

# Annual Report

FISCAL YEAR 2023 (Sept. 1, 2022 - Aug. 31, 2023)

I wish to go to the Walt Disney World® Resort

> Callisto, 4 nervous system disorder

# Leadership

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> Together, we create life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses.

# Hope begins with you.

### I wish to go to Hawaii

I'm a Wish Kid

and this is my

Make A Wish.

Noelle, 5 cancer

It gives us great pleasure to report that Fiscal Year 2023 was another successful year for Make-A-Wish<sup>®</sup> Wisconsin! Thanks to the support of thousands of donors and volunteers like you, our chapter granted life-changing wishes for 382 children who are battling critical illnesses.

Every day, wishes like Noelle's come true wishes that allow kids to see beyond their illnesses, to glimpse what the future could bring. And that kind of hope can give them a better chance of recovering.

Noelle's mom, Jaclyn, shared that "this wish allowed all of us to take a breath. We shared and created so many happy memories on this trip. We were able to take a step away from the hospital life and the nonstop worrying in every moment."

We know that this work is never done. Every 20 minutes, yet another child is diagnosed with a critical illness. Suddenly, their future is filled with painful treatments, long hospital stays and isolation from their friends and family.

But no matter what, this much is certain: Supporters like you will be there, stepping up to give more children the strength to fight their illnesses and the joy of simply being a kid again. For that, there are no words to thank you enough.



Craig Faust **Board** Chair



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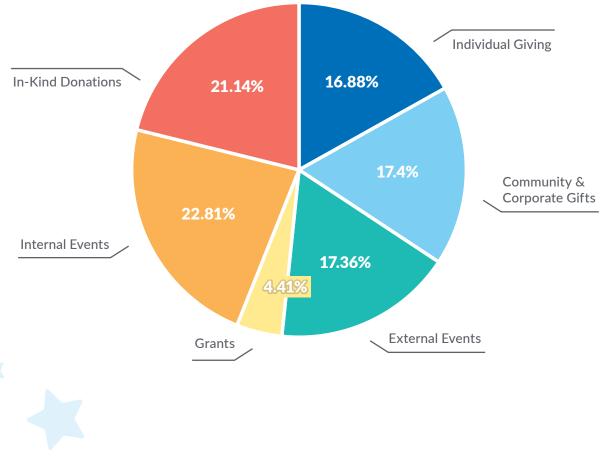
# Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Wisconsin Statement of Activities

### YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023

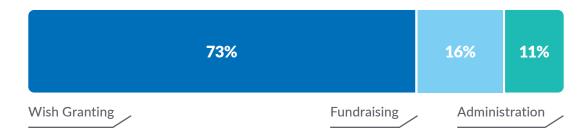
(With summary totals for year ended August 31, 2022)

		Without Donor Restrictions		With Donor Restrictions		2023 Total		2022 Total	
<b>REVENUES, GAINS, AND OTHER SUPPORT</b>									
Public Support:									
Contributions, Cash	\$	5,413,183	\$	-	\$	5,413,183	\$	4,940,465	
Contributions, Donated Goods and Services		1,829,700		392,162		2,221,862		1,591,007	
Grants		463,183		-		463,183		753,027	
Total Public Support		7,706,066		392,162		8,098,228		7,284,499	
Internal Special Events, Cash		2,771,253		_		2,771,253		3,076,516	
Internal Special Events, Donated Goods and Services		200,548		-		200,548		255,900	
Less Costs of Direct Benefits to Donors	_	(557,524)		_	_	(557,527)		(544,592)	
Total Internal Special Events		2,414,277		-		2,414,277		2,787,824	
Investment Gain, Net		1,174,923		11,690		1,186,613		(2,199,457)	
Forgiveness of Paycheck Protection Program Loan				-		-		269,797	
Other Income		5,841		-		5,841		1,650	
Net Assets Released from Restrictions		676,662		(676,662)		-		_	
Total Revenue, Gains, and Other Support		11,977,769		(272,810)		11,704,959		8,144,313	
EXPENSES									
Program Services:									
Wish Granting		7,509,025		-		7,509,025		6,241,668	
Support Services:									
Fundraising		1,675,544		-		1,675,544		1,512,360	
Management and General		1,174,189		-		1,147,189		1,014,196	
Total Support Services		2,882,733				2,882,733		2,526,556	
Total Expenses		10,331,758		_		10,331,758		8,768,224	
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS		1,646,011		(272,810)		1,373,201			
Net Assets - Beginning of Year		16,863,391		2,158,659		19,022,050		19,645,961	
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$	18,509,402	\$	1,885,849	<u>\$</u>	20,395,251	\$	19,022,050	





