The Children's Organ Transplant Association (COTA) begins its fiscal reporting cycle each year on July 1st. Therefore, the last time I drafted the narrative for COTA's Impact Report the world was in the first phase of the COVID-19 pandemic and many things were simply unclear. I wrote, 

“2020 has been filled with obstacles none of us likely ever imagined or anticipated. But I am pleased to report that while we have had to adjust to new working environments, online meetings and greatly reduced travel, we have continued to fully support our transplant families nationwide.”

As I sit here one year later, we are still dealing with a pandemic, but there is definitely more hope instead of desperation. More hope instead of doubt. More hope instead of despondency.

And more good news to share.

While the majority of our encounters this year with COTA families, volunteers, transplant professionals and Miracle Makers have been via telephone, Zoom or email, I have been struck by two words that come to mind after each conversation I have had or that a COTA colleague has shared with me -- RECOVERY and RESILIENCE.

Recovery is characterized by continual growth and improvement in one's health and wellness; a return to a normal state of health, mind or strength. Recovery, in many ways, is the outcome COTA families seek. Resilience is the psychological quality that allows some people to be knocked down by the adversities of life and come back at least as strong as before. Resilient people are those who are able to withstand hardship and setbacks. COTA kids, teens and young adults are resilient.

April 2021 marked COTA's 35th Anniversary. I have been at the Children's Organ Transplant Association (COTA) for more than 23 of these 35 years. From my vantage point, COTA is the epitome of a resilient organization. COTA's story of hope began in 1986 with a toddler in Bloomington, Indiana, who needed a life-saving liver transplant. Community volunteers joined together and quickly raised approximately $100,000 to help this young family. COTA's first family had insurance coverage, but it was inadequate when it came to a medically complicated procedure like a transplant. This toddler's transplant journey inspired a group of local volunteers to create COTA to help any transplant family move through recovery to resilience. Since that humble beginning, COTA has helped nearly 4,000 children and young adults across the country by providing support and guidance while assisting with transplant-related expenses.

Throughout the past 35 years, COTA has dramatically improved the lives of transplant patients and families by removing the weight and burden of unending financial strain. This foundational principle has allowed COTA parents to focus solely on their loved ones’ health and recovery without stressing about how the seemingly endless bills will be paid. You will see in the infographics section of this Impact Report some examples of how we help remove these stressors from our families.
I am pleased to report that an organization that represented one transplant family in 1986 is today the safety net for thousands of transplant families in all 50 states. Since 1986, more than $150 million has been raised to assist thousands of COTA children and young adults needing a life-saving organ or tissue transplant. Since our founding, COTA has paid more than $100 million for direct transplant-related expenses. These financial facts are directly attributable to a nationwide network of more than 300,000 volunteers and supporters, i.e. COTA Miracle Makers, whose generous gifts of time, talent and treasure have helped COTA families move from recovery to resilience.

Throughout my tenure with COTA, I have greatly enjoyed traveling to meet many of our families and supporters. Today, I am grateful for technology that allows me to continue to ‘meet’ COTA families and Miracle Makers -- virtually for much of the past year or so but hopefully soon across a dinner table, in a living room or at an office.

One of my most treasured memories over the years involved sitting in a Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital waiting room with a COTA family whose son was receiving a kidney from his aunt. Another memory is standing in a patient room at Boston Children’s Hospital listening to a COTA mom share how challenging it was being a thousand miles from her family, friends and support network while her son recovered from a bone marrow transplant.

I also remember having lunch in Miami with COTA parents who had been at their daughter’s Jackson Memorial bedside for several weeks due to a serious bout of rejection … and then rejoicing with them several weeks later when they called to let me know she was making a strong recovery. I will never forget having the opportunity to join COTA families in Washington D.C. at an organ donor registration event years ago when Donate Life Month was only Donate Life Week -- meeting politicians and CNN anchors all working together to promote the need for everyone to become organ donors.

Over the years I have talked to nearly 3,000 COTA families. Parents … children … adult patients … patients transplanted a week before our call … patients who were once kids and who now are responsible for their COTA interactions. In many of these conversations, COTA parents and grandparents have told me if COTA had not been there to step into the gap, their family would have been financially devastated.

Through more than two decades of conversations, I have heard many incredible stories of hope and gratitude. Stories of how a volunteer was at the right place at the right time thanks to great connections made possible by a COTA staff member providing exactly what they needed. Numerous stories of an unknown neighbor in a COTA family’s community who stepped up and made a gift to the COTA campaign when it was needed most. Stories of amazement and gratitude when members of an American Legion Post hosted a fundraiser in honor of a local COTA family. Stories of how a COTA staff member was able to secure transplant-friendly lodging for a family in the midst of their travels to a transplant center. Stories that demonstrate our Lifetime of Support.

