



Lekotek of Georgia

Making a Difference for Children with Disabilities



2011-2012 Annual Report



Left: Ellen Lindemann, Assistant Director of Lekotek, accepts The Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation's National Inclusion Champion Award from Veronica Vasilik, Chair of Mitsubishi Electric Atlanta's LOVE philanthropy committee and Kevin Webb, the Foundation's Executive Director. Top: Sara Waitsman volunteering at summer camp.

Awards & Achievements

2011

Mitsubishi Electric Inclusion Champion Award for Exemplary Practices of Inclusion

2008

Planet Philanthropy Award presented to Lekotek of Georgia
Planet Philanthropy is an Initiative of the Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta to promote philanthropy among youngsters ages 9 – 12

2006

Teen Volunteer Award presented to Sara Waitsman from The Association of Fundraising Professionals

2002

Bobby Dodd Award presented to Lekotek of Georgia
for Services of Excellence to Individuals with Disabilities

2001

National Lekotek Founder's Award presented to Lekotek of Georgia's Founder and Executive Director, Helene Prokesch, for Outstanding Leadership

2000

Partner of Excellence Award presented to Lekotek of Georgia
from Community Health Charities of Georgia

The Ballew Family

My name is Amy Ballew. I am 27 years old. I have been working at Walgreens now for over a year. I love my job and all the people I get to meet and help at our store. I have a brother Joel and a sister-in-law named Angel. I also have 2 nieces, Taylor and Reagan and another niece to be born later this year.

I have loved Lekotek since I was very little. My Mom tells me I was just a baby when I started going to Lekotek to play with all of their toys. Helene Prokesch was my Lekotek leader. She has been a great friend to me as long as I can remember. I used to get so excited to go to Lekotek to see Miss Helene's new toys and computer games. The best part was taking them home with me. My favorite Lekotek story is about learning to walk with one of the toys Miss Helene gave me to take home after one of our sessions. It was a toy car that had a handle on the back and made noise when pushed. I would push the car all over our house on my knees. Then I got tired of pushing so I stood up and started to walk so I could hear the noise the car made.



I have done so many fun things with Lekotek over the years. After I was too old for the play times, there were still so many other things to do. I have enjoyed overnight camping trips, summer computer camps, Lekotek Runs, computer club, bowling, and attending movies and Habima Theatre with LekoPals. The people at Lekotek are always coming up with great ideas for things we can do even as young adults. I have also helped Miss Helene with silent auctions and mailings.



My brother Joel is still involved with Lekotek too. He volunteered at summer computer camps when he was younger. Now Miss Helene has him helping her on the Lekotek Board of Directors. I think Joel will be very good at this job since he knows so much about Lekotek from all the things I have done over the years.

Lekotek has wonderful people there who have always been my friends.

Amy Ballew



One Success at a Time

Making a Difference for 28 Years



Message from our Founder
& Executive Director

For 28 years, Lekotek of Georgia has been making a difference for children with disabilities and their families. We began in the basement of Easter Seals; today we operate six sites. During our first year, 52 families participated in play sessions. This year nearly 500 families benefited. Our initial budget was \$40,000; today it exceeds \$500,000.

In 1983, following one-hour play/learning sessions, only toys were loaned. Today, families can also take home computers, adapted keyboards, trackballs and software. Early on, the play session was the one and only service that Lekotek provided. Today, staff members also conduct computer evaluations, computer camp, Saturday music classes, Happy Tails animal assisted therapy, play days, family outings in the community and Sibshop support groups for siblings.

The generous support of those of you reading this report has made all this possible. Yes, Lekotek has changed significantly, but we have stayed the same in one fundamental way. We have remained steadfast to our original mission – the inclusion of children with disabilities into family and community life.

With a grant from the Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta and consultants from the Georgia Center for Nonprofits, our board of directors and staff are nearing the completion of a year-long strategic planning process to measure our success in the following areas:

- Helping children and families learn how to play and have fun together
- Building children's self-esteem
- Increasing the participation of children and families in community events
- Making families feel supported and less isolated, and
- Providing families with knowledge and resources to enhance their children's lives

We look forward to reporting to you on our progress. Thank you for your support and confidence in Lekotek. With your help, we will create our vision of a world where children with special needs are included and empowered through play.



