



Meeting Mike

A couple of months ago, I was contacted by a gentleman named Mike about volunteering and helping in any way he could. Being contacted in this way is not unusual for me in my position in Donor Services. It wasn't until I spoke with Mike that I realized this interaction would be a bit different.

I learned during our conversation that Mike's daughter, Molly, had been living on Daniel's campus for the previous two months. Talking to parents is typically not what I do. I show up for the fun stuff, collecting stuff, asking for stuff, helping with stuff, but not for the "real" stuff — the hard stuff that Daniel is truly about. I met with Mike for the usual reasons, but while we were discussing ways he could be involved, he shared part of his daughter's story with me.

Mike told me about their struggles, about how they always knew something was different about Molly from the very first day she came home from the hospital. His pain was palpable, his heartbreak was real and visible. His complete gratitude for the work that we do here was equally real and visible. Mike shared with me about how Daniel has been a source of healing and hope for them after treatment had failed elsewhere. He also understands that his daughter has a form of autism that will more than likely require additional treatment beyond the scope of what can currently be provided at Daniel. For now, Mike is just thankful for the life-changing improvement he has witnessed in Molly.

Speaking with Mike and listening to his story and seeing the gratitude on his face is something that I will not forget. Some-times we can get stuck in the day to day responsibilities of our job, but it's interactions like these that are a reminder of the amazing work being done at Daniel on a daily basis. Mike and Molly's story also reminded me that the completed renovation of our Creekside Cottage is near. This renovation will give Daniel the ability to care for more children such as Molly in an environment that is warm and welcoming where kids with emotional and behavioral issues, as well as intellectual and developmental differences like autism, can receive life-changing therapeutic care.

Thank you to all the staff at Daniel for the work that you do and thank you to all those that support us!

Welcome Erin Colledge!

Daniel is pleased to welcome Erin Colledge to its Board of Trustees.

Erin has known of Daniel for many years through work, family and friends.

When asked why she decided now was the time to get more involved in Daniel, Erin stated: "Coming out of the pandemic, it feels important to pay attention to the widening gap of outcomes for children that face more challenges in life. In Florida, Daniel is one of the best positioned to help close that gap and it feels important to support the work being done here."

Erin grew up in Jacksonville and returned in 2009 to be near family. She is married to her high school sweetheart, Will. Erin and Will have two boys, 9 and 10 who keep them entertained and on their toes. As a family, they value education, art, lots of music and exploring the world.

Click below to hear more about Erin and her involvement with Daniel.



Erin Colledge



Get ready to bid!

Check out the video to preview just a few of our auction items. The silent auction opens at 6AM on Monday, October 17th and runs thru Monday, October 24th.

SAVE THIS LINK!
You'll want it for the auction!

<https://one.bidpal.net/danielkids/>



Do you have a connection? We'd love to have a few more auction items. A country club membership that would donate a gift certificate if asked? A biddable service, skill or craft? Season tickets to.....? A favorite restaurant or hangout that would love to help support local kids and families? A mountain home? Charter trip opportunities? **Please consider using your sphere of influence to help Daniel secure additional bid-worthy auction items for the 22nd Annual Hank Haynes Golf Classic and Virtual Auction.**

Auction proceeds go to provide help and healing to some of Jacksonville's most vulnerable kids.
Thank you for bidding!

Questions? Email [Julie Cockley](#), or call 904/296-1055 x1021

We have room for an additional sponsor! To find out more about sponsorship, contact [Madison](#)

We Love Our Community Partners

Unexpected surprises are always **THE BEST!** Gratitude overflows to all who contribute in such a wide variety of ways, but we wanted to give a special shout-out to a few surprises these past couple of months



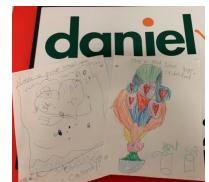
Covid outbreak necessitated more masks -
thank you Geri Rooks and Patsy Culpepper



An urgent bunk bed request was met with the bed and bedding too. Thank you Facebook friends Merima and Kim



School supplies lost in 2021 arrived when we needed most. Thank you Brooksource



Hand-drawn pictures by Caiden and Cassidy wishing the kids good luck in school



Dollhouses for play based therapy with children who have been severely traumatized. Thank you Allison Findlay, Building Faith Play Therapy Toys



Lumber for new campus benches from Rick & Kelly Powell of Barefoot Marine Construction and NEFBA and Builder's Care



Again this year we will be helping families in need have a delicious Thanksgiving meal by providing them with supplemental gift cards. Gift cards to Walmart and grocery stores are welcomed and encouraged. Thanksgiving gift card donations can be made online or in person beginning November 1st..

How You Can Help

During the month of November, online donations to Daniel will be matched by the Jessie Ball duPont Fund.

It's the Annual Holiday Toy Drive! We love the holidays and the way our local community responds to the request to help local kids and families in need celebrate the magic of the season. We will be collecting gifts for kids and families of all ages. From birth to 22, toys to gift cards, all is appreciated. **Starting in November Daniel will be ready to begin accepting holiday donations Mon-Fri, 9AM - 4:30 PM, at our 4203 Southpoint Blvd location.**



Donate your myWalgreens cash rewards to Daniel thru 11/30/22

We're participating in the myWalgreens donation program! You can [donate your myWalgreens cash rewards](#) to Daniel thru November 30. At Walgreens, you'll earn unlimited 1% Walgreens Cash rewards when you shop and you can choose how much to donate. It's that easy. Whether you'd like to contribute \$1, \$5, or more of your Walgreens Cash rewards you'll be making a big difference. It really adds up!

Help communities *you* care about by donating your Walgreens Cash rewards.

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Congratulations!



Keysha McGriff, MSW Registered Clinical Socialwork Intern, Adult Mental Health Therapist, Parenting Facilitator

Employee of the Month:

"I enjoy assisting others on their journey of healing, change, or just becoming the best version of themselves."

Employee of the Month

Raymond Starks,
Residential Counselor, Hillside Cottage,
Residential Campus



Important Dates

Oct 17-24... Virtual Auction
Oct 24 22nd Annual Hank Haynes Golf Classic at San Jose Golf Club
Nov 14 Thanksgiving Drive Gift Cards Due
Nov 24 Thanksgiving
Nov 24-25... Office Closed for Holiday
Dec 12 Holiday Toy Drive Items and Gift Cards Due
Dec 18-26... Hanukkah
Dec 25 Christmas
Dec 26 Office Closed for Holiday
Jan 2 Office Closed for Holiday

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