### WHERE DOES IT GO?



# Wishing for Fishing

Evan is your typical, always-on-the-go, video-game-playing, Sour Patch Kideating, outdoors-loving, 11-year-old kid. Except, unlike most kids, Evan battles a medulloblastoma, a malignant brain tumor that arises in the cerebellum, a part of the brain located at the base of the skull.

During his time at UW Health American Family Children's Hospital, Evan was referred to Make-A-Wish Wisconsin, and it didn't take him long to decide on his wish: a boat to go fishing. Evan's mom, Chelsie, had this to share about his wish:

"Evan has been doing relatively well during his chemotherapy treatments but the last cycle really knocked him down for awhile. It took about two weeks after the wish reveal before he could actually use the boat and one of the reasons was treatment and recovery.

The day we finally got him out on the water he had spent all day on the couch. When my husband got home from work that day he asked Evan if we should go out on the boat. Evan got a huge smile on his face immediately and finally perked up. We were only on the water for an hour but his energy level and state of mind improved immensely! He kept saying how much he loved the boat and how amazing it was.

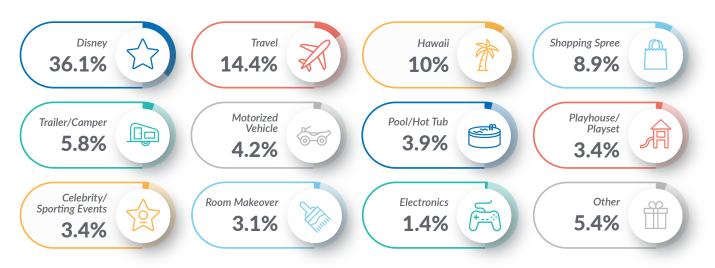
I asked Evan if getting this boat made it worth having cancer. He immediately said, "No, but it sure makes it easier and it's nice to have something to look forward to after treatments."

### I wish to have a fishing boat

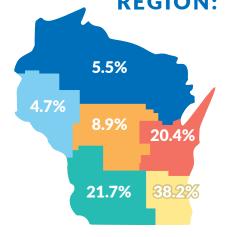
**Evan 11** brain tumor

# **38** *Lives Transformed*

## WISH TYPES THIS YEAR:



WISHES BY REGION:



Southeastern 38.2%
Southwestern 21.7%
Northeastern 20.4%
Central 8.9%
Northern 5.5%
Western 4.7%
Out of Territory 0.6%

### **WISHES BY DIAGNOSIS:**

"It's an unsaid power that wish experiences give kids. These kids are living longer, they're living better, they're having more fun in their lives. And it all started with one experience ... their wish." – Anup Patel, MD, Nationwide Children's Hospital

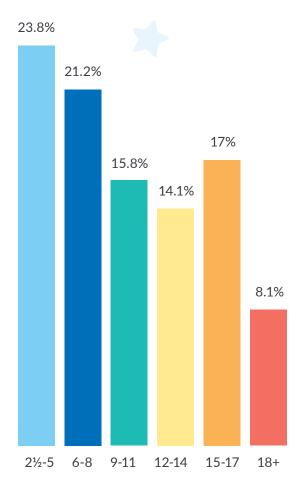
### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

A child with a critical illness who has reached the age of 2½ and is younger than 18 at the time of referral and has not received a wish from any other wish granting organization is potentially eligible for a wish from Make-A-Wish Wisconsin.

After a child is referred, Make-A-Wish will work with the treating physician to determine the child's eligibility for a wish, i.e. suffering from a progressive, degenerative or malignant condition currently placing the child's life in jeopardy.

These are the only criteria used to determine a child's eligibility.

WISHES BY AGE:







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