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COTA’s Nesbitt family officially became part of the COTA Family in November 2003. At the time, their son, Myles, was eight years old. Myles’ father, Phillip, donated a kidney to Myles on December 3, 2003, giving their little boy a second chance at life. Phillip said, “Our friends kept asking about ways they could help and this amazing organization (COTA) helped transform their desire to help into a full-blown, organized effort to raise funds for transplant-related expenses.” The Nesbitt family of COTA volunteers quickly raised $55,000 and surpassed the $50,000 goal.

Today, Myles is 26 years old. He is working on his college degree, juggling multiple jobs, living on his own and is managing his health journey. Nearly 18 years later, Myles is now accessing COTA funds to pay transplanted-related medical expenses because he is no longer on his parents’ medical insurance plan.

I recently had a chance to visit and chat with Myles and his parents, Phillip and Ginger, in their California home. We met to talk about how COTA’s Lifetime of Support commitment continues to impact their family today. Myles shared, “I just turned 26 in March and it has definitely been a big change. COTA has been a huge help to me. I work two jobs to make ends meet. Knowing that COTA is there calms me down. Having access to COTA funds means I do not have to choose between purchasing my post-transplant medications or food. It is a safety net; COTA truly has my back.”

The Seiders Family of Indianapolis became part of the COTA Family in June 2007. Their daughter, Lauren, had been born in May 2006 and the family received the devastating news that she needed multiple transplants due to a diagnosis of biliary atresia. Lauren's parents, Suzanne and Jim, shared this quote for the 2009 COTA Calendar, which featured Lauren’s photo and transplant journey. “COTA provided us with hope not only for Lauren’s future, but for our other children as well. They are living a normal life without unnecessary sacrifices that may have had to been made without COTA’s assistance.”

Today, Lauren is 15 years old and living a life much like other teenagers in her circle of friends. Suzanne Seiders, RN, is a member of COTA’s Board of Directors and is a tremendous COTA advocate throughout her professional medical circles. Suzanne and her husband, Jim, and several of their extended family members continue to be COTA Miracle Makers as a way to reinforce COTA’s Lifetime of Support commitment.
COTA’s Sornsins family has been part of the COTA Family for 29 years. COTA Mom Jodi Sornsins placed her first call to COTA in 1992 because their toddler, Ben, was in the midst of an unanticipated health crisis. The Sornsins family quickly had to leave their Arizona home for California because Ben’s only chance for survival was a liver transplant at the UCLA Medical Center. They arrived at UCLA at 11 pm on January 12th and early the next morning while sitting at Ben’s ICU bedside, Jodi received a call from the hospital’s financial office asking how the family was going to pay for the mounting medical bills. During some of the darkest times imaginable, a call that Jodi placed to family members in Arizona who were caring for their daughter, Amanda, brought a glimmer of hope. A family friend had heard about an organization called the Children’s Organ Transplant Association that helped with fundraising for transplants, but knew little more.

That call happened nearly three decades ago. Much has changed for the Sornsins family. Ben is a graduate of Arizona State University with a degree in Criminal Justice. During the pandemic, Ben married his best friend, Samantha, in a small ceremony in his parents’ backyard. This marked yet another milestone for this long-time COTA family. No matter how old he is, Ben will always be a COTA Kid, and Jodi will likely remain one of COTA’s biggest fans. Jodi is a tireless advocate for the difference COTA’s support and guidance can make for a family facing a life-saving transplant … not just today, but for a lifetime.

RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE: Meeting the Unpredictable Need

Peace of Mind. Stability. Hope. These are things we all need right now. During times of turbulence and times of normalcy, COTA offers these gifts -- these assurances -- to our nationwide network of transplant families. COTA’s support and guidance are provided completely free of charge. I hear frequently what a relief this commitment is to families who are drowning not only from the news that a life-saving transplant is needed, but who are also finding it hard to breathe as bill after bill lands in their mailboxes.

COTA families are resilient. Whether we welcomed them to the COTA Family in 1992, 2002, 2012 or yesterday, thanks to COTA Miracle Makers across the country our families are assured of peace of mind … stability … and hope.

COTA is resilient. During a time of unprecedented and unpredictable need, we pivoted and met the need throughout the pandemic. We did that by focusing on our families, our volunteers and our supporters. No one knows what the next hurdle may be. But we do know that with your continued support, we will once again be able to pivot and focus on our pledge to be The Trusted Leader Supporting Transplant Families … For a Lifetime.

Thank you for being a critical component of COTA’s lifetime of support commitment.