Helen Park

What is Lekotek?

Lekotek of Georgia envisions a world where children with special needs are included and empowered through play. Since 1983, Lekotek has made a difference for more than 4,500 children and families in 33 counties and three states. Lekotek occupies a unique niche in the lives of children with disabilities. It's a welcome break from therapy. Through play, Lekotek facilitates inclusion and learning along the way.

Children receiving services have a wide range of disabilities including, but not limited to, attention deficit disorders, speech delays, cognitive delays, autism, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, hearing and/or vision loss, neuromuscular disorders, and spina bifida. Participants include families of all races and religions with varied economic and social backgrounds. While Lekotek charges minimal fees, no family is denied services due to an inability to pay.

Lekotek of Georgia is a nonprofit whose mission is to support children with special needs and their families by providing accessible play, adaptive technology and toys, and information and resources to facilitate inclusion in family and community life.



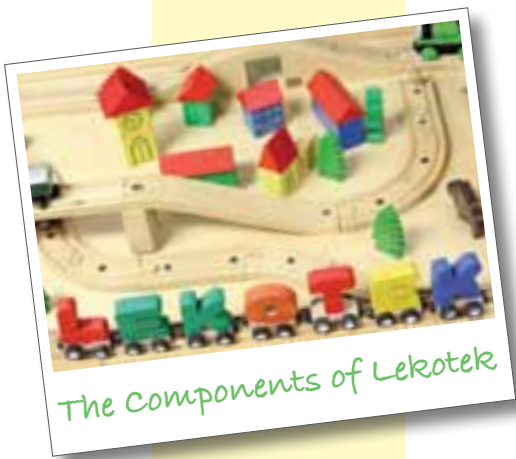
The Nonprofit with a Funny Name

"Lekotek" is a made-up Swedish word for play library. Originating in Stockholm, Sweden, in 1963, Lekotek was the concept of two parents. These moms understood the role of families in helping children with disabilities reach their potential and become full participants in their communities. At Lekotek, parents are welcomed with encouragement and a listening ear. When families visit, they are provided with disability information, parent education, internet access, and referrals to additional resources. Following hourly play sessions, families borrow adapted toys, computers, input devices and software designed to meet the needs of children with physical, cognitive, speech and/or sensory delays.

Lekotek leaders have backgrounds in education, child life, music, recreation, and speech therapy. During a play session, they select toys designed to overcome the child's specific weaknesses and strengthen his or her abilities. Lekotek leaders encourage parents, siblings, and grandparents to participate in play sessions.

Affiliated with The National Lekotek Center in Evanston, IL, Lekotek of Georgia has six sites in Georgia and is one of 18 affiliates nationwide. Since the concept was brought to the United States in 1980 by Sally DeVincentis, an Evanston teacher, Lekoteks in the U.S. have made a difference for more than 10,000 families.





Toy/Computer Lending Library

Lekotek's toy/computer inventory is comprised of more than 4,000 select toys, software programs, adapted keyboards, joysticks, trackballs, computers and iPads with educational applications. From rattles and drums to touch windows and adapted keyboards, seeing, hearing, and touching toys make it possible for children to master skills. During one-hour play sessions, Lekotek leaders model the creative use of the toys and computer equipment for each child. Families are encouraged to use the toys to create a playful and educational environment at home.



Computers and software, iPads and applications are possibly the most powerful toys in Lekotek's inventory. As the community has become aware of Lekotek's need for equipment, individuals and corporations have continued to donate Macintosh and PC compatible systems. These systems are also loaned to families. Before a system is borrowed, Lekotek leaders customize it and train parents to use it. This unique lending program provides an excellent opportunity for children with disabilities to experience technology and its benefits.

Resource Library

Through the resource library, parents have an opportunity to borrow books, magazines, periodicals, and videos on a wide variety of disability-related topics. Siblings and grandparents can also check out books that address their unique challenges.



