

Equipment Connections for Children, Inc.



Annual Report 2015-2016

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Our Mission:

We connect costly adaptive equipment from children with disabilities who outgrow the equipment to other children who need it.



We Are:

- 1 Part-Time Executive Director / Equipment Donation Program Director
- 2 Part-Time Staff – Development Coordinator and Administrative Assistant
- 34 Volunteers – including the 3 Board Members and 3 Officers



We Do:

We receive used adaptive equipment from families whose children have outgrown it.



With this walker he feels independent!



Volunteer Repairs Equipment

We clean, repair, and store the equipment.

It takes \$2.87 to store one piece of equipment per month.



Physical therapists fit the stander to the child.

We donate the equipment to families of children who need it – all at no cost to the families.



View of a Donation Saturday from inside one of our storage units.

173 families were served in FY15/16.

181 volunteer hours supported Donation Saturdays in FY15/16.

11 Donations Saturdays – the 3rd Saturday of each month – were held in FY15-16.



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Our Impact:

- The vision for Equipment Connections for Children is that all available adaptive equipment is in use by children with disabilities who need it.
- We believe each child will reach their full potential because they have the adaptive equipment they need to learn, move, play, and grow.
- We are here to ease the financial burden on families of purchasing high cost adaptive equipment.



“Thank you so much for setting up the XXX family with all the amazing equipment. He looked so good in the hi-lo chair and can even bring his hands together in midline. Also, bath time is so much easier with the bath chair. Thanks again for all you do!”

--Thu-Ha D.

Physical Therapist

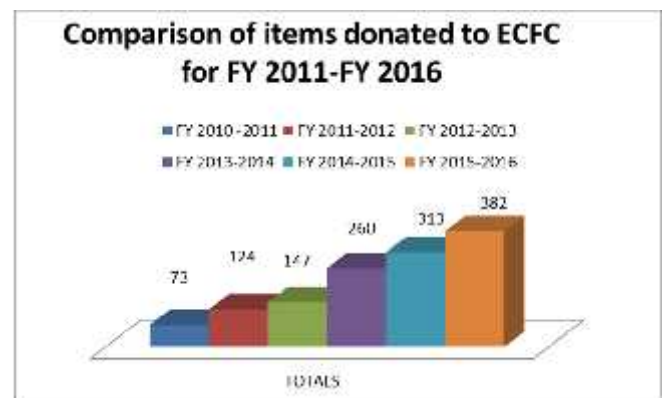
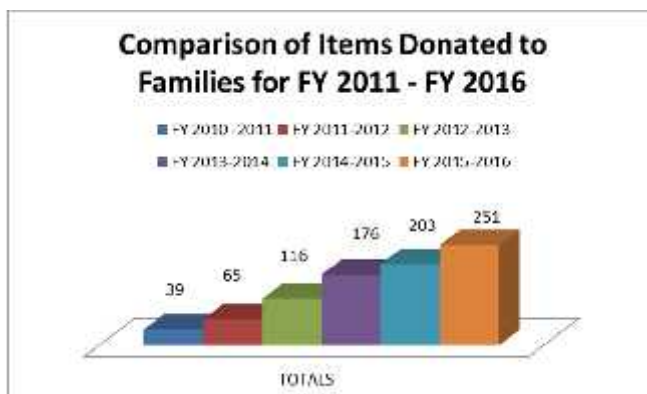
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Our Growth:

We have grown steadily since our inception in 2010. The following charts show our position on July 31st, at the end of our 2015-2016 Fiscal Year.

Families donated 382 pieces of adaptive equipment to ECFC in FY15/16.



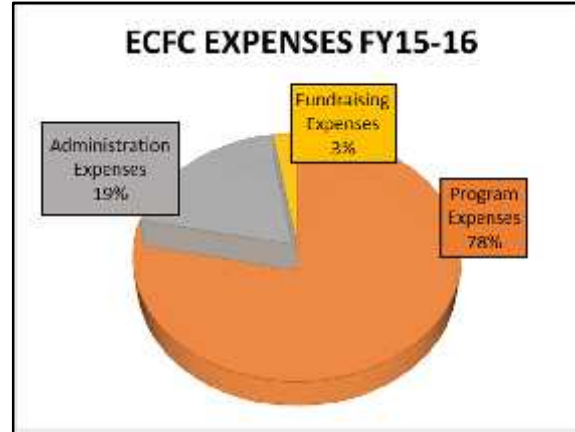
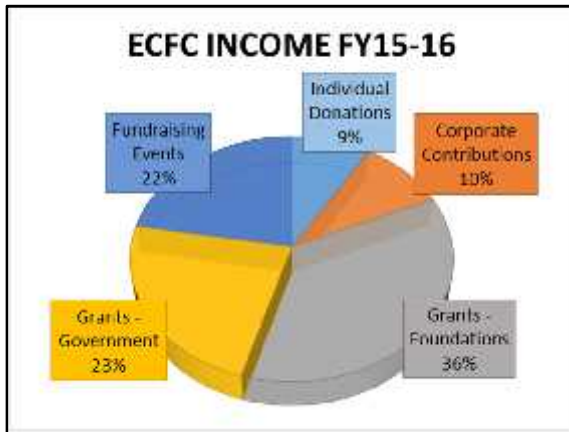
ECFC distributed 251 pieces of adaptive equipment to families in FY15/16.



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Our Finances:



To raise 1 dollar, we spent only 10 cents.



We are very Grateful to our Supporters:

- All of our Individual Donors
- The Wolpoff Family Foundation
- The Max and Victoria Dreyfus Foundation
- The MAXIMUS Foundation
- The Hayter Family
- The Corina Higginson Trust
- The Thomas Reuters Foundation
- The Shell Foundation
- Rehabilitation Equipment Professionals
- The Montgomery County Executive Community Grant

I wanted to let you know that we have donated a small amount to Equipment Connections for Children. Thank you so much for your wonderful work. By using donated equipment, we have been able to divert our previous resources to therapy and we are so thankful for that. Please convey our appreciation to all the volunteers!
--Rajani

"I truly can't thank you enough for the equipment. The entire experience was wonderful. The caring volunteers who worked to ensure that the equipment was adjusted properly for Parker and worked with him instead of against him. **For the first time yesterday, Parker played with his brother. My husband and I have been waiting 15 months for that moment.** Parker loves the stander! He feels like such a big boy and he feels just as "big" as everyone else. The Tumble Form Seat has been great. It gives him the support that he was lacking in his bouncy seat and allows him to feel stable enough to use his hands to play. **Your program has given Parker the boost in confidence that he needed to keep moving forward and that is half the battle.**"

"We will be forever grateful for ECFC! Please let me know how I can help, I am looking forward to giving back to a program that has given us so much."

--Ashlie W