“COTA has given us peace of mind knowing that as our three children continue on their transplant journeys, COTA funds are available for transplant-related expenses. Finding an organization like COTA that is dedicated to transplant families’ financial and emotional needs has been a huge blessing. Transplant is not a cure. It provides a much better quality of life, but requires costly medications, treatment and monitoring. We simply feel secure knowing COTA exists to help families like ours navigate transplant journeys … for a lifetime.”

Sara and Jason Siqueiros, Parents of Isabel, Jason and Jaxon
To assist families with transplant-related expenses, the Children’s Organ Transplant Association (COTA) relies on the generosity of COTA Miracle Makers nationwide. Perhaps no other group exemplifies the dedication of these Miracle Makers better than The American Legion Family. Since its first commitment to giving kids and teens a second chance at life in 1989, this large and influential group, which includes The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary, the Sons of The American Legion and the American Legion Riders, has contributed more than $1.5 million to COTA and our community campaigns.

COTA had intended to recognize The American Legion Family as the George Taliaferro Miracle Maker of Year at the 2020 Miracle Maker Celebration. While we knew it was the best decision for everyone’s health and safety, we were disappointed to cancel that event. One year later, The American Legion was honored at the 2021 Miracle Maker Celebration on September 11.

While the pandemic delayed the opportunity to publicly recognize The American Legion Family, COVID-19 could not stop Legion members from continuing to give hope to COTA families. Through a variety of fundraisers in a variety of states, The American Legion Family contributed nearly $130,000 this year to assist with transplant-related expenses. COTA is extremely grateful for the long-term commitment The American Legion Family has made to helping ensure children, teens and young adults are able to receive a second chance at life.

Representing The American Legion at COTA’s Miracle Maker Celebration are Ken George, Richard Anderson, Jill Druskis and Stacy Cope.
As the premier organization providing fundraising assistance to transplant families, the Children's Organ Transplant Association quickly pivoted in early 2020 when it became apparent that traditional in-person fundraising events would not be possible for COTA community campaign teams. Because the necessity to raise funds to assist with transplant-related expenses did not diminish during the pandemic, COTA provided volunteers across the country guidance and resources for virtual fundraising activities. COTA volunteers ran with these ideas, hosting very successful … and fun … fundraising events in their communities.

COTA for Johns Journey hosted the John's Journey Fun Run, a virtual and family-friendly event, where participants could run (or walk) at a time and location of their choice beginning December 28. The event concluded on January 10, which was John's birthday. Participants paid a registration fee to participate, posted photographs on social media from their walk, wore John's Journey t-shirts and even created a John's Journey coloring page to demonstrate support for the COTA fundraising effort. The Fun Run helped the volunteer team reach the $100,000 goal in just over three months!

The volunteer teams for COTA for Team Emma A and COTA for Emilees Fight launched online silent auctions using Facebook and COTA Event Thermometers. With donated items ranging from custom woodwork to gift cards from local businesses to jewelry, these auctions raised $2,000 for each COTA campaign.

Social media provided an avenue for virtual auctions, but volunteer teams also used social media to challenge supporters and followers to contribute to their COTA community campaign. Facebook fundraisers generated nearly $100,000 for COTA and patient campaigns in 2020-2021. From birthday fundraisers to ‘Give It Up’ challenges, COTA volunteers found ways to engage their communities even when they could not gather for live, face-to-face events.

The volunteers for the COTA for E and J campaign hosted a number of virtual fundraisers including a Bingo Night, a Fall Photo Fundraiser, a virtual Magic Show, and t-shirt and wristband campaigns. In total, the team raised nearly $11,000 from these virtual fundraisers.

While fundraising opportunities were certainly different during the last year, COTA campaign volunteers ensured that communities continued to come together … virtually … to assist with transplant-related expenses. COTA is extremely grateful for the tenacity and creativity shown by our volunteer teams throughout the nation.

COTA Miracle Makers
COTA is grateful for the generous support of more than 33,000 contributors this past year. These contributors, COTA Miracle Makers, assist the Children's Organ Transplant Association to ensure transplant-needy patients receive support for a lifetime. All contributors are listed at COTA.org.

Contributions to COTA allow us to provide fundraising guidance and family support to transplant families nationwide. Gifts to COTA community campaigns assist directly with transplant-related expenses. Contributions to the COTA Hope Fund underwrite much-needed operational costs necessary to serve families and volunteers. COTA is thankful for the ongoing and significant support of contributors to the organization’s endowment funds. These funds include the George Taliaferro Patient Emergency Endowment (for medical emergencies) and the Operating Endowment (for patient benefit, donor education and registration efforts, and ongoing support of COTA’s mission).