Compuplay

The Compuplay program is designed to meet the needs of individuals between the ages of 2 to 18. Youngsters and parents attend five one-hour, weekly family sessions to enjoy and learn from computer play. Compuplay focuses on the use of adaptive peripherals (alternative input devices to the standard mouse), customized equipment and software to enhance speech, writing, reading, cognitive, and fine-motor skills. State-of-the-art technology equalizes the playing field making it possible for everyone to participate together. Staff-written software with large icons makes it possible for children with visual impairments and fine motor delays to use the programs. Adapted software that includes auditory and visual scanning for children who are blind or hearing impaired is available. With an array of color, graphics, music, and sound prompts, these programs provide opportunities for successful learning. Hardware options include adapted joysticks, head mice, touch screens, switch adapted trackballs, keyboards with keyguards, and switches for scanning. Children who cannot use a keyboard, see the screen, or read a printed page, can use these devices. During Compuplay, children enjoy reading and writing stories, playing music, learning math concepts, word processing, and problem solving. Computer assisted learning is making it possible for children with disabilities to participate with their siblings and peers.



Neonatal Play Sessions

During the past decade, there has been a significant increase in premature births resulting in developmental delays and lengthy hospital stays. Conducting play sessions at the hospital helps to normalize the hospital environment as infants, parents, grandparents, and siblings interact with one another and learn through play. Parents frequently comment, "With each bag of toys, Lekotek brought hope and joy." With a laptop and a Lekotek bag filled with developmentally appropriate toys, Lekotek leaders conduct hospital play sessions. Lekotek plans to expand its relationship with Atlanta-area hospitals and neonatal units.



Ready, Set, Play...

Music Classes, Play Days, and Family Events

Music classes are conducted three times a year on Saturday mornings. Using instruments and movement, children learn to follow directions and interact with family members. Play days are conducted throughout the year and include arts and crafts, music, and computer activities. Family events include an annual visit to the pumpkin patch, zoo day, holiday party, and attending major league baseball and basketball games.



Summer Computer Camp

Lekotek offers an annual four-week summer computer camp for children between the ages of 4 and 13. Children with disabilities are asked to invite a sibling or friend to participate with them. Technology is an equalizer as children with and without disabilities participate together.



Computer Club

Computer Club was initiated for Lekotek "graduates," but youngsters above the age of nine who previously have not participated in Lekotek play sessions are also welcome. Just as typical nine to fifteen year olds participate in clubs, Computer Club provides opportunities for our youngsters to socialize and participate in a club activity. Few programs like these exist for children with disabilities. Atlanta-area high school and college students volunteer as peer tutors at Computer Club. Following Sunday afternoon computer activities, everyone enjoys dinner and birthdays are frequently celebrated.

LekoPals

LekoPals is a unique social program for teens with disabilities ages 15 and above. Lekotek staff and peer volunteers facilitate fun activities that include computer club, bowling, and age-appropriate outings.





Product Design

Since Lekotek's inception, staff members have designed toys, computer devices and software to meet the needs of children with disabilities. Lekotek has a catalogue of products and all proceeds from the sale of products support direct services.

Inclusion Project

Most teachers see great benefits for all students in having a child with disabilities in their class. But ongoing support is vital if the child and teacher are to be successful. Lekotek's inclusion project works with public and private schools to include children with special needs in typical preschool and elementary school classes. Lekotek of Georgia's staff provides training for regular classroom teachers. Suggestions are made on how to modify both the physical classroom set-up and work requirements for the student. Parents and teachers who have completed evaluation forms have been extremely positive about this project. Teachers are grateful for the support provided by Lekotek staff members. One parent wrote, "Lekotek's great support this year made us feel like we won the lottery." Inclusion makes all of us winners.

Finally, to promote inclusion and disability awareness, Lekotek staff frequently demonstrate the use of adapted toys and computer equipment at schools. During Disability Week in Georgia, Lekotek leaders visit elementary schools in several counties. Students without disabilities use adapted toys and computer equipment to understand how learning and play are made accessible to children with special needs.

Lekotek Sibshops

Sibshops create opportunities for brothers and sisters of children with special needs to meet other siblings and gain support in a fun atmosphere. Brothers and sisters who have the longest relationship with the person with special needs have much to offer each other. The Sibshop model intersperses information and discussion with ice-breakers, fun games, and computer activities. Sibshops are not therapy, although their effect may be therapeutic. Lekotek is extremely proud to be a registered Sibshop certified by Don Meyer and the Sibling Support Project at Washington University in Seattle.



