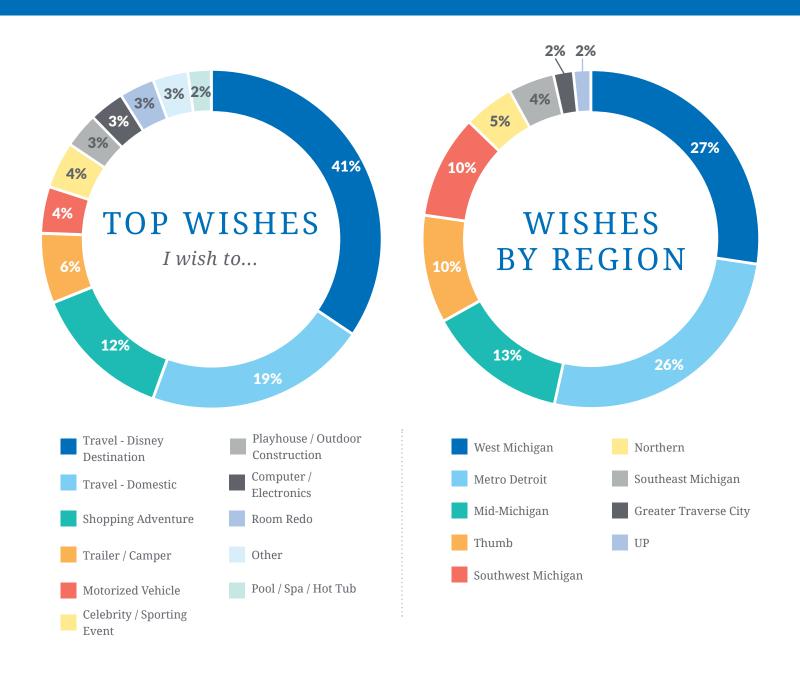


## 2023 Annual Report Summary

#### 475 TRANSFORMATIONAL WISHES

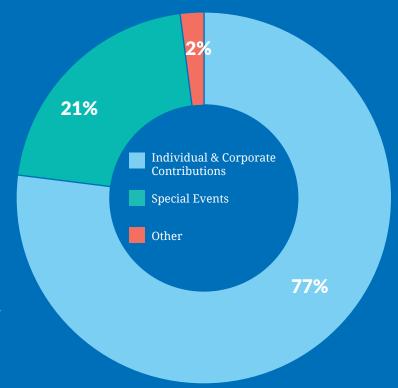
were granted to Michigan kids in FY23





# OUR FUNDING SOURCES

Make-A-Wish Michigan does not receive state or federal funding to grant wishes. We are funded through community support—caring individuals, family foundations, corporate friends, school-aged kids and other supporters—all making wishes possible.



### Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Year ended August 31, 2023

Copies of our audited financial statements for the year ended August 31, 2023 are available on our website at michigan.wish.org/our-chapter.

TOTAL REVENUES, GAINS, AND OTHER SUPPORT	<b>\$11,518,897</b>
EXPENSES	
<b>Total Program Services</b>	\$7,497,158
SUPPORT SERVICES	
Fundraising	\$1,821,808
Management and general	\$1,605,339
Total support services	\$3,427,147
TOTAL PROGRAM AND SUPPORT SERVICE EXPENSES	\$10,924,305
Total Other Losses	(\$3,783)
TOTAL CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$590,809
Net assets, beginning of the year	\$10,379,402
NET ASSETS, END OF THE YEAR	\$10,970,211

### WISH KID SPOTLIGHT

After a series of life-altering migraines and moments of memory loss, Jude was unexpectedly diagnosed with a brain tumor when he was 15 years old. Right after receiving the diagnosis, Jude mentally and emotionally braced himself for the worst-case scenario. His father, Jason, who had himself experienced a life-threatening illness when he was a child, immediately told Jude that together, they would fight this.

While Jude was in the hospital for months during treatment, he realized many other children in the hospital didn't have the support system he did. He also realized that for himself, any distraction from the seclusion and fear of a devastating health diagnosis was a gift.

When his medical team referred Jude for a wish from Make-A-Wish Michigan, Jude wanted to give his wish to the children at the pediatric hospital where he was treated. He wished for a Christmas in July toy giveaway, to give the kids something to take their minds off what they were going through. Jude didn't want attention, especially as he was very private about his own diagnosis, and hadn't even

> As he became increasingly aware of the profound ripple effect his wish had on children, families, medical teams, and communities throughout the state, Jude found himself compelled to share his own medical journey. Through firsthand experience and witnessing the joy reflected in the smiles and laughter of the children receiving gifts, he discovered the transformative power within a single wish. "It (the wish journey) is an important part of a child's medical treatment — a springboard for families going forward," wish dad Jason said.

> > Watching Jude interact with other pediatric patients during the Christmas in July celebrations and witnessing the healing power of this experience, in person, was a gift to everyone who experienced it.

