



Me Fine

2022 Impact Report

Coming of Age

A look back at 2021





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Letter from the Executive Director

Friends,

Me Fine turns 18 this year. The organization that started as the legacy of a happy little boy gone too soon, is now an adult. In my 10th year here, I think about what Me Fine looks like “all grown up.”

We’re now regularly helping hundreds of families of pediatric patients per year with financial assistance.

Nine years post-merger with Striving for More, we’re maintaining and growing many of the emotional support programs they started, while also launching some of our own. Those programs have touched tens of thousands of kids, siblings, and families.

We’ve expanded our staff to include various roles filled by people with different lived experiences, that bring a wealth of knowledge and capability to our work.

We grew our footprint to serve three local children’s hospitals, including some of their satellite clinics.

And yet the need continues to grow amid healthcare changes and a booming population, I’m regularly overwhelmed with gratitude at the ways in which our community continues to care for one another. Our work is designed to ensure no one falls through the cracks or gets left behind while their child is sick. We can’t do that without our supporters regularly recognizing the need, believing that our community can be a better place, and feeling called to trust us with their donations and volunteer time.

My hope is that in this, the year that Me Fine becomes a “grownup,” that the following pages will help you see the need that we serve, understand the reasons we’re here, and will feel called to continue to support or to join in this work with us. I’m grateful for you.

Joey Powell
Executive Director



At Me Fine Foundation, we have one guiding principle:

Families come first.

This means:

- ✓ We prioritize family dignity, privacy, and self-determination.
- ✓ We use our mission as the litmus test for all operational decisions.
- ✓ We honor and affirm the lived experiences of the families we serve, in their own words whenever possible.

Our Mission:

To provide hope through emotional support and financial assistance to families whose children are receiving care at North Carolina partner hospitals.

Our Vision:

To build and sustain partnerships to eliminate barriers so families can focus on their children.

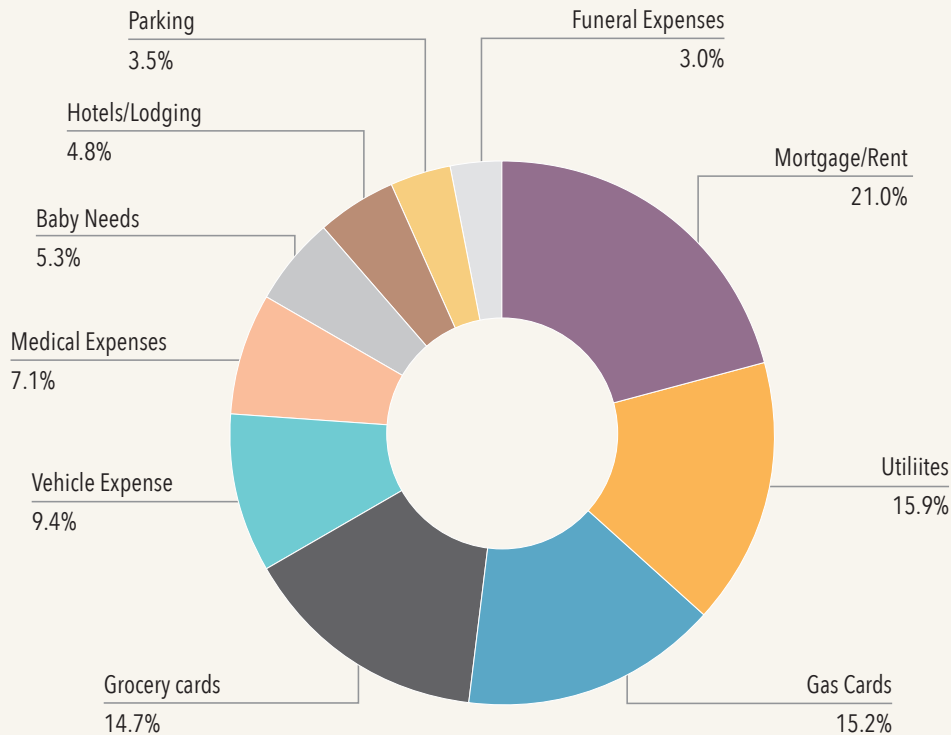
2021 in Review

538 Families Helped by Financial Assistance Program

Including **470** Families New to Me Fine

N.E. from Kenly, NC

Diagnosis of COVID which caused renal failure and required ECMO- Me Fine helped provide much needed assistance in utilities and gas cards during this significant hospitalization.



1,298

Patients and Their Siblings Benefited From Financial Assistance



2021 in Review

100+

Unique Diagnoses
Including Multiple
and Complex Cases

Most Common Diagnoses

Congenital & Genetic Conditions
Prematurity
Neurological
Respiratory
Blood Cancers

Emotional Support Programs

Me Fine is grateful to support our hospital partners with multiple emotional support programs that honor the whole family. These programs and resources provide various ways to connect with others with similar experiences, decrease anxiety and improve understanding during treatment, honor milestones and challenges, and provide normalization and comfort during a difficult time.



