Ability Found's mission is to bring people, assistive equipment, and expertise together to empower all individuals who are disabled. We change lives, give freedom, and make miracles happen.

We are extremely proud and excited to announce that we hit (and actually exceeded!) the “ONE MILLION MARK” in 2012….through in-kind and monetary donations, our total income was $1,372,663. Pretty impressive for this little warehouse in Murray, UT, we think! And it seems especially fitting that we have passed this milestone just in time to celebrate our Twenty Year Anniversary on April 3, 2013.

Although we experienced a nine percent increase in requests over 2012, we are proud to report that, with significant donor assistance, we met each request within our mission. Thankfully, we continue to have momentous success in improving the health and the quality of life of the individuals we serve.

Each year, we receive many thank you letters from those we serve. We’d like to share this recent one:

"We want to thank Ability Found for providing our son, Lucas, a pony walker. He is a happy twenty-two month old boy who is not able to walk at this time, and this walker provides him an opportunity to be upright and socialize with other children his same age. This equipment helps him to be more aware of his surroundings and encourages more independent exploration. He is able to push himself across the entire gym, going backward! Our next goal is to help him learn to move forward in his pony walker. We are excited about the new opportunities Lucas will continue to have because of this generous donation. Thanks again for all the great things you do for our family and others!"

Lucas, August 2012
Financials, At a Glance

- We had record in-kind donations in 2012: $1,020,404 (up from $959,202 in 2011)
- Cash donations were also up: $350,643 (up from $306,835 in 2011)
- Our total income was $1,372,663 (up from $1,267,054 in 2011)
- We spent: $38,492 on equipment. Through refurbishing and/or rebuilding and using recycled equipment and parts, we placed well over 1,372,663 the retail amount of that equipment!
- Fundraising, management, and general costs were: 5% of contributions (same as in 2011)
- This left 95% of the donations we received to go directly to charitable purposes
- We received funding from: Twenty-seven foundations, seven of them new donors, seven corporations, and several individuals

As promised, our online presence grew in 2012 (have you “LIKED” our Facebook page yet?!), and we are almost ready to market a special item to increase fundraising efforts. We are also growing our donor base this year, as well as throwing our FIRST fundraiser in celebration of 20 YEARS….stay tuned for that event! These efforts will significantly escalate our presence in the community as well as support mounting requests for equipment.

We would like to thank all of the organizations and people who supported us in 2012. Without the help of so many, we could not have accomplished the good things we have done:

Ray & Tye Noorda Foundation

LDS Humanitarian Services

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George S. & Dolores Dorè Eccles Foundation    Daniels Fund
Cross Charitable Foundation    Edwards Lifesciences Corporation
McCarthey Family Foundation

- John E. & Ruth E. Bamberger Memorial Foundation
- Castle Foundation
- Episcopal Dioceses of Utah
- Richard K. and Shirley S. Hemingway Foundation
- C. Scott & Dorothy Watkins Charitable Foundation
- William H. & Mattie Wattis Harris Foundation
- Michael Foundation
- Sterling & Shelli Gardner Foundation
- Lawrence T. & Janet T. Dee Foundation
- Archer Family Charitable Corporation
- Masonic Foundation of Utah
And we just can’t resist one more success story from 2012….

Ismael is studying to receive his Master’s Degree in Film Studies from The University of Utah. Ismael’s twenty-year-old wheelchair was making it increasingly difficult for him to navigate campus at the U; a manual chair doesn’t quite properly function in two feet of snow here in Utah!

Ability Found provided, fit, and taught Ismael how to use a new power chair. His delight is evident here, after the fitting with our Physical Therapist, Michael J. Workman.

When we asked him what he thought of the new chair (after his initial shock at how quickly it moves!), his response was this: “Wow. I LOVE IT!”

We extend heartfelt thanks on behalf of all of our clients like Ismael, and from everyone at Ability Found.

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Many thanks for another great year,
Ernest P. Robison, PhD.
Founder, President - Ability Found

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Ismael, December 2012

January 31, 2013