

*I wish to have
a stair lift*

Jai'anie, 4
respiratory disorder



FY24 Annual Report

SEPTEMBER 2023 - AUGUST 2024

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SOUTHERN NEVADA



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*we create life-changing wishes for
children with critical illnesses.*

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A Message from Scott Rosenzweig

Welcome to our Make-A-Wish Southern Nevada annual report for fiscal year 2024. A reminder that our fiscal year is from September 1 to August 31 each year. We work tirelessly to be the prescription for hope for wish kids and their families going through the unimaginable. While we would welcome the day that we must go out of business due to children no longer suffering from life-threatening illnesses, that day has yet to come.

This fiscal year, thanks to the support of our community, we've broken all records previously set for Make-A-Wish Southern Nevada. On a budget of granting 185 wishes, our team granted an amazing 187 wishes! This is officially the most wishes we've granted in one year since our chapter began and means on average, we were granting a wish every other day last fiscal year.

In addition to our financial successes outlined in this report, you'll also find the faces of some of the kids behind these numbers, which, in my opinion, is the most essential part of what we do. Without these brave families' willingness to allow us to create these experiences for kiddos with life-threatening illnesses, we wouldn't need your support. Thank you.

Kids like Samantha who wished to be a princess. Now, we see a lot of Wish Kiddos wishing to be princesses but it's normally the Disney variety. For Samatha, she wanted to be her own princess. This speaks to how we work with our Wish Kiddos, helping them regain their voice. So many of our kiddos lose their voice as their parents, doctors, teachers and sometimes even siblings tell them what to do, feel or think. Our volunteers and staff work hard to ensure we get to know the child first and then, work with them to find their voice and ultimately make their choice about what their wish will be. For a wish is a child's alone and when we work with them, invest in their vision, we can create life-changing wishes, like Samantha's. It also helps when we're making a princess to have a palace behind us, helping us grant the wish, Caesars Palace, to be exact.

I've said it before, and I'll never stop saying it: we are able to make these wishes come true because of you. I am so grateful for all the ways that this community shows up for our wish kids. To you – our donors, volunteers, staff, and medical referral partners – thank you. Thank you for working with us to find innovative and engaging ways to support our wish kids and families.

As we look to our Fiscal Year 2025, we're thrilled to take on a new frontier of sorts, by becoming Make-A-Wish Nevada once more. Some trivia for you, Make-A-Wish Nevada was the second chapter (after Arizona) in 1982 but in 1996 we became Make-A-Wish Southern Nevada and the northern part of the state was serviced by another Make-A-Wish chapter. After years of being apart we're looking forward to serving the entire state again with your help.

Hope begins with us. Thank you for all we've done together and for understanding we're not through with our work. Almost daily, a new child comes to us in need of hope; let's make sure they all get their heartfelt wish and the hope it brings as soon as they need it.

Wishfully yours,



Scott Rosenzweig
President & CEO



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In April 2024, Make-A-Wish celebrated the inaugural World Wish Month, a global tribute to the mission of granting life-changing wishes to children with critical illnesses. This special month recognized the extraordinary network of donors, volunteers, medical professionals, and community supporters who bring hope, strength, and joy to wish kids and their families.

Here in Southern Nevada, we marked World Wish Month with a series of inspiring events and heartfelt tributes. Iconic landmarks, including the Stratosphere and the High Roller, lit up in vibrant blue to shine a spotlight on the power of a wish. The celebration culminated in our signature event, Walk For Wishes, a love letter to the community that fuels our mission. Over 1,500 passionate supporters gathered to walk, cheer, and rally, raising more than \$500,000 to grant future wishes.

A key highlight of World Wish Month was the Wish Makers Wanted movement, a heartfelt testimonial campaign featuring wish makers sharing their stories and inspiring the community to join them in making wishes come true. It was a powerful reminder that anyone can be a wish maker—because every act of kindness contributes to changing lives.

Thank you for making the first-ever World Wish Month unforgettable. Your support ensures that children in Nevada facing critical illnesses experience the transformative power of a wish come true. We look forward to celebrating many more World Wish Months in the years to come, spreading hope, joy, and community magic with every celebration. Together, we'll continue to be the prescription of hope—one wish at a time!

Meet our wish makers!