Sensory Kits
Toiletry Kits
Emergency Clothing Kits
Chemo Ducks
Beads of Courage
Pill swallowing supplies-
Medi Straws, Pill Sorters

Sibling Support Resources/Groups
Teen Cancer Support Group
Teen Diabetes Support Group
Toys/Donations
Diagnosis-Specific Resource Books
NICU Milestone Cards

Families Served



197
at Duke
Children's



213
at UNC
Children's



95
at WakeMed
Children's

C.V. from Jacksonville, NC

Diagnosis of Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia. Me Fine helped with several vehicle expenses, parking, and gas cards. This was very helpful with this family having to travel over 3 hours for treatment at the hospital and this diagnosis requires at least 2.5/3 years of treatment.



Me Fine Gala 2021:

An Enchanted Evening

We were so excited to have an opportunity to celebrate in-person with our supporters for the 2021 Me Fine Gala. While COVID kept us at a limited capacity and some of our attendees participated virtually, having a chance to congregate in support of Me Fine families was so warmly welcomed. Market Hall in Raleigh was transformed to mark the celebration, as guests noshed on a delicious assortment of chef-prepared foods.

Me Fine's Hero For Life award was presented to dual-winners Molly Flynn and Ryah Koprowski, two of Me Fine's social work partners at WakeMed Children's hospital. Molly and Ryah were nominated by Mallory Magelli McKeown for their service to families and kids at WakeMed Children's: "They ensure that families are able to survive both physically and emotionally while their child is ill." The Hero For Life award recognizes those who go above and beyond to help critically-ill kids and families in ways aligning with Me Fine's mission.

"We are overjoyed that we could find a way to safely gather to celebrate Me Fine's mission," said Gala co-chairs and board members Emily Fera and Shriya Soora. "The pandemic created extenuating circumstances for everyone in our community, especially our families with children in critical care. We are grateful that we could count on our sponsors, vendors, auction donors, attendees, committee members, and board members who helped us put together such an elegant evening. We're endlessly appreciative that our community gave generously so we could continue to provide services to such incredible families and children."



How You Gave in 2021

Major Donor - Roger and Grace Kemble

“Several years ago I spent significant time at UNC Cancer Hospital with a terminally-ill relative. There I saw many children with cancer and it just broke my heart. Equally heartbreaking was hearing the difficulties, both logistical and financial, faced by the families of those children. Those parents told me about the help they got from Me Fine. I had no idea such an organization existed but I was immediately enamored with their work and wanted to help.



“As ongoing Me Fine donors, we especially appreciate the rapid response Me Fine provides to those in need – they get the help when they need it and not after some prolonged administration and bureaucracy. We are proud of Me Fine’s work and very pleased to continually support it.”



Me Fine Sustainer - Zach Evans*

“I grew up in Princeton, so there’s always been that local connection with Me Fine and the Second Hope Shop. Before I joined iRacing, I would see people use it to raise awareness and money for various charities and causes, and I always thought it would be cool to do the same for Me Fine when I had the chance to join.

“It’s honestly taken off way more than I expected. What started as (the Me Fine) logo on the hood of a car during a charity race has now led to some incredible opportunities, including raising more than \$250 for Me Fine this spring in conjunction with the Elite Racing League. The Me Fine name, which we know so well as part of Folden’s story, gets a lot of questions from people at first, which only means more chances to talk about Me Fine.”

**Zach gives regularly based on his results in an online iRacing League.*

How You Gave in 2021

Corporate Sponsor - IMC

"As an organization that strives to put people first, Me Fine's mission aligns with our beliefs at Investors Management Corporation. Me Fine has an outstanding reputation in the community for helping those in need during difficult times and their work resonated greatly with our employees. We are glad to have partnered with such a meaningful organization that positively impacts the lives of many."

-Katherine Carlton; Manager - Strategic Partnerships



In Kind - Inveniv

"In all of our work, Inveniv strives to make an immediate and sustainable impact. It's a guiding aspect of how our team approaches projects. So when the opportunity to support Me Fine in a possible re-brand effort was first presented to the team - they considered the impact and then unanimously agreed to donate their time. As initial discovery work began, our team's commitment and respect for Me Fine's history and sustained growth were solidified. Moved by Me Fine's founding story and inspired by how Me Fine's support of children and families has evolved over the years, the Inveniv team wholeheartedly committed to supporting a similar evolution of Me Fine's visual brand.



"Our goal was to build upon an already well-respected brand, evolving Me Fine's visual platform in a way that honors its foundation and reflects the story behind the name. We hope the newly established Me Fine brand serves the organization well now and into the future - by raising awareness, encouraging action, and helping grow Me Fine's network of supporters.

"The heart truly speaks at Me Fine. Inveniv is proud to be a partner."

-Aaron Mazze, Principal

How You Gave in 2021

Corporate Partners

Because they believe in stronger families and stronger communities, these corporations have made a substantial, unrestricted contribution to Me Fine's work. We're thankful for their devoted partnership in our work and could not serve these kids and families without their support.

