



# IMPACT REPORT

2022

“Make-A-Wish comes in and says, ‘You deserve a wish.’ There’s no worries, there’s no stress whatsoever. [Wish kids] come back just elated. Just so happy, with smiles, giggles, laughter and memories that carry on forever. And my son’s wish gave me strength, hope and joy because there were people that cared. There were people that came into my life and said, ‘Everything’s going to be OK.’”

LINDA PAULING

CO-FOUNDER OF MAKE-A-WISH

AND MOTHER OF THE FIRST WISH KID, CHRIS GREICIUS

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# A MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD CHAIR

Dear friends of Make-A-Wish Minnesota,

A wish begins with hope – and hope begins with you. Together, we granted 218 wishes to Minnesota wish kids and their families in 2022, reaching 53 counties.

That is 218 children who found light in the darkness of their circumstances last year because a wish can help a wish child feel stronger, more energetic and more willing to battle their critical illness. And, for many kids, it marks a turning point in their fight against illness. Each child’s wish is a testament to your steadfast support of the Make-A-Wish® mission, and the tireless dedication of our volunteers and staff.

As a local chapter, none of this would have been possible without you. We look forward to restoring hope and giving the gift of joy to the next generation of wish kids and their families in partnership with you.

From all of us at Make-A-Wish Minnesota, thank you!

With sincere gratitude,

Amy Roberts  
Board Chair, FY23



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GRANTED 218  
WISHES TO  
MINNESOTA  
WISH KIDS IN  
2022.



# LEADERSHIP

Fiscal year 2022



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**Charlie Vanek**

Retired and Wish Parent

## Medical Advisory Panel

Members of the Medical Advisory Panel are physicians in Minnesota who volunteer their expertise to support chapter program staff in the areas of wish safety, eligibility and medical outreach.

**Dr. Courtney Herring**

Pediatric Hospitalist & Medical-Surgical Director, Children's Minnesota

**Dr. Andrea Singh**

Pediatrician, Park Nicollet Health Services

**Dr. Jennifer Pratt**

Pediatric Hospitalist, Children's Minnesota, St. Paul and Former Wish Child

**Dr. Tamika Lasege**

Chief Population Health Medical Officer, United Health Care MN Community Health Plan



# FINANCIAL SUMMARY



## Make-A-Wish® Minnesota

Year ended August 31, 2022

|               |             |                  |             |
|---------------|-------------|------------------|-------------|
| Total Revenue | \$3,717,007 | Total Net Assets | \$4,429,078 |
|---------------|-------------|------------------|-------------|

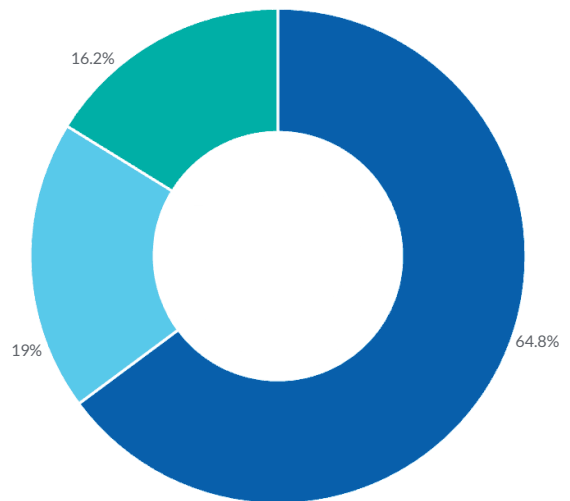
|                |             |
|----------------|-------------|
| Total Expenses | \$4,368,773 |
|----------------|-------------|

### OPERATING EXPENSES

|                 |             |
|-----------------|-------------|
| ● Wish Granting | \$2,832,467 |
|-----------------|-------------|

|               |           |
|---------------|-----------|
| ● Fundraising | \$828,592 |
|---------------|-----------|

|                          |           |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| ● Management and General | \$707,714 |
|--------------------------|-----------|



## Managing Our Funds

As a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization, all contributions are deductible to the extent permitted by law. Our financial statements are audited locally by CliftonLarsonAllen LLP. We are proud to be a Better Business Bureau (BBB) Accredited Charity Seal Holder, meet all 20 BBB Standards for Charity Accountability and the Charities Review Council Accountability Standards.

Copies of our audited financial statements are available on our website at [wish.org/minnesota](http://wish.org/minnesota) or by scanning the QR code.

