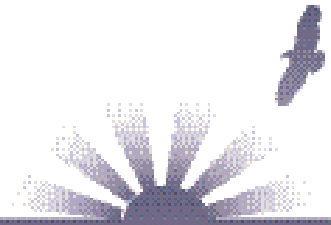


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Brian Christopher Lanier Wings of Hope Foundation



June 2011

Please Remember

- 100% of funds raised go directly to help the children
- We are a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization — all your gifts are tax-deductible
- Our officers and board members receive no compensation — children get maximum benefit from your gifts
- We rely on our volunteers and donors to make the difference — and you do!

Thanks A Million!

Dear Friends,

This year we're thinking bigger than ever! All we need to raise is \$135,000 and we'll reach total giving of ONE MILLION DOLLARS since our beginning in 1996!

Make plans now to join us for this fun evening dedicated to supporting abused, neglected and abandoned children and young adults in Central Florida.

Wings of Hope "Thanks A Million" Gala
Saturday, October 1, 2011
Lake Mary Marriott
6:30 – midnight

- Swing into two hours of dancing to the 60's – 80's music of Think Big, an exciting and entertaining six-piece band!

- Savor fine gourmet food preparations with live chef stations, as well as hot and cold appetizers!
- Enjoy your favorite libations at our open bars!
- Bid on unique and exciting auction items and take a chance on winning some great prizes in our fun raffles!

Be part of this MILLION DOLLAR goal and help change the lives of the needy youth in our community.

God Bless,

Sponsorship Opportunities for Individuals and Companies

Sponsorship of the "Thanks a Million" Gala helps ensure we will meet the needs of the children and youth in our community and reach our goal of \$1,000,000 in total giving!

You can sponsor our event as an individual or talk to someone at your company about it – we'll be happy to send a sponsorship information package to you.

The Wings of Hope online auction prior to our event offers valuable exposure to sponsors and donors by reaching a nationwide audience – over 80% of participants in the 2010 online auction were from out of state.

And, although all sponsors will be listed on the website, Platinum and Gold sponsors will have their name, logo and link on all emails we send promoting the

online auction and our Gala.

It's a great way to advertise your business and your commitment to the youth and to the community.

You can see all the sponsor benefits on our website at www.wingsofhope.net but here are some of the highlights:

Platinum Sponsor	Gold Sponsor	Silver Sponsor	Bronze Sponsor
\$5,000	\$3,000	\$1,500	\$1,000
Seating for 10	6 Seats	4 Seats	2 Seats
Full-page ad in event program	1/2-page ad in event program	1/4-page ad in event program	business card ad in event program

Although these are trying economic times, it is also an unprecedented year in terms of need for the children.

We hope you'll consider a donation at the \$5,000 Platinum Level – or any level – to become a sponsor of our MILLION DOLLAR goal!

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Big Need... Big Goal

As increasing numbers of parents become frustrated from lack of jobs and income, more children bear the brunt of that frustration and end up abused or homeless.

Imagine the confusion and desperation these children feel when they are hurt by the only ones they have to rely on – parents or family members.

There are several state programs currently in place designed to help but, unfortunately, many of them are at risk of being cut through government budget reductions. Wings of Hope is committed to ensuring these programs continue and that's why we're focusing on three distinct goals this year:

1. **Reuniting children with their families** or a relative whenever possible through prevention and intervention programs that provide training and guidance in parenting skills and anger or

stress management.

2. **Placing the children in residential homes** when it's not possible to return to their families or relatives. Residential care not only provides the children with a safe and secure family setting, but it also provides extensive one-on-one counseling and treatment for coping with their abuse.

3. **Transitioning young adults into independent living programs** where they receive life skills training like cooking, shopping, money and time management; dressing appropriately; safety practices; and good health, dental and hygiene skills.

As you can see, we have a BIG job to do this year! We couldn't do it without your dedication and support to Wings of Hope and the many children we serve. Individually we do make a difference. Together we change lives.



Reaching out to children in need

“Aging Out” at 18

“Why help kids after they're 18 years old?” “What's their problem?” “It's time to face the world!” “Get it together!”