Collaboration with Other Organizations

Happy Tails, a nonprofit animal-assisted therapy organization, visits Lekotek regularly. Happy Tails volunteers have pets that have completed obedience and other specified training. Frequent guests include dogs, rabbits, turtles, cats, and guinea pigs.

Lekotek also works closely with statewide Babies Can't Wait, Georgia P.I.N.E.S. (a statewide program for children with sensory disabilities), FOCUS (Families Of Children Under Stress), Parent to Parent, The Marcus Institute, The Emory Autism Center, The Center for the Visually Impaired, Make-A-Wish Foundation, The Down Syndrome Association, therapists, physicians, public and private schools, statewide early intervention programs, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta and other Atlanta area hospitals. Referral sources continue to expand, and partnering with the organizations mentioned above has helped Lekotek reach metropolitan, suburban, and rural areas.

An Approved Lekotek Training Program

Lekotek of Georgia is a nationally approved internship site that provides training to develop additional Lekotek leaders throughout the country. Staff members also conduct workshops on inclusion, assistive technology and adaptive toy use. Agencies, professionals, and parents benefit from a variety of consulting and support services.

Publications and Internet

To maintain contact with families and professionals throughout the country, Lekotek publishes a newsletter that includes Lekotek news, information on specialized toys and innovative technology, a guest editorial, profiles of Lekotek families, and an acknowledgement of sponsors. Lekotek's mailing list now exceeds 2,000.

Parents and professionals can learn about our services and products by visiting our website (www.lekotekga.org). The site is also linked to additional resources. Lekotek leaders are always available to help parents with internet searches. Additionally, families and friends of Lekotek can learn of upcoming activities and services through our LinkedIn and Facebook pages.





Lekotek Locations

Now in its 28th year, Lekotek has made a difference for more than 4,500 children and families. This year, nearly 500 children participated in play sessions, camp, club, and computer evaluations at six locations. Children's Healthcare of Atlanta has generously donated space for both the Alpharetta and Duluth sites and Walker Therapy has donated space for the Gainesville satellite. This partnership benefits hundreds of children. The satellites make it possible for families to receive services closer to their homes. Unfortunately, waiting lists for Lekotek services exist. Children with special needs do not have time to wait and the board is committed to fundraising efforts to

keep the wait to a minimum. Long range plans call for continued collaborations with universities, schools, recreational centers and hospitals to reach additional children throughout the state.

Main Center

Atlanta, Georgia—In 1983, Lekotek of Georgia began operations in the basement of Easter Seals on Maple Drive. Today, the main site is located on Cliff Valley Way near I-85 and North Druid Hills in Atlanta. This site occupies 3,000 square feet and has the space and resources to conduct five play sessions simultaneously. In addition, workshops, Lekotek leader training, computer evaluations, compuplay, play groups, music classes, summer computer camp, and Sunday afternoon computer club are offered at the Cliff Valley location.

Satellite Centers

Duluth, Georgia—Lekotek of Georgia's first satellite was established in 1991 with Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. Located at Children's rehabilitation center on Satellite Boulevard in Duluth, this site conducts monthly play sessions to 45 families. During the past 16 years, over 700 families from six counties have benefited from its services.

Alpharetta, Georgia—Families in North Fulton county requested that Lekotek offer services closer to their homes, and once again Children's Healthcare of Atlanta generously donated space to make a program possible. Initial funding from the Georgia Department of Human Resources has allowed 250 families to benefit from this site since it opened in 2000. Families at this site have participated in play sessions, compuplay and computer evaluations. This center is located at Children's rehabilitation center on Highway 9 off of GA 400.

Kennesaw, Georgia—With generous support from the John Harland Foundation and the Children's Trust Fund, Lekotek of Georgia opened the Cobb satellite in 2002. Located near the intersection of I-75 and I-575, this site reaches families in Cobb, Cherokee, Bartow, and surrounding counties. During its first year, the Cobb site exceeded all expectations in providing play sessions to 55 families. To date, close to 300 families have participated in play groups, club, compuplay, computer evaluations, and play sessions.

Fayetteville, Georgia—In June 2006, Lekotek opened a southside satellite in Fayetteville, Georgia, and nearly 200 families have benefited from services. Seed money from the Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta was used to purchase the initial inventory of toys, educational materials, and computer equipment. This same Foundation provided seed money to get Lekotek of Georgia off the ground in 1983.