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# YEAR IN REVIEW



## WISHES GRANTED

In the fiscal year of 2022, Make-A-Wish® Minnesota granted **218** wishes in **53** Minnesota counties!



## WISHES GRANTED SINCE 1982

Make-A-Wish® Minnesota has granted **6,241** wishes since 1982!



## VOLUNTEER SERVICES

In 2022, Make-A-Wish® Minnesota had **472** volunteers who provided **11,573.5** hours of service to help grant wishes!



## 2022 WISH BALL

We raised nearly **1 MILLION DOLLARS** at our 2022 Wish Ball gala thanks to our generous sponsors and supporters!



## 2022 TOTAL REVENUE

In 2022, our total revenue was **\$3.7M** which will help grant more wishes to Minnesota wish kids with critical illnesses in 2023!



# PARTNERSHIPS

Make-A-Wish® Minnesota would like to extend a special thanks to the following supporters who have gone above and beyond to support our mission and help us grant wishes to Minnesota wish kids in 2022! Without your partnership, we would not be able to deliver hope, strength and joy to our amazing kids.

*Organizations listed contributed \$5,000 or more in 2022.*

- |   |                                     |   |
|---|-------------------------------------|---|
| Advantage Solutions                             | Give Kids the World                 | SEI Private Trust Company                                 |
| Alexander's Mobility Services                   | Goodin Company                      | Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community                      |
| Allianz Life Insurance Company of North America | Gracie's Room                       | Sheraton Waikiki  |
| Ameriprise Financial                            | Great River Energy                  | Showcore, Inc.  |
| Andersen Corporation                            | Hennepin Healthcare                 | Sleep Number World HQ                                     |
| Ascent Private Capital Management               | Hilltop Camper and RV               | Soderberg's Floral & Gift                                 |
| Aston Waikiki Beach Hotel                       | Hormel Foods Corporation            | Southwest Airlines  |
| AVIS Rent A Car System, Inc.                    | Ice Castle Fish Houses              | St. Charles Borromeo School                               |
| Bristol Myers Squibb                            | Infinite Health Collaborative, P.A. | Sun Country Airlines                                      |
| C.H. Robinson                                   | Jewelers for Children               | Thatcher Pools and Spas                                   |
| Capella University                              | Liberty Diversified International   | Thrivent Financial for Lutherans' Thrivent Choice Program |
| Castlelake, L.P.                                | Marquis Spas                        | Topgolf   |
| Charitable Adult Rides & Services, Inc.         | Marsden Holding, LLC                | Tuffys Pet Foods Inc.                                     |
| Con-Tech Manufacturing                          | Menasha Corporation Foundation      | Twin Cities Orthopedics                                   |
| Crown of Minnesota                              | Minnesota Twins                     | UnitedHealth Group, Inc.                                  |
| Custom Designed Innovations                     | Minnesota Vikings                   | US Bank   |
| Dave & Buster's, Inc.                           | MISO                                | Warners' Stellian Company, Inc.                           |
| Delta Air Lines                                 | Olympic Steel                       | Wonder Entertainment                                      |
| Direct Travel                                   | Pioneer Management Consulting       |   |
| Ecolab, Inc.                                    | Pitzl & Pitzl Children's Fund       |   |
| Exiss Sooner Trailer Mfg LLC                    | Red Wing Credit Union               |   |
| Flathead Lake Lodge                             | SCHHEELS - Eden Prairie             |   |



# EMILY'S WISH

*I wish to go to San Diego to see animals*

**Emily, 3**  
heart condition  
Owatonna

Three-year-old Emily is “sweet, spicy and a little bossy,” says mom, Heather. She is full of life and loves to spend her time playing outdoors. Though you could never tell, Emily’s start to life has not been easy.

Emily was delivered early at 30 weeks, and spent the next 96 days in the neonatal intensive care unit where doctors worked to stabilize Emily's pulmonary hypertension. After Emily graduated from the NICU and was able to go home, the next two years involved countless appointments, hospital stays and trips to the Mayo Clinic Rochester. And, with the onset of the pandemic in 2020, like many families with a critically ill child, the pandemic only meant further isolation practices and safety measures.

Emily has always loved animals and the outdoors. Her wish to go to San Diego to see animals was the perfect choice since she could learn about animals she'd only read of in books and also spend time with her family. Emily encountered amazing and exotic creatures from all around the world at the San Diego Zoo and at Nurtured by Nature animal sanctuary. She even got to see the ocean and spend time at the beach.