TOMMY

Volunteer

ADRIENNE

Wish Manager

Colin

I wish to go to hockey camp

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I wish to have a half-pipe in my backyard

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Wish Coordinator

wishmakers

wanted

The Year at Make-A-Wish Southern Nevada

FASHION LUNCHEON

The 22nd annual Fashion Luncheon made its debut at **Fontainebleau Las Vegas** inside of **Mother Wolf**. The event took place in late January this year to not compete with the inaugural Formula 1 Las Vegas Grand Prix event. Once again it hosted over 180 community members in attendance. Together, attendees raised more than one-million dollars in a single afternoon to support the Make-A-Wish mission to create life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses. Looks from this year's featured designer, Balmain™, were modeled during a fashion show, and wish kid Elena and her mom shared her story of how getting her wish granted provided her with the hope she needed to move through an otherwise very dark time in her life.



Fashion Luncheon
\$1M+
Jan 2024
(FY2024)



Starry Night
\$400K+
Sept 2023
(FY2024)

STARRY NIGHT

In September of 2023, Make-A-Wish Southern Nevada introduced Starry Night, an exclusive casino-themed event that combines the thrill of casino games with the purpose of raising funds. It took place at Red Rock Resort and Casino and was attended by 150 guests. The event raised more than \$400,000 in its first year.

This inaugural event not only exceeded expectations and goals, but also set the stage for a new signature event for the chapter.

WALK FOR WISHES

As Make-A-Wish Southern Nevada's largest in-person fundraising effort, we were thrilled to bring the 23rd annual Walk for Wishes, presented by Allegiant, back to Town Square Las Vegas. This year's event took place on April 27, 2024. The event attracted community members and sponsors from across the valley who wanted to support the more than 2,800 life-changing wishes already granted in Southern Nevada while raising over \$500K to grant future wishes. The event emcees, News 3's Kim & Dana Wagner and Mix 94.1's Mercedes & JC, along with last year's wish kid Diego, granted a wish in front of over 1,500 community supporters. It was a beautiful, sunny day and a wonderful event.



Walk For Wishes
\$500K+
April 2024
(FY2024)



WISH UPON A NEON STAR

Last fall we celebrated a *shining* new addition to the Wishing Place — the iconic **neon star** from the historic Riviera Hotel, now proudly displayed at the front of our building. Thanks to our friends at the **Neon Museum**, this first-of-its-kind loan symbolizes the light of hope that a wish brings to children and families during their darkest times.

The same evening, we were honored to present **Criss Angel** with the *Beacon of Hope Award* for his incredible support of Make-A-Wish Southern Nevada.

Together, we continue to shine a light of hope, joy, and strength for wish kids across our community



SUPER BOWL LVIII

This year, Make-A-Wish Southern Nevada was honored to host **20 wish kids**—a record-breaking number—for their wish to attend **Super Bowl LVIII** in Las Vegas! Kids from all over the country came together for an unforgettable series of events leading up to the *Big Game*, creating memories to last a lifetime.

Their incredible journey began with a night of fun and games at **Topgolf**, where excitement was in full swing. The following day, the kids got to meet their favorite NFL players at **Lids**, where they shared stories, signed autographs, and connected over their love of football. They also had a blast trading cards and building their collections at **the Hobby Shop**.

The magic continued as the wish kids attended the prestigious **NFL Honors** event, rubbing elbows with the stars of the game before the grand finale—**Super Bowl LVIII**. Thanks to our amazing partners like **Topgolf** and **Fanatics**, these special kids experienced all the excitement, energy, and wonder of the NFL's Big Game.

Together, we made this record-breaking Super Bowl experience one of hope, joy, and wishes come true!









MEET JAI'ANIE



*I wish to have
a stair lift*

Jai'anie, 4
respiratory
disorder

Jai'anie, the sweetest and funniest 4-year-old ever! Despite facing the challenges of a respiratory disorder since birth, Jai'anie's spirit remains unbreakable. Her special wish was to have a stair lift installed in her home, as her family struggled to carry her up and down the stairs as she grew. In July 2024, this wish came true, transforming her home into a celebration filled with colorful balloons and a heartfelt ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The new stair lift has brought immense relief and joy to Jai'anie and her family. "She loves riding, so the stair lift is definitely going to be something she is going to want to be on all day", her mom said with a laugh. The practical addition has made a significant impact on their daily lives reducing the physical strain on

her family and providing Jai'anie with newfound independence.

Thanks to the generosity of Make-A-Wish Southern Nevada and its supporters, Jai'anie and her family now have one less challenge to face, showcasing the profound difference a wish can make in the lives of children.