Gainesville, Georgia – In March of 2011, Lekotek of Georgia initiated a fifth satellite at Walker Therapy. It will help families in north Georgia who previously were unable to benefit from Lekotek due to lengthy travel distances.



Fiscal Year 2011 - 2012 Budget



Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2012

Personnel	
Director/Lekotek Leaders	
Contracted Services	
Consultants	
Total	\$245,000
Operational Expenses	
Facilities	
Staff Development	
Professional Dues Subscriptions	
Total Operational Expenses	\$135,000
Special Programs	
Technology Program	
Scholarship Fund	
Neonatal Hospital Play Sessions	
Summer Computer Camp	
Satellite Expansion	
LekoPals/Computer Club Inclusion Project	
Outreach to Diverse Populations	
Total Program Expenses	\$105,000
Capital Expenditures	
Specialized Toy and Educational Inventory	
Technology Equipment - Adapted input devices & software	
Total Capital Expenditures	\$40,000
Total Budget	\$525,000

Projected Revenue Streams

General Contributions	\$328,750
Special Events	\$115,500
Direct Mail Fundraising Campaign	\$30,000
Membership Dues/ Computer Fees	\$15,500
Professional/Consulting Fees	\$1,000
Family Program Fees	\$1,500
Board Pledge	\$7,500
Innovative Products	\$750
Interest Dividends	\$25,000
Total Projected Income	\$525,000

Lekotek of Georgia has been successful in raising funds from foundations, corporations, civic groups, individuals, and special events (an annual run, a silent auction, and a golf tournament). As a result, its financial condition is stable. And as of June 30, 2011, Lekotek's reserves were approximately 80 percent of its Fiscal Year 2011 - 2012 budget. These reserves are crucial for safeguarding the organization against contingencies, supporting new services, satellite development, and organizational growth.

Lekotek's board of directors is extremely proud of the fact that over 90 percent of donations support direct services to children and families. (In addition to providing their time and expertise in diverse fields, all of the directors contribute financially to Lekotek.)

Please consider a donation to Lekotek in your will and/or estate planning. Additional funding will help Lekotek meet the growing needs of children with disabilities and their families throughout Georgia. Near-term priorities include expanding summer camp, parent training, compuplay sessions, and family programs. In the longer term, Lekotek hopes to add more satellites in order to reduce the number of families who now have to travel hours to receive services. With community support, this vision can become a reality.

We thank everyone who has contributed to Lekotek's accomplishments. We appreciate your confidence and look forward to your continued involvement in the years ahead.

How Lekotek Makes a Difference

Meet the Alli Family

When Bryan and I relocated to Bangalore, India in May 2006 on a short-term work assignment little did we know we would return to Atlanta two years later with a child.....furthermore, a child with special needs. We were a recently married, happy go lucky couple, whose greatest daily concern dramatically shifted from what to do for dinner to how do we schedule orientation and mobility, occupational therapy and vision services for our daughter. Born with bilateral anophthalmia (the absence of both eyes), Raveena entered our lives when she was 10 months old while I was volunteering at an orphanage in India. This was the beginning of our journey from foster care to adoption.

When we returned to Atlanta with Raveena she was 2 and half years old. She would cruise holding onto furniture but was not walking independently and had no structured language skills. Today, with the help of Lekotek, Raveena is progressing remarkably well, developing at the same level as her five year-old peers. Lekotek has been a wonderful resource. Raveena looks forward to play sessions with Lekotek leader, Jennifer, who focuses on developing her speech, cognitive and fine motor skills. She enjoys Compuplay (computer) sessions with Kristen and had the opportunity to attend her first camp at Lekotek - which she loved! Our family enjoys Happy Tails, Leko-music and Lekotek family programs. We thank the staff for all they do.



Meet the Johnson Family

On a Tuesday afternoon, I arrived at my doctor's office 38 weeks pregnant, feeling and looking like I was about to burst. I was measuring a little big and so an ultrasound was ordered. As the technician stared at the screen, she suggested that I go to the perinatology clinic so they could have a closer look. Not the naturally-anxious-type, I packed up my things and asked, "Should I call my husband?" Without hesitation, she replied "yes." Suddenly, I knew something was very wrong. Two hours later, high-resolution images of Trett's brain seemed to jump off the huge, flat-screen monitor showing severe hydrocephalus - a build-up of excess fluid on his brain. As I stared at the huge black spaces, which were enlarged ventricles filled with fluid, I thought "there's supposed to be brain there." As a clinical psychologist specializing in neurodevelopment, I knew what a 38-week-old brain was supposed to look like, and that was not it. A C-section was scheduled the next morning.