Emily’s wish to go to San Diego was the first time that her family has been able to take a vacation together since she was born. Heather explained, “It couldn't give us the time back when we missed out on things, but it allowed us to make once-in-a-lifetime memories to make up for those we missed these last few years.”



## MINNESOTA WISHES GRANTED BY AGE

**21**  
2.5 - 5 years old

**44**  
6 - 9 years old

**48**  
10 - 12 years old

**34**  
13 - 15 years old

**71**  
16+ years old



# MINNESOTA WISHES

**I wish to have accessible outdoor equipment...**  
Hayden, 7

**I wish to have an accessible pontoon boat...**  
Maxximos, 21

**I wish to have an adaptive stroller...**  
Peyton, 10  
Jack, 11

**I wish to have an adaptive bike with winter accessories...**  
Serenity, 8

**I wish to go to Alaska...**  
Landyn, 14  
Joseph, 20

**I wish to have Apple products...**  
Gavin, 14  
Savion, 14

**I wish to have an at home party...**  
Ethan

**I wish to have an ATV...**  
Christian, 17  
Jakob, 17

**I wish to have a backyard ninja course...**  
Luke, 11

**I wish to have a basement playroom remodel...**  
Lydia, 5

**I wish to have a basement TV room makeover...**  
Owen, 10

**I wish to go on a battery powered ride on a vehicle...**  
Elijah, 6

**I wish to be a princess...**  
Emery, 4

**I wish to be a YouTuber...**  
Ashley, 18

**I wish to go on a beach vacation...**  
Eliana, 5

**I wish to have a bedroom in my basement...**  
Jack, 19

**I wish to have a bedroom makeover...**  
Ailee, 9  
Annika, 18  
Aria, 8

**I wish to have a bike trailer and portable lift...**  
Joseph, 18

**I wish to have a 'boy' cave...**  
Bebo, 13

**I wish to have a computer to build...**  
Thomas, 17

**I wish to have a camper...**

Alexander, 16  
Van, 10  
Kendall, 8  
Marisol, 8  
Joshua, 18  
Reagan, 12  
Kaleb, 7  
Everlee, 5  
Seth, 11  
Sawyer, 4  
Ryder, 6  
Grady, 8  
Kallyn, 10

**I wish to have designer bracelets...**  
Charlize, 18

**I wish to have a college scholarship...**  
Margo, 19

**I wish to have college tuition funds...**  
Emma, 19

**I wish to have a deck and ramp off my bedroom...**  
Milo, 7

**I wish to dig for dinosaur bones...**  
Ethan, 8

**I wish to go to Disney World...**

Tyler, 10  
RaZyia, 9  
Talia, 12  
Nareen, 6  
Kyle, 11  
Samantha, 15  
Connor, 12  
Taylor, 8  
Lucas, 10  
Jayla, 17  
Mabel, 5  
Dolores, 10  
Anton, 14  
David, 10  
Quentin, 10  
Jalen, 9  
Tswjcia, 10  
Nova, 10  
Lucas, 9  
Caleb, 18  
Emmett, 11  
Marin, 7  
Molly, 5  
Gianna, 11  
Ida, 4  
Benjamin, 17  
Terrayah, 9  
Lucinda, 5  
Alexander, 10  
Zoey, 8

**I wish to go dogsledding...**  
Jovanna, 18

**I wish to have an e-bike...**

Timothy, 16  
Greta, 15  
Steven, 19

**I wish to have an electronics game room...**  
Caffrey, 11

**I wish to have an electric guitar, amp and lessons...**  
Caiden, 18

**I wish to have an entertainment room...**  
Dean, 13

**I wish to have a fish house...**  
Ethan, 16  
Sy, 8

**I wish to have a fishing boat...**  
Albert, 18

**I wish to go fishing at the Gulf Shore...**  
Zachary, 13

**I wish to go to Florida...**

Joseph, 15  
Brayden, 14  
Dylan, 15  
Neva, 5  
Karter, 18  
Abigail, 7

**I wish to have a gaming computer...**

Kerderns James, 15  
Jeremiah, 10  
Brock, 18  
Braylon, 13  
Roberto, 15

**I wish to go to Flathead Lodge in Montana...**  
Linus, 10

**I wish to go to the NBA Finals...**  
Humberto, 18

**I wish for a golfcart...**

Easton, 9  
Emma, 19  
Ella, 10

**I wish to go to Hawaii...**

Brody, 16  
Heidi, 19  
Darla, 16  
Madison, 21  
Riley, 17  
Eva, 17  
Kartikeya, 19  
Courtney, 15  
Connor, 14  
Jaxsyn, 19  
Jay, 15  
Lauren, 7  
Nathaniel, 13  
Sophia, 17



