



Harry Anna Fund

Of everything that the Florida Elks do, perhaps nothing is more important than our work with the state's youth. Sowing the seeds of accomplishment and commitment through our Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services and Florida Elks Youth Camp programs, children are given the opportunity to grow and learn beyond their wildest imaginations.



The trust fund started in 1951, was named after Harry and Anna Miller who donated land and a building to establish the original Florida Elks Hospital for Crippled Children. Its purpose was, and continues to be, the collection of donations and the acceptance of endowed gifts.

The trust fund is restricted, which means that only the income derived from it may be used to support our major projects: the Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services and Florida Elks Youth Camp programs.

The purpose of this charitable trust was, and continues to be, the collection of donations, the selling of trust fund certificates, and the acceptance of endowed gifts. The name of the trust fund derives its name from Harry Miller, an Elks member, and his wife, Anna. In 1931, Harry Miller donated his hotel building in Umatilla, Florida to the Florida Elks to be converted into the Harry-Anna Crippled Children's Home. The hospital eventually grew to become the Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services program which now covers most of Florida's 67 counties.

Federal Tax Savings

A contribution to the Harry-Anna Trust Fund is a tax deductible donation to a U.S. tax code 501(c)(3) organization. Continuing changes in the federal tax code make the counsel of professional tax and legal advisors essential to a donor who may benefit financially from a well structured plan.

Florida Elks: Helping Children Develop and Grow

When a young child gets access to free in-home therapy, everything changes for that child and family.



Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services provides in-home physical therapy and occupational therapy to Florida children. Priority is given to children in need whose families have limited financial resources and would not otherwise have ready access to these therapy services.

Therapists are employed by the Florida Elks and are licensed to practice by the state of Florida. With 26 mobile units, our therapists are treating children throughout the state covering most of its 67 counties.

The services received by patients who meet eligibility requirements are absolutely free. We do not receive financial assistance from any level of government. Instead, we receive our funding from the Florida Elks Charitable Trust Fund, Elks lodges, various Florida Elks ladies organizations, the Elks National Foundation, and most importantly, from generous public donations.



History of the Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services

The Florida State Elks Association has a long history of providing rehabilitation services to needy children of Florida. In 1933, the Association accepted the donation of a hotel in Umatilla, Florida and turned the facility into the Harry-Anna Home for Crippled Children. This unique facility offered free treatment to Florida children who suffered from orthopedic diseases and disabilities. Over the years, the name of the hospital changed several times and it occupied three different locations.



In succeeding years, the hospital operated continuously as a rehabilitative facility for orthopedic conditions and diseases in children. Through the years the bodies and lives of victims of polio, head trauma, birth defects, and accidents received the postoperative care that helped turn them into functioning and productive citizens. All this was done at no cost to the families. For more than 66 years, the hospital was among the finest rehabilitative facilities in the county and a source of great pride for Florida Elks.

However, times change and so did the Florida Elks. Due to major medical advances that meant extended hospital stays for rehabilitation were no longer necessary, and combined with changes in the health care delivery system, the hospital was forced to close its doors on February 26, 1999. Wanting to continue to serve children's needs, a new program of in-home physical and occupational therapy began on March 1, 1999 named the Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services. Covering most of Florida's 67 counties, the program provides mobile in-home children's therapy services to more patients than what was ever possible with the hospital.



Florida **Elks** Youth Camp

Inspire. Connect. Expand.

A project of the Florida State Elks Association, this beautiful and modern 405 acre complex provides a unique camping experience for 7 weeks during the summer to all Florida kids ages 9 through 13.



Camp sessions last from Sunday afternoon to Saturday morning and provide campers with housing, food, and of course, tons of fun!



Our Mission

Our mission is to mold the current generation of youth into adults that we'd be proud to have as American citizens. Our motto is to "inspire, connect, and expand." We inspire our kids through the quality of our facilities, of our staff, and of our programming. Without electronics, we help kids build connections between themselves and their peers, their counselors, and nature.

Through all of this, we have the opportunity to expand their compassion for others, their own self-confidence, and their ability and desire to make an impact on the world around them.



Although June, July, and August are booked for summer camp, the property is open to individual user groups for rental during the rest of the year! The camp has accommodated individual groups from as small as 10 to some over 1,000.

Each of the camp's 52 modern cabins has heat, A/C, a full bathroom and sleeps up to 9.

During their stay, campers can participate in a range of activities including: archery, swimming, canoeing, arts & crafts, capture the flag, soccer, and of course, climbing at our challenge ropes course!