

MAKE·A·WISH®

Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Illinois

2008 ANNUAL REPORT



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Magic

OUR MISSION

The Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Illinois grants wishes to children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich their lives with hope, strength and joy.

Abigail

Pictured on the cover and here during her wish in May 2008

Abigail is an optimistic five-year-old girl who loves playing brain-teasing games like *Cranium Caraboo* and watching the movie *Cars*. Abigail likes to belt out her favorite songs to the *Disney Princess Sing-Along* and sometimes sings to her cat!

Abigail was diagnosed with neuroblastoma, a form of cancer that occurs in infants and young children. She told the Make-A-Wish Foundation that she wanted to meet the princesses in person. Her wish was granted in 2008 and she was thrilled. The highlight was having lunch with the princesses!

A Message From Our Leadership

Dear Friends,

The magic of a wish is a phenomenon that takes many ingredients, and produces abundant joy for a child... joy that is shared by everyone involved. As we update you on our accomplishments, activities and financial health over the past year, our hope is that you feel as connected to the mission as our wish children, volunteers and donors who participate in the granting of magical wishes.

This past year was a year of transition in many ways. The chapter took on additional territory and devised and implemented strategies to increase our outreach and streamline our processes...without impacting the high-quality of the wish experience for our children. These successful actions have positioned us to reach more children than ever before, providing the hope, strength and joy that a wish can bring into their lives.

As we look toward the future, we know that there are many children who will need our help, with an estimated 1,185 children newly-diagnosed each year in Illinois. We also know that we will be working in a challenging economic climate as we raise the funds necessary to fulfill all of these special wishes. Through thoughtful planning and the continued support of our big-hearted donors and volunteers, we are confident that we will *share the power of a wish*[®] with 700 children in Illinois this year.

We truly appreciate your past generosity. Now more than ever, we need your help to make sure that children with life-threatening medical conditions have the opportunity to experience the hope, strength and joy that a wish can bring into their lives.

Best Wishes,



Doug Eckrote
Chairman, Board of Directors



Stephanie S. Springs
Chief Executive Officer

Meeting Emeril Lagasse was Courtney's dream. Her wish was granted in 2004 when the 10-year-old from Glen Ellyn flew to New York and watched the famous chef tape a show. Courtney's wish has stayed with her as she successfully fought off leukemia.



Just last year she put her cooking skills to work with the chefs at Blue Plate to create a special surprise for Make-A-Wish supporters. Courtney helped to develop a distinctive dessert that was served to more than 1,000 guests at the annual Make-A-Wish Foundation black-tie gala, Wish Ball.



Terrell is a fun and active five-year-old boy from Chicago who loves to joke around. Terrell just adores Mickey Mouse and also likes playing football and swimming. Terrell is fighting Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia, a rapidly progressing type of cancer of the blood and bone marrow.

Terrell's wish to go on Disney Cruise was granted in April 2008 (inset photo).

He and his family concentrated on having as much fun as they could, enjoying the break from doctors visits and medical concerns, if only for a while.

Cooking Up Dreams, Serving Up Joy

Like a spectacular meal, many ingredients and careful preparations are necessary for a wonderful wish. When everything comes together, the result is a joyous treat for a deserving wish child.

Wish Child, Executive Chef

It all starts with a special child. The wish child uses his or her imagination to conceive the perfect wish, just like a great chef creating a new dish. What starts with a dash of whimsy as the wish begins, can be transformed into a feast of joy for all who are able to partake.

A Sprinkling of Hope: Referral Sources

A great wish includes the medical professionals who refer children to the Foundation. Knowledgeable medical professionals, including doctors, nurses and social workers, understand that a wish is a part of the overall treatment process for a

child living with a life-threatening medical condition. In a place where wish children are accustomed to hearing bad news, the prospect of a wish can renew their hope that anything is possible.

The Finest Ingredients: Donors

The generosity of our donors makes it possible for a wish to be granted when the children are ready. Just like a recipe requires many ingredients for success, the Foundation relies on a variety of support from donors. Everything from individual cash donations and corporate support to in-kind gifts of goods and services and community fundraisers helps the Foundation grant wishes to hundreds of courageous children each year. Each and every donation is an important ingredient to fulfilling the mission of the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Stirring The Soul: The Wish Process

The process begins the moment a child learns that he or she can wish for anything. This promise gives a child the opportunity to start dreaming about the possibilities - something he or she may not have had time to focus on since being diagnosed with a life-threatening medical condition. Each time a wish child thinks about his or her wish, that child is taken away from the everyday concerns of taking medications on time, worrying about test results or finding a new way to live with the restrictions their illness brings into their lives. Thinking about a wish renews hope and reminds a child that anything is possible.

Two Parts Heart: The Wish Granting Team

Great wishes, like every excellent dish, are prepared by people who truly care about the outcome. Wish granters pull the various pieces together - interpreting the child's desire into an amazing, life-changing experience. Mix in the compassion, diligence and altruism of the entire wish granting team - made up of both volunteers and Make-A-Wish staff - and the wish is well on its way to becoming a magical creation that will bring lasting joy to a very special child. Volunteers and staff work together planning every detail so the wish child and his or her family can enjoy the wish, without worries.

