

CHARITY IMPACT

Shutterbugs 4 Charity kicked off its fundraising efforts this Fall with the sale of wall calendars and blank note cards which reflected the beauty of Maine, all of which reflect the stunning work of the photographers we have on our board of directors (Chris Lawrence, Benjamin Williamson, Mark Jones, Tyler Kimbar, Darylann Leonard, and Colin Chase). Thanks to many of you and your generous donations and purchases we were able to raise \$37,000 to distribute to local You are all doing random acts of kindness and paying it forward through your participation in our fundraising efforts. Thanks from the bottom of our hearts. The Shutterbug team has been overwhelmed with the out pouring of support. All of you have inspired us to be creative in how we lend our support from doing "Ted like" talks for youth where our talented board shares the skill of photographing in hopes of inspiring others to discover the love for photography or perhaps discover a passion of their own. Additionally, our board of directors will be participating in fundraising efforts by participating in charity events, such as the Center of Grieving Children's annual Gala which occurred on 2/7/20. The Shutterbugs 4 Charity team attended this event through sponsorship of a table and donated two photos to the live auction which assisted in raising nearly \$5000.

As many of you are aware, Mark Jones, the Director for Shutterbugs 4 Charity began his fundraising efforts 6 years ago to support a cause he is passionate about which is "Royal Family Kids Camp". Royal Family Kids Camp provides children ages 7-11 a full week of summer camp opportunities they otherwise would not have and allows these children to be a "kid" without the stressors of everyday life being in the forefront.

The impact of camp has been evidenced by campers as they provide us insight as to how this one week of camp has effected them. One camper stated that this week of camp had been the best days of their lives....well, until I come back next year. A returning camper stated that they had slept with their photo album from camp every night until camp this year.

Royal Family Kids Camp just completed it's 20th year of camp this Summer. Shutterbugs4Charity will continue to support Royal Family Kid camp in 2020 by donating our first \$10,000 toward their fundraising efforts.

We have been busy at work learning about additional nonprofits (that do not have large endowments or state or federal funding) that we can help. Our Executive Director, Barbie Jones has recently visited "My Place" (a teen center in Westbrook, soon to have a presence in Biddeford), "The Betsy Ann Ross House of Hope"(in Augusta which serves homeless female veterans and their families), FairTide (in Kittery, which provides transitional and permanent housing for the homeless along with case management and aftercare services), and The Center of Grieving Children (in Portland, which provides a full array of services to children in their families).

If you would like to nominate a nonprofit please feel free to do so in the comment section. We will continue to keep our donors updated on where we have decide to designate our donations in the future.

Thanks again for all of your support. We hope to make you all proud!

Sincerely,

The Shutterbug Team