Watch Jai'anie's Wish



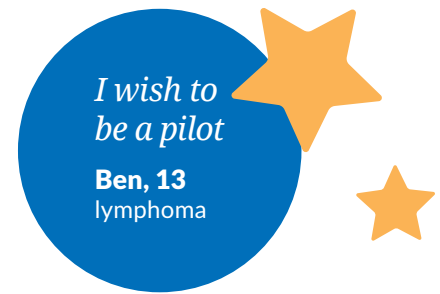
"It's hard to describe...super happy, excited, it's very helpful, I cannot wait to see this new journey we are going to be on."

— Jai'anie's mom





MEET BEN



Thirteen-year-old Benjamin, a high school freshman on the engineering track, has always had a passion for aeronautics. From planes to rockets, his love for flying inspired his wish to be a pilot. However, after being diagnosed with lymphoma, his focus shifted to undergoing chemotherapy treatments every three weeks, leaving little time for his hobbies.

When Benjamin's wish to be a pilot was granted, Make-A-Wish Southern Nevada and Allegiant Airlines made it a day he'd never forget. Alongside his dad and sister, Benjamin received pilot training in Allegiant's flight simulator, learning about flight preparation and communication, all while suited up in a personalized flight suit with pilot wings.

The day culminated with a visit to Nellis Air Force Base, where Benjamin explored an impressive aircraft with his family by his side.

For Benjamin and his family, this experience provided a break from the challenges of treatment, filling the day with excitement and unforgettable memories.

Watch Ben's Wish



Another
record-breaking
year of wish granting!



Fiscal Year
2024 Results



Top 5 Wish Types		
Disney Destination	75	40%
Travel-Domestic	23	12%
Shopping Spree	23	12%
Travel-Hawaii	19	10%
Computer	7	4%
Top 5 Wish Child Diagnoses		
Cancer-Other	40	21%
Leukemia	31	17%
Cystic Fibrosis	18	10%
Blood Disorder	16	9%
Congenital Heart Disease	12	6%
Wish Statistics*		
Average Wish Cost	\$12,850	
Average Cash Cost	\$7,668	
Average In-Kind Cost	\$5,181	
Staff Members	17	
Active Volunteers	191	

*Unaudited

Fiscal Year 2024 Results



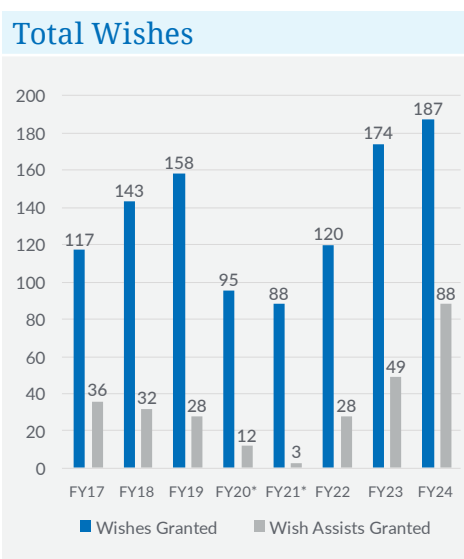
Fiscal Year 2024 saw record-breaking revenue to match record-breaking wish-granting levels. However, our referrals came down out of the rafters of 2023 (which surged coming out of COVID lockdown years), to finish at our more historic norms of 156. Our average cash wish cost increased 9% year over year, but donated or discounted goods & services (in-kind) average increased more by 11% -- which stretches our dollars further. We were honored to be the recipient of two bequest gifts, which contributed to the 58% increase in major/planned gifts line-item this year over last. Showing the importance of a rainy day fund, our investment account grew this year—and allows us to be agile to future financial constraints. We are so grateful to our donors ensuring the legacy of wish granting with unrestricted funds.

