

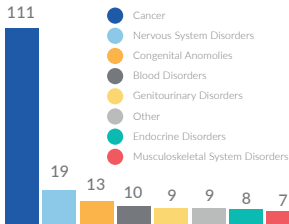
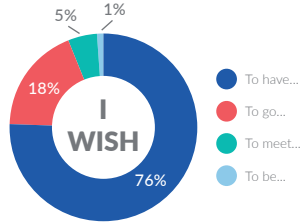


# 184 wishes granted in 2021...

Together, we *sparked imagination* and *delivered strength* to 184 children in central & south Texas battling a critical illness.

## WISH TYPES

Wishes are as unique as the child making the request, but typically fall within four categories: I wish to have, I wish to go, I wish to meet, and I wish to go.

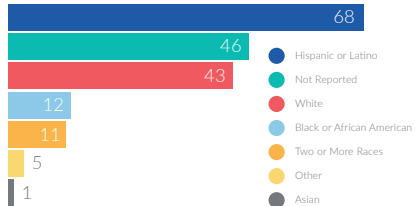
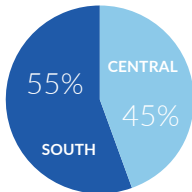


## WISHES BY MEDICAL CONDITION

Wishes are granted to serve as a catalyst for renewed strength and encouragement to children with illnesses defined as malignant, degenerative, or progressive.

## WISHES BY REGION & ETHNICITY

The Central & South Texas chapter serves 42 counties of Texas and serves a variety of children with different racial and ethnic backgrounds.



Our Program department has continued to excel in wish granting despite the ongoing pandemic. We are thrilled to have safely resumed various travel wishes by car throughout the spring and summer of 2021, and have resumed some travel wishes by plane and large gatherings (theme parks, concerts, etc.) in September 2021. We've also continued to grant local wishes, from shopping sprees to backyard makeovers, by building our support of community in-kind vendors. As we look to 2022, we hope to continue to grant all of the wishes on hold that were directly impacted by the pandemic, as well as the newly eligible wishes that qualify every day.



# OVER THE EDGE

This year we celebrated our 11th Annual Over the Edge event. With the help of incredible fundraisers and sponsors, **we raised over \$240,000**. Over the Edge challenges participants to face their fears as they honor the heroic efforts of the many kids who bravely face the challenges of a critical illness. We are grateful to all of our supporters who stepped over the edge for our wish kids.

## A NIGHT OF WISHES

Over 250 philanthropists and community leaders attended in person with another 250 guests attending virtually for an incredible night of fun and fundraising. Our black-tie event featured a VIP cocktail reception, silent and live auction and a program filled with our amazing wish kids. Emceed by Allison Miller, anchor on CBS Austin This Morning, and wish kid Cariel Rentas, who effortlessly kept the festivities flowing and the audience engaged in the action-packed evening. **The event raised over \$900,000 to help us grant over 120 wishes.** The highlight of the evening was the surprise live wish we revealed to Lily, who wished to be a photographer.



*"Lily, becoming a photographer, will allow her to be self-sufficient and be independent...This wish is giving her a future." -Lucinda, Lily's Mother*



## LAREDO RADIOTHON

Our 16th Annual Laredo Radiothon was held November 5th, 2021. Although we could not go to the mall again this year to celebrate and fundraise together, **98.1 FM Big Buck Country and our Laredo Regional Board** made sure that this event happened without a hitch! A big thank you to 98.1 Big Buck Country and Del Norte Mall for helping us share the stories of our Laredo wish kids!

### REVENUES, GAINS, & OTHER SUPPORT

Public Support:	
Contributions	\$2,860,325
Grants	\$629,350
Total Public Support	\$3,489,675
Total Special Events	\$919,028
Other Income:	\$299,218
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,659,231</b>

### EXPENSES

Program Services:	
Wish Granting	\$2,214,081
Total Support Services	\$1,074,139
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$3,288,220</b>



Battling a critical illness is one of the most stressful and life-changing events one can go through. And at age 4, sweet Adelaide has already been through multiple of these challenging battles. Addie underwent two heart surgeries before her first birthday and spent weeks in and out of the hospital. Addie kept fighting and later had to spend 6 months on oxygen to have her third heart surgery at only 18 months old.

"Even with all of her time in and out of the hospital she has never lost her spirit," Patty, Addie's mom, expresses. Throughout her battle, Addie has kept a sense of normalcy in her childhood by admiring Disney princesses! Diving into their magical worlds offered the perfect escape for a child who was going through the unimaginable. "She loves princesses and one of her favorite things to do with her friends and cousins is have a dance party. She just combined the two for the perfect idea of a princess ball!" Patty explained.

On her wish day, Addie received royal treatment as she was dressed in a beautiful gown and was even escorted in a horse-drawn carriage! The ShopDisney team sent party favors and decorations – and most importantly, they provided Addie with all of the costume pieces needed to make her a real Cinderella.

"[This night] has shown Addie that dreams can come true," says Patty. "We are so grateful for all the time and effort Make-A-Wish gave to make this wish happen."

Having this princess ball brought together the people Addie loves the most to enjoy her favorite activities. "This wish means everything to her. To spend this evening letting her imagination come to life is something she'll never forget," Patty tells us.