On July 15, 2009, Trett was born, and subsequently diagnosed with a rare genetic disorder called L-1 syndrome. We had never heard of this syndrome and quite frankly, it seemed like no one else had either. By the time we added Lekotek to the mix, Trett already had a very full schedule and prioritizing what was most important was a constant struggle. As a psychologist who had referred many children to Lekotek, I knew the benefits, but still was a little unsure of what to expect. Much to our amazement, we have watched our 18-month-old son "build" with blocks on the computer, despite the fact that he can't sit alone and has limited use of his hands. At Lekotek, Trett is able to show us what he knows and what he likes. I am sure that during each visit with Ms. Helene, Trett learns something; but more than that, we learn something. Through watching Trett play with computer games and adaptive toys at Lekotek, we are often reminded that there's "a whole lot of brain in there," which brings us full circle from where we started.



Meet the Burton Family

When asked to write about our family, I was at first reluctant. My husband, Jon, asked if it was because I felt that our daughter, Parr, was not a child with special needs. I believe I was hesitant because, although Parr receives physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, has a communication device to help her talk and uses a walker, she is simply a child that needs some extra help. She is first and foremost a child; a smart child with a sense of adventure and a clever sense of humor. She has become quite a feisty, loving, and confident little girl.

We owe her wonderful personality, in part, to the people at Lekotek, who have helped Parr and our entire family in many ways. On every occasion that I have mentioned or merely wondered aloud about a different type of therapy or assistive program in their presence, Kristen Davis, our Lekotek leader, and Helene Prokesch instantly respond with helpful advice, solutions and information at their fingertips. Moreover, as far as Parr is concerned, Lekotek is simply synonymous with fun. So, although initially hesitant, I am glad I am able to share our experiences and share a little about one of the most wonderful people I know, my daughter; a little girl whose special needs are not what makes her special. I am also happy to have the opportunity to praise and thank our friends at Lekotek for helping Parr and so many other children be just who they are: children.

Meet the Harper Family

On March 11th 2005 the "honeymoon period" of my pregnancy ended and I was put on bed rest for the duration. My delivery date was not until July 2005. Little did we know that our son would meet the world on his time-frame. So, on April 2nd, Hanif Ali was born at 24 weeks gestation and weighed only 1.46 lbs. In the midst of all the potential issues my son had and would face, I had no idea where to start. Fortunately, a nurse at Northside hospital told me about Lekotek. Every month without fail, Peggy met with us in the Northside and Scottish Rite neonatal intensive care units bringing not only toys and resources, but a magnificent personality and genuine kindness. Peggy helped me understand that through "play" and touch a child can learn and have fun. Peggy visited my son for a grueling nine month period while he was hospitalized. She played, trained, supported and encouraged our entire family, not just Hanif.

And while our son has experienced developmental delays, he has achieved a number of miraculous milestones. We thank and acknowledge Lekotek and Peggy for many of his accomplishments - reaching, tracking, and manipulating objects. Peggy's facilitation and encouragement using an array of extraordinary Lekotek toys made it possible for Hanif to succeed. Lekotek has been a Godsend to Hanif and our family. It is proof that something good can come out of any situation, no matter how daunting. My husband and I will always be grateful to "Aunt Peggy" and Lekotek.





Champions (\$2000 & Up)

Joni and Mac Cushing
 Nancy and Marshall Ford
 Kathy McMillon
 Dr. Michael Rothkopf

Partners (\$1,000 to \$1,999)

Perri and Rick Courtheoux
 Sheldon and Barbara Kay
 Sandy and Mike Moore
 Mary Jane and Oliver Murray
 Bonnie and Mark Patrick
 Dr. Bonnie Prokesch and
 Bryan Boucher
 Dr. Richard and Helene Prokesch
 Susan and Alex Roush
 Trish and Scott Thompson
 Dr. Zandraetta Tims-Cook and
 Marshall Cook
 Vicky and Ed Wile

Fans (\$500 to \$999)

Anonymous
 Donna Younts and Wayne Akins
 Gary Alexander
 Martha and Mike deMarco
 Kate Hale
 Christine and John Langone
 Catherine and Al Liabastre
 Jenice and Peter Pearl
 Margaret Pumper and Simon Ahn
 Carol and Fred Salmons
 Diane and Jim Tebbel
 Mike and Sara Terry
 Aljean and W.P. Thompson, Jr.

