

## HISTORY OF ATK

## Inspired by a Kabuki Kid and a Christmas wish!

In October 2013 ATK's Founder, Rene King, was on social media and came across a post from another Kabuki Syndrome parent expressing their frustration with a local charity that turned their family away due to the child's age. Rene messaged the mother and asked if they could adopt their daughter for Christmas that year. Seeing this as a great Random Acts of Kindness opportunity, Rene shared this need on social media and received an overwhelming response to help. With the response to help came a number of requests from other Kabuki Syndrome families across the Lower 48, requesting Christmas assistance too. This would be the official launch of Operation Kabuki Christmas.

At the close of the program there was an obvious need for advocacy resources, specifically in the United States. The King's created, printed and began distributing small business cards highlighting a brief description of Kabuki Syndrome with the purpose of making it easier for families to promote awareness across the nation. Additionally, Random Acts of Kindness / Pay It Forward cards were distributed to encourage acts of kindness, while advocating for Kabuki Syndrome.



By 2015 the King's could no longer afford to self-fund All Things Kabuki and applied for 501(c)3 non-profit status. Two weeks later, the IRS approved our filing.

All Things Kabuki is dedicated to provide the best support possible to individuals and families affected by Kabuki Syndrome. Additionally, we strive to empower the community to advocate not only for Kabuki Syndrome, but all rare disease. ATK is committed to educating the community, promoting awareness globally and collaborating with researchers with the hope of finding a treatment or a cure to better the quality of life of all affected by Kabuki Syndrome.

All Things Kabuki is the only U.S. non-profit patient advocacy organization serving the Kabuki Syndrome community globally.