



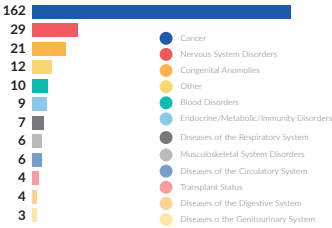
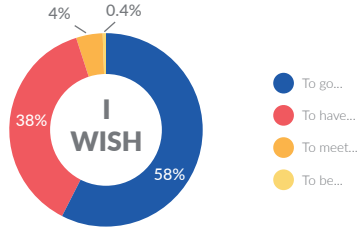
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## wishes granted in 2022...

Together, we *sparked hope* and *created joy* for 273 children in central & south Texas battling a critical illness.

### WISHES TAKE CREATIVITY

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

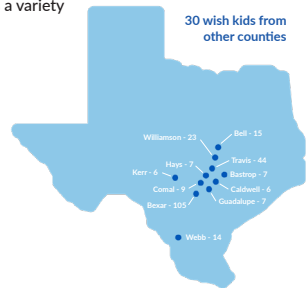
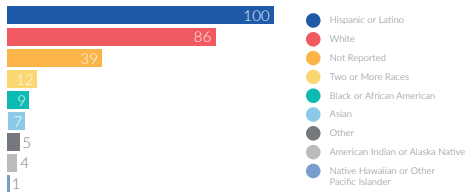


### WISHES BY MEDICAL CONDITION

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

### GRANTING WISHES FAR & WIDE

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



*"Ted had the most wonderful time on his trip. Disney was incredibly accessible for Ted. He was able to ride so many rides, and they even let us hold him on several....his reaction was priceless....big eyes and pure excitement. I have sooooo many pictures I have yet to go through.... what an experience!!"*

**-Erika, Ted's Mother**



## OVER THE EDGE

This year we celebrated our 13th & Final Over the Edge event. With the help of incredible fundraisers and sponsors, **we raised over \$200,000**. 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. And we are forever thankful to every rappeller, donor, supporter, and sponsor who has supported Over the Edge these past 13 years.

## WISHES IN BLOOM

Over 200 philanthropists and community leaders came together to foster hope & make joy bloom. Our black-tie event featured a VIP cocktail reception, silent and live auction and a program filled with our amazing wish kids. Emceed by Trevor Scott, anchor on CBS Austin's We Are Austin, and wish alum Sam Benesch, who effortlessly kept the festivities flowing and the audience engaged in the action-packed evening. **The event raised over \$800,000 to help us grant over 100 wishes**. One of the many highlights of the evening was the beautiful singing performance by wish kid Rome. She hopes that through her wish to have a mobile recording studio, she can share her passion and story with others.



## WISHES UNDER THE STARS



We headed down south for our first ever San Antonio gala in August. Generous supporters gathered to spark hope and make joy shine at the beautiful Witte Museum. Emceed by Camilla Rambaldi, News4 San Antonio Anchor, and Sam Benesch, wish alum, the evening featured a wonderful celebration of local wish stories. We ended the night by putting on our dancing shoes to celebrate the 120 wishes granted & \$900,000 raised that evening!

### 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>

Because of your generosity, innovation, and commitment to hope, life-changing wishes never stopped. This year, thanks to you 273 critically-ill children in central & south Texas had their wishes granted. In addition, we had the opportunity to fulfill 30 wish assists. Wish assists are wishes from other chapters who are requesting the assistance of our team to grant a child's one-true wish in our territory.

We safely resumed domestic travel wishes by plane and large gatherings (theme parks, concerts, etc.) and continue to grant local wishes, from room redos to shopping sprees to backyard makeovers – wishes which require far more hands-on staff & volunteer orchestration than travel wishes.

We have undergone a remarkable evolution in the past three years. Bringing our community together to exchange ideas and explore new ways of doing things is more important than ever. The insight, knowledge, learning and innovation opportunities that emerged during the last few years has helped and continues to help shape how we grant quality and impactful wish experiences.

As we look to 2023, we look forward to enhancing the wish journey to further maximize the impact of a wish for our wish children and their families. We have over 500 children still waiting for their wishes to be granted and that is our priority for 2023.