Buddies (\$250 to \$499)

Laurie and Sid Besmertnik
 Diane and Gerry Boucher
 Marilyn Cooper Arkin
 Joe DePew

Debbie Fox
 David Grabowski
 Dr. Howard and Ann Grant
 Pam and Shawn Hardister
 Dr. Eric and Maxine Honig
 Drs. Carmen and Markus Klass
 Carolyn and John Layman
 Ellen and Bruce Lindemann
 Debra and Mark McElhane
 Vicki and Tex Morgan
 Michele Poirier
 Lydia and Michael Price
 Steven Prokesch
 Dr. Neil and Judy Ramquist
 Nicole and Christopher Rijo
 Alaine Rothkopf
 Mike Simonetto
 Rosemary and Don Weber
 Cathy and John Wymer III
 Debbie and Charles Zink

Playmates (\$100 to \$249)

Janice and Robert Amos
 Sarah Anderson
 Hong Q Liang and Johnny Arnold
 Jane Ayres and James Smith



Angel and Joel Ballew
 Shirley and Bernie Boxer
 Cindy A. Burch
 Beth and Jon Burton
 Jennifer and Howard Caplan
 David Christian
 Franke and John Cimaglia
 Anne and Marc Cohen
 Suzanne Courtheoux
 Joyce and Ronald Crowe
 Amanda Cunningham
 Lucy and Wayne Cusick
 Dr. Lee and Bonnie Diamond
 Fiona and Moises Dominguez
 Suzanne and Daniel Dooley
 Muriel and Bernard Epstein
 Lacy and William Evans
 Anne and Eric Feldman

Linda and Bill Foster
 Eleanor Frongillo
 Lisa and Jeffrey Fuerst
 Lynn Gardner
 David Giancola
 Tammy Greenberg-Duble
 Dr. Gary and Jackie Greenhood
 Karl Gretzinger
 Jane and David Hanson
 Debbie and Bill Hatherly
 Susan and Hugo Hofer
 Jeanette and Allen James, DDS
 Cheryl and C.B. Jennings
 Sandra and Donald Jewell
 Ellen and Joel Katzowitz
 Anna and Andreas Kostopoulos
 Bill Laverty
 Ruth and Kenneth Lewis
 Anne and John Limbird
 Shawn and Donald Long
 Sarah Lunceford
 Jacqueline Marcucci
 Annemarie and David Marschik
 Barbara McGuire
 Anne and Marshall McLaughlin
 Robert Meek
 Carolyn Meeks
 Dr. John and Melissa Merlino
 Simona and George Miller
 Irene and Lou Minick
 Ann and Michael Moren
 Erina Nichols
 Janice and Joe Nodvin
 Luke O'Brian
 Elizabeth and Jim Pearl
 Isabel Pearlman
 Dr. Mark and Elaine Penta
 Carol and Mark Pollard
 Betsy Primm
 Lynn and David Raphael
 Dr. David and Judy Rausher
 Faith and Don Richardson
 Mary Ann Ronski
 Dorothy and Bernard Rothkopf
 Sekie Rothkopf
 Karen and Stan Ruskowski
 Vickie and Jay Sanders
 Deborah and William Seidl
 Lauren and James Seidl
 Gerry Serotte
 Debbie Shipp
 David Sotto
 Cynthia Steinbreder
 Sissy Steinbreder and Michael Luciani
 Richard Tanaka
 Lisa Marie Tatum

Meredith and Tarek Tay
Marilyn and Leonard Teitelbaum
Cynthia and Ben Trammell
Sherry and Glenn Trimble



Tara Trimble
Beth and Bill Tumlin
Marie Waitsman
Mindy and Rick Waitsman
Linda and Dudley Wass
Drs. Barb and Joe Weissman
Sam Welsh
Judy Wicks
Catherine and Chip Wile
Bridget and Dennis Withers
Susan and Larry Wolkin
Lorie and John Wooten

