



Funds Distribution Report

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Organization's General Goals:
For three and a half decades, we have partnered with thousands of volunteers, donors and medical professionals in our community to grant nearly 8,000 wishes to children with critical illnesses..

Date of Award:	Level:
2021 Q4	\$2,501 to \$5,000

For more information, please read the attached report from Make-A-Wish Foundation.

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2022 Wish Impact Report: Tulalip Tribes

Charitable Contributions

With the generous support of donors like you, and in partnership with our community, we create life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses. We are so thankful to you for your partnership and support of this important work. Your investment of \$ [REDACTED] has made an impact in the lives of our wish kids and their families this year!

Although COVID-19 still presented challenges for the world of wish granting, we fulfilled the wishes of 268 children this year. We are granting trips to theme parks, wishes for braces and scholarships, bedroom redecoration wishes, and much more -- all to continue to provide hope, strength and joy.

Ultimately, the wish journey allows a child to regain control in an otherwise uncontrollable situation. It replaces fear with confidence, sadness with joy and anxiety with hope. Wishes give children and their families a chance to reconnect and make memories together that they will cherish forever.

2022 highlights

In November, we granted our chapter's **8,000th wish!**

In Fiscal Year 2022 (9/1-8/31), we reached a record-setting pace of wish-granting. As a result, we **granted 37% more wishes than in Fiscal Year 2021!**

A volunteer at our chapter, Denise, received the national Volunteer of the Year Award for her commitment to inclusion! In addition to granting more than 30 wishes this year, she decided to learn Spanish so she could serve families who were experiencing delays in getting matched with their wish-granters because of our shortage of Spanish-speaking volunteers.

During the pandemic, we saw wish referrals slow down considerably as medical teams and case workers experienced overwhelm in the healthcare system and as many delayed referring wish kids because they knew that few wishes were able to be safely granted. This year, however, we saw a **46% increase in wish referrals**, and we expect to reach pre-pandemic levels this current fiscal year.

Our internal Diversity, Equity and Inclusion committee received **national recognition** for their outstanding work. We hired our **first-ever manager of DEI**, as well as our first **volunteer outreach manager** focused mainly on volunteer engagement among rural, non-English-speaking and BIPOC communities.

You helped provide the missing ‘prescription’ for hope.

Wishes are an integral part of total patient care. In fact, wishes have proven physical and emotional benefits that can give children with critical illnesses a higher chance of survival. And wishes not only help these children – they also have far-reaching, positive impacts on their families and communities. Studies show that **children who receive wishes demonstrate higher levels of resiliency; experience measurable positive impact on their mental health, and even may have fewer emergency episodes as they fight their illnesses.**

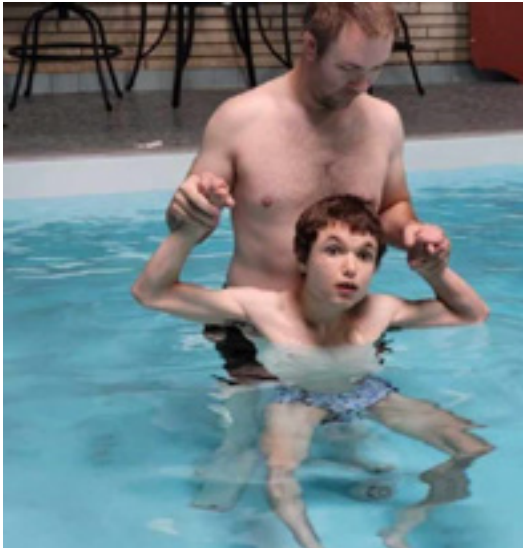
Your support has helped improve the health and well-being of children with critical illnesses and their families. Wishes are 100 percent funded through a combination of private support and community involvement. Much of our work is carried out by more than 400 active volunteers. Nearly \$2.4 million of our annual support comes in the form of contributed goods and services. In fact, in a typical year, every dollar of privately donated funds leverages another dollar in volunteer services, in-kind goods and generous corporate financial support.