There are a lot of questions asked and statements made about kids that “age out” of residential or foster care at the age of 18 and their need for continued assistance.

Let's back up just a bit and look at where these young adults have been for most of their short lives. Most have been “thrown away” by their parents and abused mentally, physically or sexually. For a brief period, the lucky ones have had adequate food, safety, clothing and shelter. The really lucky ones have had counseling and a glimpse at a “normal” life.

Now on their 18th birthday they're on their own with limited life skills.

Here are a few stats on the “aged out” youth:

- 33% are homeless within three years
- 30% do not have a high school diploma or GED
- 50% do not have jobs – for those who do, average pay is \$8000 a year
- 25% of the males from foster care will go to prison
- 25% of foster youth never received guidance in many ordinary life skills

such as job interviewing and household budgeting.

Wings of Hope believes that with the right kind of help many of these youth can be motivated and helped to get on the right track and lead productive lives.

Wings of Hope established WingsNet to assist the young adults who have turned 18 years old and “aged out of the system.” The purpose of WingsNet is to monetarily reward individuals for educational and life skills achievements. For example, extra money is awarded for holding a job and working regular hours, receiving a job promotion, learning a skill or trade, maintaining excellent attendance and good grades in school, and saving money.

The WingsNet lifeline is a powerful connection when a struggle for rent money results from a sick day from work or any other of the many causes of financial crisis.

The “aged out” youth are being asked, as a part of their accepting assistance from WingsNet, to contribute their time or funds in the future to assist the youth that are participating in the WingsNet program. When those who receive also give back, everyone wins and a good program becomes a great self-perpetuating program.



It's not easy being 18 — and alone

Alice's Story

"Wow! As I look up at the sky, I'll always wonder how I got here. I was not supposed to make it this far. I should be a statistic, stuck in a rut."

Alice recently wrote those words to her friend. She's an amazing young woman with an incredible story she'd like to share. It's a story made up of both tragedy and hope.

"There are many more things that can go wrong than can go right when you're ten years old and your Mom abandons you and your three siblings at a battered women's shelter. I know – it happened to me.

"I could tell you about all kinds of trauma and desperation but I want to tell you about the good things that can and did happen to me.

"Two years after being abandoned and being in nine different foster homes, I found myself in a county children's home that was a great fit for me. I was with people who cared for me, taught me, had faith in me and expected the best from me. I began to believe in myself and believe in my future.

"In high school I led the cheerleading squad for three years, got a part time job and, in my senior year of high school, I also attended college. After high school graduation, I went to Florida A & M University and graduated in three years, magna cum laude. Then life got really interesting, as I was chosen to go to Japan and teach English for three months. Who'd ever have thought? Upon returning to Florida, I enrolled at UCF and got a masters degree in clinical social work.

"Now, with my new skills, I'm seeking work with the Department of Children and Families so I can make a difference in the lives of the children currently in the system."

Wings of Hope was excited to provide Alice with many of the text books she needed at UCF that were not covered by any state assistance.

Alice is exceptional, not a statistic and, like her, there are many more exceptional children and young adults who need our help. On their behalf, we thank you for your support.



Finding hope for a successful future

Prevention... Intervention... Reunification

Being a responsible and loving parent is not easy. But being a single parent trying to balance work and family while struggling to meet living expenses can be overwhelming.

Small and major problems can strain family relationships to the breaking point. Who do you turn to? Where do you go for help?

Fortunately, there are places that provide programs geared at keeping the family together and reunifying families that have fallen apart. Wings of Hope continues to be a strong supporter of such programs because we believe they work for the children and their families.

Here's the story of one Central Florida mother and how her family benefited from one of the programs supported by Wings of Hope.

Several years ago one of her three daughters ran away from home. The in-home services program worked with the runaway and her mother and turned the situation around in just a few months

making reunification possible. The returning daughter graduated from high school and is now going to college and plans to become a nurse.

Unfortunately a second daughter just recently had problems with an ex-boyfriend and a bullying situation at school, resulting in failing grades.

Through counseling and in-home services the daughter achieved a 2.9 GPA for the recent school quarter. Her mother stated, "She has begun to speak up and attempt to solve the harassment and bullying issues. Without help I would have lost two children and there was the real possibility they would have become a drain on the system (i.e. welfare or jail, etc). Please be sure your funding sources (Wings of Hope) understand that without these services many young people and families would be lost."

Wings of Hope makes sure that your donations are used to provide assistance and support to needy children, young adults and families. Thank you for your trust.

The children have ongoing needs throughout the year. Why not consider establishing a monthly donation to Wings of Hope to provide ongoing support for the kids! Please call Kathy at 407-312-0884 or email Kathy@wingsofhope.net to find out how!



Saving Families... Saving children

Our Four Partners Make It Possible

La-Man Corporation

La-Man Corporation has sponsored our events for the last five years because owners Tom and Cindy Wright care deeply about the children and young adults in Central Florida.

The more they heard about the desperate need of the abused, neglected and abandoned children, the more they were determined to help. This year they have decided to become a Wings Partner by providing \$10,000 to fund the newly-expanded WingsNet program in Volusia County and also by sponsoring our Gala at the \$5,000 Platinum Level for a total donation of \$15,000!

Since the WingsNet program was expanded in Volusia County this year, more young adults have the opportunity to participate. This program is critical to youth “aging out of the system” when they turn 18 because they have no family to turn to for support or when a crisis arises. They are on their own, working to

provide for basic necessities such as shelter and food, while trying to further their education. That’s no simple task when they likely have no transportation, no kitchen supplies or linens and no furniture.

But there’s more to this story, as Tom and Cindy’s generosity has no bounds. The friends and business associates they invite as their guests to our event are in for a special treat – they are picked up by a limousine and treated to first-class refreshments on the ride to and from the event! In addition, Tom and Cindy consistently tell new people about Wings of Hope and the needs of the children – and once they even offered an entire professional association to be their guests and to provide transportation by limo from Daytona Beach to Lake Mary!

La-Man has made a big impact on the many organizations they support – we are truly grateful to be one of them.



Bill and Kathie Hohns with
Tony & Kathy Gautsch

Bill and Kathie Hohns

When Bill and Kathie Hohns attended their first Wings of Hope event they never looked back. Listening to the youth telling their stories of overcoming abuse and the struggles and challenges that come with it tore at their hearts.

Bill and Kathie wanted to do more to offer hope and opportunity to the young people who “age out of the system” when they turn 18 years old. And they did it in a BIG way by pledging \$10,000 a year for five years – a total of \$50,000 – to help fund the WingsNet program and become a Wings Partner.

Wings of Hope created the WingsNet program three years ago in Volusia County to assist the teens aging out of Children’s

Home Society’s residential homes – Brian’s House and Destiny House. The program is designed to provide these youth with much-needed financial support and counseling. It’s an incentive program – not a hand-out – that encourages them to save money, maintain employment and succeed in school. The goal is to help them build independent skills and a sense of self-reliance.

Bill and Kathie’s incredible generosity has allowed us to expand the program in Volusia County to more youth aging out of the system beginning this year. They are truly a blessing – to the many young adults who have the opportunity to participate in the WingsNet program now and in the future, and to us.

New Wings of Hope Website

We’re excited to announce the launch of our new and improved website! Take a moment to check it out at www.wingsofhope.net where you’ll find:

- Updates on our “Thanks a Million” Gala
- A list of sponsors of our event so far
- Information on the programs we’re supporting
- Stories about the youth we help
- A link to our Online Auction later this summer
- Ways you can help the children and young adults in need



Our Four Partners Make It Possible... cont'd

Masco Contractor Services

Once in awhile a gift comes along that totally changes your life. In 2005 that's what happened to us – Masco Contractor Services in Daytona Beach chose to become a Wings Partner.

Masco takes their role as “partner” to a whole new level. This year's donation from Masco is an incredible \$12,500! By covering our operating expenses, they allow us to give 100% of funds raised directly to help the children.

But that's not all that Masco does to support our work and the needs of the children. Every year they donate NFL tickets and also solicit their suppliers to donate items to our auction. And the responses to their request have resulted in

large screen TVs, many electronic items, tickets to NASCAR races, power tools and equipment, gift cards and much more! Their donations literally took our auction to new levels and greatly impacted the amount we've raised each year.

And still there's more. Wings of Hope has been fortunate enough to be included in Masco's Charity of the Month program for several years and that's brought additional donations averaging \$6,500 each year.

Yes, their partnership definitely is a gift – a life-changing gift for Wings of Hope and the countless abused, neglected and abandoned children in Central Florida!



Tupperware Brands Corporation

Since Wings of Hope began, Tupperware Brands Corporation has supported our efforts – beginning with our first event in 1996 which was held at the Tupperware convention center.

And Tupperware has done much more than sponsor every one of our events at the top level. We've been selected as the recipients of a special contribution geared at helping teen girls become empowered. They've also provided matching grants, donated Tupperware brand product gift baskets for our auction, matched donations by employees through their Matching Gift

program, and provided additional funds to Wings of Hope through their workplace giving program.

Tupperware has a lot in common with Wings of Hope – they are dedicated to helping disadvantaged youth. They are especially focused on initiatives that enlighten, educate and empower women and girls.

This year Tupperware has become a Wings Partner by donating \$10,000. Tupperware has always been involved in making our community and the world a better place to live. We are grateful to be partners with them.



Academic Rewards for Anastasia

Good things happen to those who persevere toward a better life.

Anastasia lived in foster care for most of her life. Her life was not easy but she knew that she could become a responsible adult if she studied and stayed out of trouble. And she has done both. Today Anastasia is a junior at Florida A & M University with a 3.7 GPA. Plus, she has just directed her first on-campus play.

Because of her high grades, Anastasia received funding from WingsNet which she used to pay her dues in the Honor Society

and for transportation expenses. She sent a note of appreciation for the WingsNet funding she received that read, “Thank you for making it possible to survive as a college student. Your support is greatly appreciated.”

Wings of Hope is proud to assist students like Anastasia who are trying so hard to be successful in school and one day be a responsible and valuable member of the community.

Congratulations, Anastasia!



Educational achievement — a critical ingredient of WingsNet



Ways You Can Help

1. Donations of all kinds are welcome and needed!
 - Cash to keep the many programs running – programs for treatment, counseling, parental training and guidance, life skills training
 - Gift cards for clothing and shoes – it's important for the children to "fit in" with other youth
 - Remembrance gifts – help a child in need while honoring a special occasion or by remembering a deceased friend or loved one
 - Workplace giving – choose Wings of Hope as your charity of choice
 - Matching gifts – often companies will match donations made by their employees
2. Consider being a positive adult connection for a youth by mentoring or tutoring
 - You can provide guidance and help them build confidence and positive self-esteem
3. Be willing to offer a job to a youth for a couple of hours a week
 - Be aware that they need guidance, encouragement and patience
4. Tell your family, friends and co-workers about the work of Wings of Hope and the needs of the children

Who We Are, What We Do

What Is Wings of Hope?

The Wings of Hope foundation was created by Kathy and Tony Gautsch in 1996 in memory of Kathy's only birth child, Brian Christopher Lanier.

Brian died from injuries he received in a car crash when he was 19 years old. Throughout his short life, Brian showed compassion for others, especially children who, he said, "need a chance at a better life."

That's what Wings of Hope is about — continuing Brian's spirit of reaching out to needy children with compassion, caring about them, and taking action to make things better.

What makes Wings of Hope unique?

1. All operating expenses are covered by special donations so 100% of all monies raised goes to help the children.
2. No compensation is given to officers or board members because all work is done through the generosity of family and friends.
3. We specify exactly how our donations are to be used and follow up to see the outcome.
4. We are a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization so all donations and contributions are tax-deductible
5. Public or government funding doesn't

provide all the funds needed to care for the children in residential or transitional care, so our goal is to raise funds to help close that gap.

How can you help?

In addition to making a tax-deductible donation, there are additional ways to help:

- Attend our annual dinner and auction — and bring a friend.
- Invite your company to become a corporate sponsor of our annual event.
- Provide an item or service for our auction.
- Check to see if your company has a Matching Gift Program
- Find out if you can designate Wings of Hope as a recipient of your Workplace Giving Program.
- Make a donation in memory of a relative or friend.
- Keep us in your prayers.

Want more information?

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