Abundant Warmth and Feeding The Spirit: Community Support

Community supporters from all walks of life are integral to fulfilling the mission of the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Through raising money, granting wishes, and expanding the Foundation's outreach and education to the medical community, these supporters provide connections to the community that help smooth the process of granting wishes. The compassion of volunteers radiates through everything they do, enriching both the wish families and the supporters themselves, and ensuring a wonderful, joyful wish experience for everyone involved.

Voila, Joy! - The Wish Comes True

Watching a special child smile (perhaps for the first time in months) and revel in the thrill of a dream come true, is sustenance for the soul. The moment a wish comes true is an experience that all who have helped can also enjoy. The ingredients have all come together and now everyone can partake in this wonderful feast of hope, strength and joy...a magical wish experience...for a very special wish child.

What do kids wish for?

Disney Parks/Cruise - 45%

Celebrity Meet & Greet - 9%

Party/Special Gift - 9%

Shopping Spree - 9%

Hawaii Travel- 8%

Other Travel - 6%

Computer - 5%

International Travel - 4%

Cruise - 2%

Electronics - 2%

Pool - 1%

Our Supporters

The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Illinois extends our deepest thanks to the many donors who nurtured our mission through financial contributions during Fiscal Year 2008 (September 1, 2007 to August 31, 2008).

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Emilio, from Normal, Illinois, became a big fan of Paula Deen when he watched her on television the many days he stayed home due to illness. She even inspired him to start helping in the kitchen at home. The Make-A-Wish Foundation granted his wish to meet his favorite television personality at a cooking trade show. He was thrilled to talk cooking with her and got lots of hugs during his wish, too!

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Joshua is an incredible boy who lives in Worth with his family. He is really into superheros, so his wish was to visit them at a theme park in Florida. Since his wish, his parents have said Joshua, 5, has come out of his shell. Who wouldn't after meeting Spider-Man in person?

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Internal Events

Thank you to everyone who attended a Make-A-Wish event this past year and took the time to learn more about our organization. The following is a list of donors who contributed to a Make-A-Wish hosted event in Fiscal Year 2008 including the Wish Ball and fall Golf Outing through ticket and/or auction item purchases.

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WISH PARTNER | \$2,500 to \$5,000

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Gifts of Endowment

Contributions to the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Illinois' endowment help to sustain the organization by providing funds to grant wishes in perpetuity. Endowment donations are permanently restricted gifts, meaning the principal will not be spent but rather invested so the earnings can be used solely to fund wishes. Wish naming opportunities are available for gifts of \$100,000. Thanks to the following individuals who helped to grow the chapter's endowment in Fiscal Year 2008.

Wish Sustainer | \$20,000 to \$49,999

Brunswick Corporation
Jacob J. Fink Charitable Foundation
Gerald & Marilyn Freda
John & Susan Novak
Peter & Cheryl Magrini
Richard & Jill Chalfetz
Anonymous

Steven & Diana Holland
Tina Lavezzorio

Wish Granter | \$5,000 to \$9,999

Brian & Carol Basic
Kevin & Mary Speicher
T.J. & Roman Chung
Tom & Mimi Marcucci

Wish Investor | \$10,000 to \$19,999

Alvin and Helene Eicoff Foundation
Deanne & Robert Wiedeman
Gary & Heather Graves

Wish Partner | \$2500 to \$4,999

Jennifer & Thomas Rowe
Illinois Tool Works Foundation
John & Michelle Butera

Wish Friend | \$1,000 to \$2,499

William & Clare Sullivan
Diane MacWilliams and Bob Nelson
Mary Ann Mahoney
Michael & Christine Gordon
Ronald & Julienne Lentz
Stephanie Springs

Planned Gifts

The following donors were so moved by the mission of the Make-A-Wish Foundation that they made provisions to fund wishes in their estate plans. Every planned gift leaves a legacy of hope, strength and joy for special wish children - children who will realize a dream come true thanks to the kind forethought of these donors.

Wish Visionary \$100K +
Estate of Irene Tancer

Wish Investor \$10,000 to \$19,999
Estate of Dona Morsch
Estate of Rochelle Newlin

Wish Partner \$2,500 to \$5,000
Estate of Allan Rochow
Betty Lou Burton Trust

In-Kind Honor Roll

Donations of goods and services are critically important to the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Illinois, helping to fulfill the heartfelt wishes of hundreds of children each year. From frequent flier miles to event auction items to complimentary hotel rooms, each gift is an important resource for the Foundation. The following list represents our most generous donors of in-kind support. In Fiscal Year 2008, \$2.5 million in in-kind gifts helped to stretch donated dollars even further.

AirTran Airways
American Airlines
Barba Concrete
Blue Plate
CDW
Cendant Car Rental Group (AVIS)
Delta Airlines
Disney Cruise Vacations
FCm Bannockburn Travel Solutions
Give Kids the World, Inc.