COTA has a number of funds that allow contributors to direct their gifts to an area of particular interest. COTA has a fund for each state that provides assistance to families with unmet needs. There are also funds for several transplant types and diagnoses. For more information about these COTA funds, please contact MiracleMakerInfo@cota.org.

To receive a list of those who made gifts between July 1, 2020, and June 30, 2021, please call COTA at 800.366.2682 or email a request to MiracleMakerInfo@cota.org.

Memorial and Honor Gifts
Numerous individuals were memorialized or honored by family, friends and others who wished to recognize them through a contribution to COTA. All contributors are listed at COTA.org. To receive a list of contributors who made these gifts between July 1, 2020, and June 30, 2021 please call COTA at 800.366.2682 or email a request to MiracleMakerInfo@cota.org.
Statement of Financial Position
June 30, 2021

ASSETS

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LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

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If you would like a copy of COTA’s 2020-2021 audited financial statements, please contact our office at 800.366.2682.
Statement of Activities
Year ended June 30, 2021

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Change in net assets

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Statement of Functional Expenses
Year ended June 30, 2021

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More than 20 years ago Roberta Edrington sat in her Florence, Kentucky, living room listening to a newscast on a local radio station. During the broadcast the news director mentioned a fundraising event for a young Cincinnati-area patient waiting for a transplant. Moved by what she heard, Roberta made a life-changing decision to make a donation to help transplant families in need.

Within the next year, COTA President Rick Lofgren visited Roberta in her home to hear this story firsthand, and to personally thank her and let her know the impact of her generosity. This was important to Roberta because it let her know her donation was doing exactly what she intended. It was at this point Roberta told Rick she wanted to continue to make a difference. This conversation was the basis for a nearly 20-year legacy of gifts that made a life-saving difference for COTA kids.

Roberta grew up in Northern Kentucky and was the youngest of three girls. She often shared stories about walking a mile to get to the bus station (regardless of the weather) to cross the Ohio River to get to work throughout the 1940s. During her nearly 50-year career, she worked in her parents’ store, for the Crosley Corporation (manufacturing), and for Hagedorn Appliances. She eventually retired in 1979 from The Cincinnati Post, a local newspaper.

Roberta was married for a short time and had a baby who passed at birth during World War II, which left a difficult memory for her to carry throughout her life. Roberta never let this stop her; she continued working knowing she would someday be reunited with her baby boy.

Roberta loved gardening and was well known in her neighborhood as the lady with the straw hat tending her plants. She also loved reading, quilting and travelling when given the chance. Roberta learned to drive in her mid-30s and her love of driving allowed her to enjoy many trips and make memories with her sisters. At the age of 98, Roberta realized the 'machines' as she called them were going much faster than she was comfortable with and gave up driving.

Throughout her lifetime Roberta supported many charities, but always demanded that each of these charities had to use the funds to “help people.” When she learned how COTA specifically assists transplant families, Roberta started following the stories of families receiving assistance and support from COTA. She happily continued with an annual donation for many years.

Roberta managed throughout her life to invest and remain financially able to support herself while helping others. Roberta certainly was not one to waste hard-earned money. She always shopped for the lowest-priced groceries and reused things as she was able. These practices allowed Roberta to remain in her home into her final days.
Surrounded by friends, Roberta celebrated her 103rd birthday in March 2019. But due to a fall, she had had to celebrate as an inpatient at the hospital. She passed away peacefully on April 7, 2019, but had talked many times about her blessed life with friends who helped care for her. She has left an indelible mark on many COTA kids she never personally met.

Roberta’s generosity and giving continued with a substantial gift to COTA from her estate. In honor of this gift, COTA created the Edrington Family Support Fund to assist transplant patients she was so keenly interested in helping.

John Wesley Weary

In 2015, John Wesley Weary of Deland, Florida made a gift to support a COTA community campaign and was impressed with how COTA helped transplant children. In 2020, John also made a significant estate gift to help COTA patients. A veteran and American Legion member, he saw how patients benefitted from working with COTA and had a desire to help many more into the future through planned giving.

James Pyles

As a lifelong resident of Central Illinois, James Pyles wanted to use planned giving to help transplant families in need. James’ desire to do so resulted in a generous estate gift to assist Southern and Central Illinois kidney transplant patients. This gift will help Illinois patients for many years to come with medical bills and with transportation to and from their clinic and hospital visits.

If you would like more information on making a legacy gift through your estate plan to help ensure transplant families experience a lifetime of support, please contact COTA President Rick Lofgren at rick@cota.org or call him at 800.366.2682.

COTA’s website provides helpful will and estate planning information to assist you in creating the plan that is right for you. Check it out today!

www.cotagiving.org
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June 30, 2021

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