Adama
Burroughs Wellcome
Fund
Elmo's Diner

Investors Management
Corporation
McKesson Foundation
Papa Murphy's

Progressive
RE + EF Crane Foundation
SE Glass
State Farm Insurance

VM Ware Foundation
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Lori Lee*
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Erik Martin
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Marypaz Mendez
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Sanyam D Parikh*
Matthew P Phillips*
Joseph Powell*
James and Amy Salter
Adam Smith
Jessica Smith
Shriya Soora*
Blair Stanley*
Walter Storholt
Andrew L Stoy, Jr.
Bryan Strothmann*
Josh Swindell
Monica Tasca
Top Shelf Design
VIP Inspection Services

* Current Board or Staff Members

The Bigger Picture

Statement of Financial Position (condensed), as of 12/31/21

Current and Other Assets:	\$807,618.09
Fixed Assets:	\$115,064.00
Total Assets:	\$922,682.77

Long Term Liabilities:	\$30,445.23
Equity:	\$869,113.87
Short Term Liabilities:	\$23,123.67
Total Liabilities:	\$922,682.77

Statement of Financial Activity (condensed), as of 12/31/21

Donations and Grants:	\$311,029.91
Event Revenue:	\$112,590.18
Retail Proceeds:	\$285,482.56
Miscellaneous Income:	\$70,798.00
Total Revenues:	\$779,900.65

Org. Performance:	\$602,659.00
Fundraising:	\$52,405.16
Total Expenses:	\$655,064.16

M.S. from Henderson, NC

Child received a diagnosis of Menkes disease which is congenital and genetic chronic disease. Me Fine helped with many financial needs for this family including a stroller and high chair compatible with vent settings, gas cards, Walmart cards, and vehicle expenses. This helped tremendously with the significant distance between the hospital and home.

Continue to Provide Hope

Second Hope Shop

Me Fine's thrift store, the Second Hope Shop, resells gently-used items to raise funds for our mission.

Want to make a bigger impact? Coordinate a neighborhood drive by posting on social apps like NextDoor or your neighborhood email listserv. Thrift Drives are a great way to involve your work team, civic or religious group, and other groups of people. The Second Hope Shop team can even come pick up your group's donation!

Second Hope makes regular pickups around the Johnston/Wake/Durham County areas. You can schedule a pickup online or contact Mary Angel Bastin, Store Manager, during business hours.

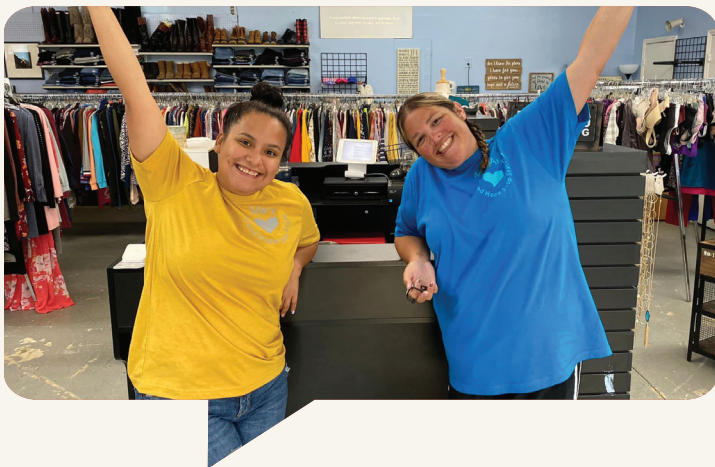
Second Hope Shop store line - 919-202-0445

Mary Angel's direct line - 919-631-5323

maryangel@mefine.org

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Wish List:

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|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| Clothing- all seasons and sizes | Small furniture |
| Shoes | Electronics |
| Household decor | Toys |
| Kitchenware | Baby items |
| Purses | Bedding |
| Jewelry | |

Items that the Second Hope Shop does NOT accept:

Mattresses/boxsprings, computers, printers, couches, executive desks, or other large furniture, tube tvs, pianos/ organs, rolling infant walkers, cribs, car seats, newspapers or magazines, ammunition and firearms, non-workingelectronics, items that are broken or in need of repair

Who We Are

2022 Board of Directors

- San Parikh, Esq** - Chair
- Colleen McGowan** - Immediate Past Chair
- Garret Klas** - Finance Chair
- Shriya Soora** - Events Co-Chair
- Jen Chandler** - Development Chair
- Kerry Henderson** - Mar/Comms Co-Chair
- Katherine Hutchinson, PhD** - Programs Co-Chair
- Stephanie Mazze** - Mar/Comms Co-Chair, Programs Co-Chair
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- Jason Deibert** - Board Member
- Leslie deRosset** - Board Member
- Jaime Fuquay** - Board Member
- Rob Hamilton, CPA** - Board Member
- Kathryn Kiel** - Board Member
- Lori Lee** - Founder
- Matt Phillips** - Board Member
- Blair Stanley** - Board Member
- Bryan Strothmann** - Board Member

Me Fine Foundation Staff

- Joey Powell**, Executive Director
- Meghan Fox** - Program Director
- Kne'Ashja Jackson** - Outreach Coordinator
- Heather Campbell** - Finance Director
- Mary Angel Bastin** - Retail Operations Manager



Give, volunteer, spread the word—
whatever your heart moves you to
do. **We're thankful for it.**



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