000**
6. Joanna Miller - **\$6,243**
7. Peter Mertz - **\$5,375**
8. Reese McLam - **\$4,684**

## CHaD HERO Highlights

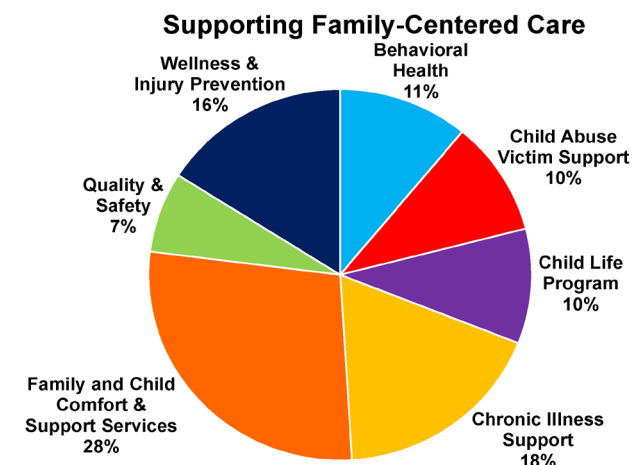


- This year, 400 HEROES saw their fundraising boosted by a very generous matching gift from The Jack and Dorothy Byrne Foundation. Adult HERO participants (24+) received a 1:1 match for dollars raised above their fundraising minimums and youth HERO participants (age 23 and under) received a 2:1 match for dollars raised above their fundraising minimums. These 400 HEROES generated over \$300,000 once their match was added to their total. **KA-POW!**
- More than 300 volunteers helped make this year's CHaD HERO a successful and safe event. Plus, they raised \$68,000 for CHaD! **AMAZING!**
- Our participants ran, walked, hiked and biked 14,000 miles combined. **WOW!**
- We had more than 100 corporate and gift-in-kind partners who went above and beyond for this year's CHaD HERO. **DYNAMITE!**

## Your Fundraising Dollars at Work

Your fundraising efforts help fund critical services that support Children's Hospital at Dartmouth-Hitchcock (CHaD) patients and families. These many non-billable services not only help CHaD kids when they are in pediatric intensive care or managing chronic illnesses, but are also vital to the general well-being of children and their futures.

The chart (right) illustrates how unrestricted funds raised through CHaD community events, including the CHaD HERO, were allocated in 2019.



## Winnie's Warriors Honor Winston at CHaD HERO

Winnie's Warriors, a new 2019 HERO team, was organized in honor of Winston, a CHaD patient who was born nine weeks early on February 16th and passed away on May 30th. He spent all 14 weeks of his life in the Intensive Care Nursury (ICN) at CHaD. Jen Lyon, Winnie's mom, and her husband were looking for ways to give back to the hospital for the exceptional care Winston and their family received and felt the CHaD HERO was the perfect fit. Their team raised more than \$45,000 for CHaD programs and services - an incredible example of the strength of our community.

*"I was hoping to raise \$500 when we started, but was quickly blown away at the outpouring of love and support. Our team of two quickly grew to 47 amazing family members, friends and coworkers. We were so fortunate to have the most phenomenal team care for Winston in the NICU." -- Jen Lyon, Winnie's Mom*



Winnie's Warriors at this year's CHaD HERO



Winston in CHaD's ICN

## 2019 Kid HERO and Team Finn 321



Finn and his dad, Luke, kicking off this year's CHaD HERO 5K Walk/Hike

Our official 2019 Kid HERO, Finn, is a brave, curious and very active 3-year-old who loves school, his sisters and trucks of all kinds. Finn had the honor of kicking off the 5K walk and hike and sending off participants with his famous high fives!

Finn is a regular patient at CHaD due to complications related to Down syndrome, including a congenital heart defect. He will see a pediatric cardiologist for his entire life. While these hospital visits can be challenging, his parents have been grateful for this connection to CHaD and were inspired to create Team Finn 321 in 2018. This year, they raised more than \$10,000 and had more than 50 members who came out to run, walk, hike, and bike with Finn. We can't wait to see what 2020 brings!

*"The nurses, doctors and staff at CHaD bring a special ingredient to their level of care - the ability to make us all feel strong and courageous during those very scary moments when our children and families are exceptionally vulnerable. By participating in the CHaD HERO this year, we honor the overwhelming support and love of the CHaD community." -- Finn's dad, Luke*