# MINNESOTA WISHES



**I wish to have a high school tuition scholarship...**

John, 19

**I wish to have a horse...**

Remi, 5

**I wish to give the patients at Children's Hospital a party...**

Isadora, 19

**I wish to have a hot tub...**

Benjamin, 7  
Evan, 12

**I wish to have an icehouse...**

Paul, 10

**I wish to have a jet ski...**

Nicolas, 18

**I wish to have a laptop...**

Jesano, 10

**I wish to have a livestock trailer...**

Riley, 9

**I wish to have a MacBook...**

Logan, 9  
Israel, 17

**I wish to go to Malibu, California...**

Ivy, 12

**I wish to meet Demi Lovato...**

Kialyn, 19

**I wish to have a mountain bike...**

Anders, 15

**I wish to go to Daytona and have a NASCAR driving experience...**

Brandon, 18

**I wish to have a shopping spree at the Mall of America...**

Clayton, 10  
Ramonte, 15  
Maxwell, 11  
Casey, 17  
Evalyn, 16  
Fernando, 16  
Nyankiir, 15  
Rayonna, 17  
Sofia, 15  
Krishon, 13  
Aubree, 11  
Autumn, 17  
Piper, 13  
Aiden, 6  
Jayne, 17  
Bryan, 12  
Haylie, 13

**I wish to go stay at a cabin...**

Joseph, 14

**I wish to go to Duluth...**

London, 9

**I wish to go to New York City...**

Caitlin, 19  
Lily, 20

**I wish to have a Nintendo Switch...**

Ariel, 8

**I wish to go see a play on Broadway in NYC...**

Madilynn, 16

**I wish to have an online shopping spree...**

Karlyn, 21  
Bella, 14  
Nathan, 20  
Kennedy, 17  
Heidi, 12  
Jaxson, 8  
Remey, 17  
Isaiah, 7  
Karla, 15  
Mai, 12  
Ramiya, 4  
Issac, 19  
Tytan, 16  
Ellanor, 3  
Klever, 16  
Aeden-Gabriel, 11  
Joshua, 15  
Wyatt, 12

**I wish to give my school a playground/park...**

Grant, 6

**I wish to have a personal trainer and nutritionist...**

Nyaija, 17

**I wish to have photoshoot prints...**

Hannah, 5

**I wish to have a pink golf cart...**

Harper, 8

**I wish to have a playset...**

Daniel, 8  
James, 10  
Corah, 5  
Brooks, 4  
Naomi, 4  
Ava, 11  
Gracie, 6  
Phoebe, 8  
Saylor, 4

**I wish to have a PlayStation 5...**

Colton, 13

**I wish to have a PlayStation 5 gaming package...**

Carter, 14

**I wish to go to Universal Studios...**

Kashon, 11

**I wish to visit a forensics lab in Minneapolis...**

Margaret, 18

**I wish to have a puppy...**

Emeric, 3  
Carina, 13  
Brielle, 4  
Tamara, 16  
LillyAnn, 12

**I wish to have PXG golf clubs...**

Riley, 20

**I wish to go to a ranch and go horseback riding...**

Calli, 14

**I wish to go on a RV trip to Arizona...**

Dayna, 9

**I wish to go on an RV trip to Washington to look for Bigfoot...**

Joseph, 17

**I wish to go to Seattle to the set of Grey's Anatomy and the original Starbucks...**

Essence, 12

**I wish to have a sensory room...**

Harrison, 5

**I wish to have a 'she' shed...**

Hailey, 9  
Leila, 8

**I wish to go on a shopping spree...**

Emilio, 13  
Rebecca, 14  
Gia, 10

**I wish to go skiing in Big Sky, Montana...**

Courtney, 18

**I wish for a spa day/weekend...**

Ava, 16

**I wish to have a Star Wars basement makeover...**

Graeme, 9

**I wish to have a stroller...**

Norah, 6

**I wish to go swimming with dolphins...**

Ella, 8  
Roman, 8

**I wish to have a swimming pool...**

Wyatt, 8

**I wish to go on a train trip...**

Haiden, 18

**I wish to have an XBOX...**

Corinthian, 12  
Graham, 8  
David, 17

**I wish for a 'he' shed...**

Monroe, 4



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