“We have so much we can do medically to take care of medical problems, to treat the side effects. But we don’t really have a treatment for the toxicity of the soul, the things that happen that make people so discouraged or fatigued or run down. And that’s what Make-A-Wish can do.” – Dr. Doug Hawkins, Seattle Children’s Oncology

In the first-ever study of its kind, more than 3,000 wish alumni and medical providers reported the long-term impact of wishes. The results are incredible, **with 90% of wish alumni reporting that their wish relieved them from traumatic stress, and 90% of medical providers reporting that their patients’ wishes led to increases in their compliance with treatment!**

	Trauma Relief <i>A wish provides much needed relief from the trauma and stress caused by a child’s critical illness.</i>	Emotional & Mental Well -Being <i>Wishes have a positive impact on the emotional wellbeing of wish kids, their families and those involved in a wish.</i>	Turning Point <i>The Wish Journey is often a pivotal experience during a wish kid’s treatment and recovery.</i>	Strength to Fight <i>The Wish Journey gives children something to look forward to and renew their strength to fight their illness.</i>	Long-Term Impact <i>The impact of a wish lasts far beyond the hope and joy a child feels during their wish experience.</i>
WISH ALUMNI	9 out of 10 reported that the wish experience relieved them from traumatic stress.	8 out of 10 reported that their wish experience helped them overcome hopelessness, depression, and loneliness.	9 out of 10 reported that they felt more joyful, confident and hopeful for their future.	8 out of 10 report that their wish gave them the strength to fight their critical illness.	7 out of 10 report that their wish improved their odds and gave them a better chance of surviving.
WISH PARENTS	9 out of 10 reported that the wish experience helped relieve family from traumatic stress.	9 out of 10 saw their child’s emotional wellbeing improve with a wish.	8 out of 10 saw that their child’s wish gave them a stronger sense of empowerment.	8 out of 10 say a child’s wish experience serves as a coping mechanism during treatment.	9 in 10 report that their child’s wish experience strengthened their relationship with loved ones.
MEDICAL PROVIDERS	9 out of 10 observed the wish experience helped relieve a family from traumatic stress.	100% report that the wish experience improves a child’s- and their own emotional wellbeing.	9 out of 10 say a wish increases compliance with treatment.	8 out of 10 reported that a wish is a necessary part of a child’s treatment journey. 7 in 10 observe that a wish improves the odds in a child’s fight against a critical illness.	9 out of 10 observed that the wish experience has a positive impact on a child’s physical wellbeing and overall quality of life.

Wish children are full of hope, thanks to you.



I wish to have our home swimming pool repaired

Kale, wish granted 2022
nervous system disorder



I wish to have a Pomsy puppy

Isaac, wish granted 2022
brain tumor



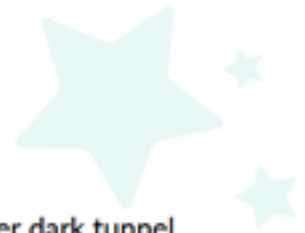
I wish to have paragliding lessons

Adrian, wish granted 2022
heart condition



I wish to go to Walt Disney World Resort

Eva, wish granted 2022
cancer



Things are looking up!

Things are looking up. It's what we say when we see a light emerge from whatever dark tunnel surrounds us. But what if looking UP—is what changes things? For one little girl, looking UP was key.

Savannah had just turned five when her mother, Margret, heard the words, "We must get your daughter to the ER right now." Margret knew something was wrong and one blood test proved her right. Savannah needed to move hundreds of miles away from home for life-saving treatment. Margret had to juggle her time between her kids, which was a dark time for the family. But a bright spot floated on the horizon.

During Savannah's treatment, wish volunteers met her and asked the magic question: *What experience would bring you the most joy?* Savannah remembered what she felt when flying kites. Smiling, Savannah made her wish: "I want to see the kite festival on the Oregon Coast."

With community support, Make-A-Wish made it happen. The family was together again, joined by thousands of people who streamed into Lincoln City for the two-day festival, flying kites of various colors, shapes and sizes. "There were even professional kite fliers holding what looked like Macy's Day parade balloons, but they were kites," said mom, Margret.



The sky was full of colorful canvases and kite tails blowing in the wind. Savannah loved every moment of it. During her wish, Savannah also flew her own kite on a grassy hill near where the family stayed.

"As a mom, it was nice to watch Savannah experience something good again and see her be worry free," said Savannah's mom, Margret.

Kites move in unforced rhythms, dancing in the wind. Kites bring parents and children together. Kites invite us to look UP. And for Savannah, flying kites was just the beginning.



I wish to see the kite festival on the Oregon Coast

Savannah, wish granted 2022
leukemia





Thank YOU

Thank you for investing in wish families. You help kids transform, replacing fear with confidence, sadness with joy and anxiety with hope when their wishes come true.

Your contribution is making an incredible difference in the lives of children in our local community.

Thanks to all of YOU at Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions.