

How to Donate

Donations to Friends In Need can be made via:

- ACH Debit - Donor Authorization Form on our website (Friends In Need will debit your savings/checking account monthly/quarterly/annually)
- Online using your debit or credit card via our secure website www.friendinneed.org
- Or mail a donation to Post Office Box 56475, Metairie, LA 70055

Friends In Need Foundation is classified as a public charity under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Unrestricted contributions to our organization are fully tax deductible by the donor to the extent permitted by law.



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FOUNDATION

*Helping people
in times of
medical crisis*

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How Friends In Need Began

In 1995, after nearly one year of costly visits to several physicians and specialists, our friend Danny Benson was diagnosed with Dystonia. Danny was 26 and had just graduated from the University of New Orleans. Due to his physical condition Danny was unable to work and had no health insurance. Medications and doctor's bills were rapidly depleting his family's assets.



We organized a fundraiser for Danny to assist with the medical bills. The fundraiser was a tremendous success with nearly 500 people attending and

raising over \$25,000.

Danny still suffers from the Dystonia, but he is on medication that allows him to lead a normal life. He currently resides in Atlanta, Georgia with his wife Amberly and their three children.

Everyone involved with the fundraiser was truly touched by the impact they had made. Soon after, the Friends In Need Foundation was formed with the goal of helping others in similar medical related financial situations in our community.

Mission Statement

Friends In Need is a Non-Profit organization formed in July 1997 to provide financial assistance to families in Southeast Louisiana during times of medical crisis.

How we accomplish our Mission

We accomplish our mission in two ways:

- Financial donations from generous givers like you allow Friends In Need to write checks directly to the qualified individuals/families in need. Donations are collected year-round through our website or at events aimed specifically at raising money for our general fund.
- Providing both event day manpower and pre-event fundraising consultative services, Friends In Need volunteers use their experience to assist families with organizing and staging fundraising events.

All of our efforts are provided on a volunteer basis. The organization has no employees and therefore, no payroll. Friends In Need does not charge any fees for our services. Since our inception, we have helped to raise over \$1,460,000.

Our administrative costs amount to less than 2% of total annual revenues.



How can I help Friends In Need accomplish its Mission

The best way that you can help us accomplish our goal of assisting others is **by financially donating to our organization**. Throughout the year, families and individuals in need of financial assistance contact us to apply for funds to help them through their medical crisis. These are people, who because of their circumstances, are unable to coordinate and conduct a fundraiser. Your contributions go directly to the families and individuals of those that qualify.

Additionally, you can help us by:

- Giving of your time and manpower during specific fundraising events
- Donating auction items to be used at fundraising events
- Spreading the word to your friends, family and co-workers about our organization

Giving directly to those in desperate need has never been so easy or rewarding. Your contributions of time and money efficiently and immediately help those in need. We have all been touched by someone close to us that has suffered due to medical crisis. Please help Friends In Need provide much needed immediate support by donating to our general fund.

Thank you.