Financials & Year-Over-Year Comparison	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24
Average Cash Wish Cost	\$4,051	\$5,873	\$7,039	\$7,668
Average In-Kind Wish Cost	\$2,256	\$3,187	\$4,667	\$5,181
Total Average Wish Cost	\$6,307	\$9,060	\$11,706	\$12,850
In-Kind Ratio	36%	35%	40%	40%
Wishes Granted	88	120	174	187
Wish Assists Granted**	3	28	49	88
Eligible Referrals	86	164	193	158
Total Revenue	\$3,824,429	\$3,904,607	\$5,217,991	\$6,210,259
Total Expenses	\$2,845,280	\$3,576,236	\$4,886,447	\$5,265,638
Total Program Expense	\$1,837,165	\$2,485,288	\$3,758,466	\$3,852,626
Fundraising Expenses	\$495,966	\$576,809	\$530,309	\$621,184
Management & General Expenses	\$512,148	\$514,139	\$597,671	\$791,828
Program Ratio	65%	69%	77%	73%

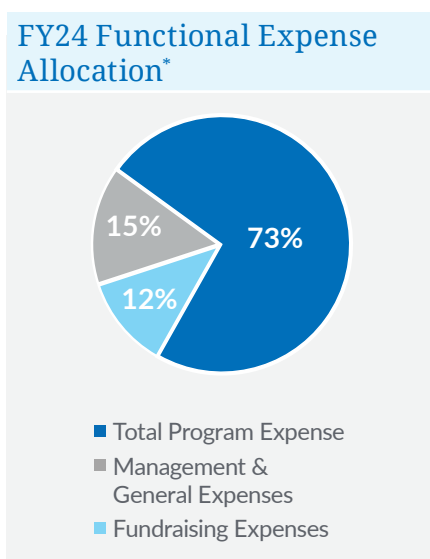
**Wish Assists are wish children from other Make-A-Wish chapters around the world whose wishes occur in Las Vegas. We help with local reservations and wish planning.

Funding sources	FY24*
Direct Public Support	\$336,535
Major/Planned Gifts	\$1,517,811
Corporate Gifts	\$775,078
In-Kind Gifts	\$1,116,889
Grants	\$365,980
External Events	\$96,696
Internal Events	\$1,087,493
Investment Income	\$782,322
Wish Assist Fees	\$25,650
Other	\$105,796
Total Revenue	\$6,210,259

*Pre-audit



*COVID19 years restricted travel



Thank you to our Cash Donors



Wish Icon (\$500,000+)

Johnny Crisstopher Children's
Charitable Foundation (Criss Angel)



Wish Founder (\$200,000+)

Anonymous
Linda & Bill Richardson



Wish Visionary (\$100,000+)

Jill Ann Fertitta & Family



Wish Innovator (\$50,000+)

Allegiant Airlines	Joseph Lamberger in memory of Ted Schilling
Anonymous	Robert Bigelow
Southern Nevada Toyota Dealers	The Robl Family
Dimoploulos Law Firm	UFC



Wish Leader (\$25,000+)

Anonymous	Lynne Ruffin-Smith Charitable Foundation
Binion Family Foundation	Vanessa & David Moore
Blue Bunny Corporate	Victoria Otter
Caesars Foundation	Yvette & Ellis Landau



Wish Champion (\$15,000+)

Billy Ching	Greenberg Traurig, LLP	Pamela Bryson
Bobby Bigelow	Jon Wolfe	Stacy Falcone
Car Donation Foundation	Judith Roen-Smith	Subaru Of Las Vegas
Colleen Soffer	Lovee & Robert Arum	Vegas Golden Knights Foundation
Gina Schonfeld	Natalie Connelly	World Financial Group



Wish Hero (\$10,000+)

Amanda Signorelli	Eric Mensinger	Las Vegas Chapter of Speedway Children's Charities
Angel McNeal	Everything's Possible Foundation, Inc	Michelle Epstein
Annemarie Jones	Findlay Automotive Group	Palm Mortuaries
Betty Evans	Gautam Desai	Pat & David Revzin
Bobby Panaro	Intermountain Healthcare	Raising Cane's
Cabo Wabo Cantina	IS Luxury	Roberto's Taco Shop
Dan & Josh Smithman	Jam's World	Robyn & Brad Englert
David Houston	Jewelers for Children	Sherrie Hale
David Wolf	Kash Kiefer	World Pizza Champions
Donna Isaacs	Kristen & Ron Winchell	



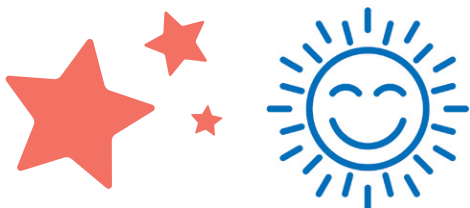
Wish Captain (\$7,500+)

Anne & Mark Wayman	Brett White	Jean McCusker
Balmain	Jason Mattson	Monica Garin



Wish Star (\$5,000+)