Pals (Up to \$99)

Hayley and Bryan Alli
Pam and Dan Baker
Robyn Berger
Pat Bessette
Hershene and Joel Borrin
Juanita Bright
Holly and John Carter
William Cartwright
Chris Chandler
Mari and George Cleveland
Gladys Coffino
Katherine Cohen
Patty and James Cowie
Howard Cramer
Joan and Thomas Cunningham
Sarah and Pierre DeVincentis
Jane Shaw and Brian Dewey
Dr. Ivan and Jill Diamond
Anna Drost
Beth and Bob Eckstein
Christina and Clint Fishback

Nancy and Robert Freeman
Joan Goldman
Barbara and Stanley Greenberg
Sheldon Greenwald
Kathleen and Barry Hanna
Becky and David Harris
Melissa and Michael Hentges
Gladys Hirsch
Katrina and Spencer Johnson
Marcia and Leonard Katz
Becky and Brian Katzowitz
Samantha and Richard Kluglein
Dr. Steve Kolesar
Shannon and Harry Kramer
Susan and Richard Krohn
Nancy Leavitt
Carlene and Michael LeCompte
Kelly and Barry Lewis
Jun Li
Cecile and Maurice Maher
Jacqueline Marucci
Patricia Marcucci
Barbara Mays
Nancy and Jim McClintock
Anne McComiskey
Joy McCullough
Cindy McDonald
Peggy McWilliams
Cindy Mervis
Sharon Mesker
Karen Milchus
Rachel Miller
Stephanie and Aaron Miller
Ruth Minsk
Amanda Moore
Cynthia and Stephen Morgan
Janna and Jack Morgan
Brenda and Alfred Morning
Lily Solmssen Moureaux
Lisa Newbern and James Brown
Linda Nichols
Anne Nieberding and
Jeffrey Weiner
Carolyn Olive
Jo and Jim Orr
Susan and Brooks Patterson
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The Alex Cunningham Scholarship Fund — Alex Cunningham was a member of the Atlanta Optimist Club. During his lifetime and under his direction, the club designed and adapted toys for Lekotek kids. Mr. Cunningham's toys continue to circulate, making a difference for children with disabilities. Affectionately nicknamed "Mr. C.", his legacy lives on.

The Dorothy Kay Memorial Fund — Shelly Kay, past board member and chair, along with his sisters established a memorial fund to honor their mom. The purpose of this fund is to increase services to families on the waiting list.

The Kevin Lewis Memorial Fund — Kevin was the son of Barry and Kelly Lewis. Kelly was a staff member from 1992 - 2000. For several years, Kevin was up early during his summer vacation to volunteer at summer computer camp. He had an abundance of patience and always an encouraging word for our campers.

The Ernie McWilliams Memorial Fund — Ernie was married to Peggy McWilliams who has been on staff for twenty years. Peggy initiated neonatal hospital play sessions and Ernie made many toys designed to meet the needs of these infants. His toys continue to help premature babies reach developmental milestones.

The Trevor Meek Memorial Fund — Trevor Meek was the nephew of Sharon Meek and grandson of Robert Meek. Sharon was a staff member from 1984 to 1992. She was instrumental in establishing Lekotek's innovative technology program. Trevor's grandfather, Robert Meek, has created unique toy and technology solutions essential to the Lekotek inventory.

The Clemens E. Prokesch Memorial Fund — Dr. Clemens E. Prokesch was Helene Prokesch's father-in-law. Dr. Prokesch was fond of Helene and her work on behalf of children with disabilities. The Prokesch children—Richard, Steven and Linda—created this fund in memory of their dad to provide scholarships to families in need.

The Al Rothkopf Memorial Fund — Al Rothkopf was a cousin of Executive Director, Helene Prokesch. He and his wife, Sekie, have been long time advocates for children. Lekotek was honored by the family's request that donations be made to Lekotek in Al's memory.

Chester A. Roush, Jr. Estate Bequest — Mr. Roush's grandson, Matthew was one of Lekotek's first participants. This gift was designated by the Roush family in memory of Chester A. Roush, Jr. and in honor of Matthew. Matthew continues to enjoy LekoPals.

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