



the Austin family

The Austin family came into the CORE family in the summer of 2018. Cornelius, a server at Houlihan's in Fort Worth, Texas, had end stage renal failure and needed a kidney transplant. For almost 3 years, while he waited for a transplant, he attended dialysis 3 times a week for 4 hours. In June of 2018 there was a complication during a simple procedure on his parathyroid that landed him in a medically induced coma for a full week. It was a scary time for the family and they weren't sure if he was going to make it.

All of this affected the Austin family in so many ways and their lives were flipped upside down while they found ways to make it all work since Cornelius had been the main provider for the family financially.

Although this was incredibly trying on the family, it also bonded them all very deeply. As Shannon told us, "We encourage each other to be open with our feelings and have learned how important we all are. Plus, my kids have gotten to see firsthand the kindness of friends, family, and strangers. We are always trying to find ways to give back all the kindness that has been shown to us and I know these lessons will stay with my kids forever."

CORE helped the Austin family with their utility bills, transportation costs, groceries, and an experience for the family in Galveston.

Almost 8 months after the Austins came into the CORE family, Cornelius received his kidney on February 6, 2019. We couldn't be more excited for him and his family!

"CORE was truly a lifesaver in 2018 for our family. We had a very hard year with unexpected surgery for my son and his dad. We had no idea how we would make it through this difficult time. CORE helped us and we were able to not stress about our rent and utilities which just that alone was AMAZING! We got the cutest teddy bear that my son Damian still loves. This is an amazing organization and it was a blessing to be able to get the help we needed. They made the process so smooth and easy."

GABY LUNA / The Luna family, 2018

"CORE provided financial support for our living needs and it helped tremendously while our son had cancer. My wife and I were able to breathe more easily and even save for the upcoming holidays! Thank you so very much."

NICHOLAS WILSON / The Wilson family, 2018

"Our family would like to send our heartfelt gratitude to CORE. In this industry most people work themselves to death sacrificing family time and missing memories with loved ones including birthdays, holidays and even birth of a child in some cases. For there to be an organization helping our community and helping with our workforce amazes me. Thank you again."

ANDREW & CAROL CONIGLIO / The Coniglio family, 2018



CORE BY THE NUMBERS

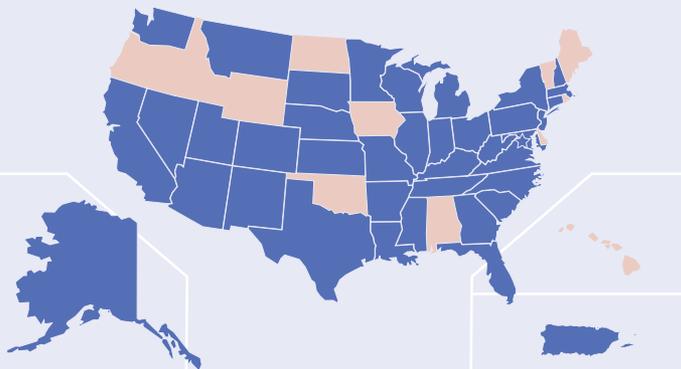
Since 2004, CORE
has supported over **500 families**



CORE grants support to families
from **across the industry.**



CORE works nationally. So far, CORE
has supported families from **38 states,**
Washington, DC, and Puerto Rico.



WHAT IS CORE?

CORE (Children of Restaurant Employees) grants support to children of food and beverage service employees navigating life-altering circumstances.

To refer a family or apply for support, visit
COREgives.org/refer.

QUALIFYING EVENTS INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:
Diagnosed medical condition (*child or guardian*)
Injury or accident (*child or guardian*)
Death of an immediate family member (*child or guardian*)
Loss of home from fire or natural disaster (*child or guardian*)

TYPES OF EXPENSES WE COVER INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:
Rent or mortgage
Utilities such as electric, gas, water and sewer
Medical bills/supplies
Therapy sessions/equipment
Hospital expenses for family (*travel, hotel, food, gas, etc.*)
Other child needs (*diapers, formula, etc.*)
Childcare costs

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Companies of any size can help CORE give back to our own with an annual *COREporate* donation. No matter the level, you can make a difference for industry families in need. Contact Lauren LaViola at lauren@COREgives.org.



host an event or promotion

Hosting an event or promotion for CORE— at any establishment or venue —is an easy, fun way to donate. Your company can do a one-time fundraiser that benefits CORE, such as a dinner and product tasting, or an on-going promotion that helps spread awareness of our mission. Contact us at events@COREgives.org.



become an ambassador

Our *CORE Ambassadors* are passionate, positive volunteers who support our mission, and assist CORE with events, fundraising, and community relations. Ambassadors attend events on behalf of CORE, meet families, and help set up fundraising and awareness opportunities across the country. To become a *CORE Ambassador*, apply online at COREgives.org/ambassadors.



donate

No donation is too small to help us continue giving back to our own! A donation of just \$30 could cover the cost of a CORE bear for one of our CORE grant recipients. You can also support CORE through *AmazonSmile*, *Kards 4 Kash*, *Facebook Fundraisers*, cash, or in-kind gifts. To make a personal donation, you can visit COREgives.org/donate.