Angela & Larry Chiu	Ghost Lifestyle	Melissa Victorino
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CCSD Western High School	Jess Lankford	Michaela Tozzi	Vegas Auto Gallery
Cindy & Albert Aizenstat	Jillian Batchelor	Monica Janda	Walmart Neighborhood Market #3355
Dulcinea Rongavilla	Johnathan Bolinguit	Natalie Hale	Waseem Alhushki
Elizabeth Kaplan	Karen Lund	Natasha Fridman	Woodworks Door And Frame
Empire Cat	Karma and Luck	Natasha Spinella	Wynn Resorts
Engage Your Best	Kasi Pelligra	Nikki Bostrom	
Enterprise Bank & Trust	Keith Hansen	Passport Technology	
	Kelley Nemiro	ProCare Hospice of Nevada	

Thank you to Our In-kind Donors

WISH ICON **(\$500,000+)**

Give Kids The World

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Encore Productions
Lamar Advertising Las Vegas
Mark Mai
Mother Wolf
Red Rock Casino Resort And Spa

WISH HERO **\$10,000+**

Audio Visual Advisors, Inc
Avis - Cendant Car Rental Group
Enterprise Holdings
Formula 1
Grand Sierra Resort And Casino
Katie O'Niell
Larry Stevens
Nevada Business Magazine
The Walt Disney Company
Universal Studios Hollywood

WISH CAPTAIN **\$7,500+**

Clique Hospitality
Corazon Communications Inc
Jason Koon Household
Martin-Harris Construction
The Estate Jewelry Collection

WISH STAR **\$5,000+**

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Chloe
Dee Berkley Jewelry
Disney Cruise Line
Disney's Paradise Pier Hotel
Dolphin Quest Oahu
Fairmont Royal York
Hilton Waikoloa Village
Hyatt Regency Mission Bay Spa & Marina
I Do Details Weddings & Events
Ilikai Hotel & Luxury Suites
Kelley Nemiro
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Thank you to Our Legacy Donors

By including the Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Nevada in their estate plans, these donors will provide the resources necessary to grant inspiring wishes for children now and in the future. Ensure your legacy lives on through wishes with a legacy gift by naming Make-A-Wish Nevada in your will. Visit plannedgiving.wish.org for more information.

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Wishfully Ever After

One of the biggest misconceptions about Make-A-Wish is that it is a last wish. For so many of our wish kids, this is not the case. Many credit their wish experience as a turning point in their medical treatment, giving them the strength needed to fight their critical illness. Here at Make-A-Wish Southern Nevada, we celebrate our wish alumni – young and old – whose wishes filled them with hope and joy to not just feel better, but sometimes to get better. Here are a few of their stories:



Meet Sai and Ciarra

Sai and Ciarra's stories are a testament to resilience, joy, and the power of community. Both diagnosed with congenital heart disease at birth, they've faced more than their fair share of challenges, yet their positivity and love for life have inspired everyone around them.

I wish to go to my favorite theme park

Sai, 14
wish granted, 2019
congenital heart disease

I wish to meet my idol, Dan Reynolds

Ciarra, 17
wish granted, 2021
congenital heart disease

Fourteen-year-old Sai, a bright and energetic boy, has undergone multiple heart surgeries, the first when he was just three days old. Despite his condition, Sai is passionate about sports—especially football and hockey. He's a devoted fan of the Chicago Bears and the Vegas Golden Knights, rarely missing a chance to support his favorite teams. His wish to take a dream vacation with his family was granted in 2018, allowing him to spend time at his favorite theme parks. Sai rode countless rides, indulged in delicious food, and shared precious moments with his loved ones—an unforgettable experience that brought pure joy to his young heart.

Before



Wishfully Ever After Continued...

Similarly, 17-year-old Ciarra has endured numerous heart surgeries but continues to face life with unshakable determination. Music has been her saving grace, especially the songs of her favorite band, Imagine Dragons. Their music, particularly the voice of lead singer Dan Reynolds, helped Ciarra through the toughest times, providing peace during her recovery. Ciarra's ultimate wish—to meet Dan Reynolds—came true in 2021, creating a profound moment for her as she shared her journey with the person whose music had played such a pivotal role in her life. The day ended with Ciarra and her family attending an Imagine Dragons concert, a dream come true for the teenager.



After



Both Sai and Ciarra share another common bond: their love for the Vegas Golden Knights. Their passion for the team, coupled with their medical journeys, led their families to form “Golden Hearts,” a team for Make-A-Wish’s Walk For Wishes. Named in honor of both their heart conditions and their dedication to the Vegas Golden Knights, the “Golden Hearts” team is a beautiful symbol of hope, love, and strength. Sai and Ciarra, along with their families, remain actively involved with Make-A-Wish Nevada, giving back to the organization that brought them so much happiness. Their stories continue to inspire the Las Vegas community, as they walk side by side with their golden hearts shining brightly.

Volunteers:

The Heart of Our Organization



191
Active Volunteers



1,462
Volunteer Hours
Served in FY24



40
Volunteers with 5+ Years
of Service to MAWSN

A LEGACY OF SERVICE

Honoring Pat Revzin

For 23 years, Pat Revzin remained a devoted, spirited Make-A-Wish Southern Nevada supporter. Pat's volunteer journey began with her daughter, a local oncology nurse who also happened to be a medical referral source for Make-A-Wish Southern Nevada in the past. A recently retired teacher at the time, Pat was in search of ways to give back to her community and immediately connected to the idea of helping children with critical illnesses as well as their families. As one of the first volunteers since the inception of the Southern Nevada chapter, Pat filled every role in the wish granting process, from wish discovery volunteer and wish story writer to celebrity wish host and even becoming a volunteer trainer.

Reflecting on the hundred or so wishes she'd been involved with, Pat shared that the most memorable wishes were those that involved members of the community.

"One that particularly stands out to me was a wish to have a sports sanctuary that would accommodate different play areas right in the family's backyard," said Pat. "I remember the wish kiddo had a rare form of muscular dystrophy and could no longer participate in organized sports due to his condition."

*"The doctors work the medicine;
Wish Makers work the magic.
Let's go make some magic!"*

— Pat Revzin, volunteer

Pat recalled multiple sponsors, donors, and volunteers came together to make this wish happen. "It was so impactful to see this wish come to life entirely because of the community," said Pat. "Knowing that a family has had a rough time because of their child's illness, we can still do our best to give hope, strength, and joy with just one wish."



Dave and Pat Revzin

In 2021, Pat was a recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Nevada Governor's Points of Light Awards, in honor of her unwavering support for the mission. Pat has been a witness to the incredible evolution of Make-A-Wish Southern Nevada. Her commitment to spreading awareness of the organization's mission never faltered, and she continued to be an advocate for those seeking to be Wish Makers until the very end. Her husband, Dave, remains a loyal volunteer as a testament to her legacy.

Pat Revzin dedicated her time, heart and spirit to making wishes come true. Her kindness and selflessness have left an indelible mark on all who knew her. Though she may no longer be with us, her legacy of hope and compassion will live on in the countless lives she touched.

**Scan to watch
Pat's Legacy
Video**



The Prescription of Hope: A Referral Ignites the Spark of a Wish Come True

Every wish experience begins with a referral. We rely on the expertise of the pediatricians and pediatric specialists who are part of our National Medical Advisory Council along with our Southern Nevada Medical Advisory Committee members to guide us through this critical first step of the wish process. In FY24, our referral sources brought the prescription for hope to the kids of Nevada, garnering 158 eligible referrals.



Dr. Joseph Lasky III

Dr. Lasky is the Medical Director at Cure 4 The Kids Foundation and a beloved board member of Make-A-Wish Nevada, where he has been a key referral source, helping connect children with critical illnesses to life-changing wishes. Since joining Cure 4 The Kids Foundation in 2017, his leadership in pediatric neuro-oncology and bleeding and clotting programs has made a significant impact.

“Dr. Lasky’s dedication to both Make-A-Wish and Cure 4 The Kids Foundation has changed countless lives,” said Annette Logan-Parker, Founder and CEO of Cure 4 The Kids Foundation.

Dr. Lasky expressed, “I’m honored to contribute to these organizations and continue making a difference in the lives of children.”

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Pediatric Orthopedist, Crovetti
Orthopedics and Sports
Medicine

Dr. Cherubin Sumaway
Medical Director, Anthem
Medical Group

Dr. Anastacia Munro
Anesthesiologist, Southern Hills
Hospital & Medical Center

Dr. Caroline Nguyen
Pediatrician, Nevada Pediatric
Specialists

Dr. Mary Kiepert
Pediatrician, Tendercare
Pediatrics

Dr. Tiffany Walker Sigal
ER Physician

Dr. Dipti Patel
Physician & Clinical Research

Natalie Wright
Director of Pediatric Admissions,
1CareKids Hospice

Angela Lee
Sr. Director of Revenue Cycle
Management, Cure 4 The Kids
Foundation

Dr. Claudia Vogel
Endocrinologist, St. Rose
Dominican



158
Eligible Referrals
in FY24

TOP REFERRAL SOURCE CLINICS

Cure 4 The Kids Foundation
Children’s Lung Specialist
1CareKids
Children’s Heart Center Nevada
Primary Children’s Hospital*
Renown Children’s Hospital*

*These facilities exist outside the Make-A-Wish Southern Nevada region but still provide treatment and care for our Southern Nevada wish children.

There are few experiences more powerful than making a wish come true.



I wish to go to Walt Disney World Resort® and have a Starship Cruiser experience

Khriz, 15
end-stage kidney disease

“This wish experience helped him to be in the moment of happiness and escape the constant reminder that he is a child with a medical condition.”

— wish parent to Khriz



“[Kai’s favorite part was] the day of the reveal. The feeling of community and support from Make-A-Wish, Dutch Bros and Omega Ramps. We truly were not alone on this journey.”

— wish parent to Kai



“It provided hope and a feeling of accomplishment and taught Kai that there are good things and good people in this world. This experience was a lighthouse in a sea of darkness. It gave us something to channel our fear and uncertainty into.”

— wish parent to Kai



I wish to have a half-pipe in my backyard

Kai, 15
leukemia





*I wish to go
to San Diego*

Arjen, 4
liver transplant

“Learning more about animals and their habitats has fostered Arjen’s further interest about wildlife and that animals don’t exist only on television. The experience helped Arjen realize that life can have a lot to offer for a child’s interest, that is to say there is usually more to explore in life.”

— wish parent to Arjen



“To see the smile on Kaydence’s face brought tears of joy. To make Kaydence happy is our goal in life so having supplied her with her new walk in shower did make her very happy.”

— wish grand-parent to Kaydence



“We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all involved in making Kaydence’s wish come true. Truly everyone involved made it an amazing experience. Thank you.”

— wish grand-parent to Kaydence



*I wish to have
an accessible
shower*

Kaydence, 13
nervous system
disorder



“Muchas gracias por existir Make-A-Wish gracias por ayudar a cumplir sus deseos de los niños yo como madre me siento súper contenta por hacer realidad nuestro deseo gracias a todos y cada uno de ustedes que Dios los bendiga.”

— wish parent to Jacqueline



“Thank you for existing Make-A-Wish! Thank you for helping grant wishes for children, as a mother I am so happy that Jacqueline’s wish came true, thank you to everyone and every single one, God bless you all.”

— wish parent to Jacqueline



I wish to have a Minnie Mouse-themed party

Jacqueline, 3
leukemia



“Ariadna was diagnosed with pulmonary hypertension at age 14. She didn’t have a Quinceañera but she would always mention her dream to have one. Make-A-Wish made that dream come true for her in a grand way.”

— wish parent to Ariadna



I wish to have a party at Adventuredome

Ariadna, 20
respiratory disorder



Make-A-Wish NEVADA



October, 25th 2024: Make-A-Wish Nevada staff, friends & family gathered to unveil the new Make-A-Wish Nevada sign.

Nevada Reunified

This year brought a monumental milestone for our chapter and the state of Nevada as we proudly announced the **reunification of territories**. Make-A-Wish Southern Nevada and the Northern Nevada territory of Make-A-Wish have reunified to form—**Make-A-Wish Nevada**—allowing us to combine our resources, passion, and reach to grant even more life-changing wishes for children across the Silver State.

The timing could not have been more perfect, as the transition kicked off just in time for the new fiscal year of 2025. By joining forces, we're able to serve wish kids and families with greater impact, ensuring that every corner of Nevada shines a little brighter with hope and joy.

While this annual report celebrates the successes of our final year as **Make-A-Wish Southern Nevada**, we would be remiss not to mention this exciting new chapter in our journey. It's a powerful reminder that when we come together, we can do so much more for wish kids and their families.

We invite you to look ahead to our **Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Report**, where we'll share all the exciting updates, milestones, and moments from our first year as **Make-A-Wish Nevada**. Together, we're writing a new story of hope—one wish at a time—throughout our entire state.

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