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United Airlines

US Airways
Waikiki Marriott Beach Resort
Walt Disney World Resorts
Warner Brothers Entertainment, Inc.
World Wrestling Entertainment Corporate
Headquarters
Z Entertainment

National Corporate Sponsors

Through partnerships with the Make-A-Wish Foundation of America, these national corporate partners have actively supported our local chapter with community and financial support in Fiscal Year 2008.

WISH VISIONARY | \$100,000+

Learning Care Group
Macy's

WISH LEADER | \$50,000 to \$99,999

Discover

WISH SUSTAINER | \$20,000 to \$49,999

Bank of America
Kate Spade
Maggiano's
Morton's
Saputo
TGI Fridays
United Healthcare

WISH INVESTOR | \$10,000 to \$19,999

Hartmann Luggage
Luxaire
Zales
Zurich

WISH GRANTER | \$5,000 to \$9,999

Allstate
BMW
HSBC
Midas
Wal-Mart

WISH FRIEND | \$1,000 to \$2,499

Cold Stone Creamery



For several years, Macy's card holders could support the Foundation through the Thanks For Giving program. Macy's partnership has recently expanded to include the Believe campaign where each letter to Santa dropped off in Macy's stores results in a donation to the Make-A-Wish Foundation during the holiday season. Wish Child Mia and her family were so excited by Macy's Believe campaign, they got Mia's whole school involved in writing letters and volunteered to drop them all off at their local Macy's.

Additionally, Macy's provides exceptional experiences for wish children including personal shoppers, red carpet treatment, makeovers and more. Each child who encounters Macy's as part of their wish gets the royal treatment and is showered with kindness from Macy's employees.

Cancer survivor and Wish Child Yali, 17, of Highland Park, wished to design a handbag with a famous fashion designer. Yali was able to work with the Kate Spade design team in New York and come up with a truly exceptional piece. Intended to raise awareness of childhood cancer survivorship, the over-the-shoulder handbag called "Yali's Carry On Bag" was produced in limited quantities. The unique bag was sold at selected Kate Spade boutiques with half of the proceeds benefitting the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Yali's bag was so popular that a second production run was set and quickly sold out. Her wish to spread the word about cancer survivors being able to carry on resonated with the public and everyone involved in making her wish come true.





Report of Independent Certified Public Accountants

Board of Directors
Make-A-Wish Foundation of Illinois

We have audited the accompanying statements of financial position of Make-A-Wish Foundation of Illinois (the Foundation) as of August 31, 2008 and 2007, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Foundation's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America as established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Foundation's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Make-A-Wish Foundation of Illinois as of August 31, 2008 and 2007 and the results of its activities, its functional expenses and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

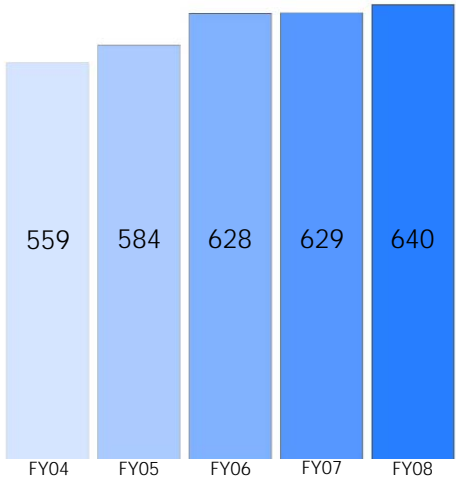
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November 18, 2008

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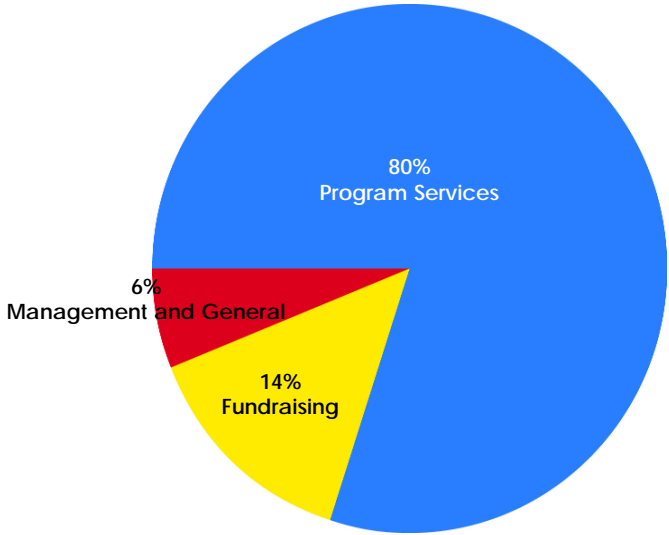
Wish Trend

The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Illinois granted 640 wishes in Fiscal Year 2008. In Fiscal Year 2009, the chapter plans to grant close to 700 wishes in Illinois.



Expense Ratio

Our program service expense ratio was 80 per cent in Fiscal Year 2008.



How are funds raised?

We raised over \$7.2 million in cash revenue towards both our annual and endowment funds through a diversified set of fundraising programs.



- Individual / Community Gifts (33%)
- Corporate Gifts (18%)
- Planned Gifts (3%)
- Grants (8%)
- External Special Events (21%)
- Internal Special Events, net (17%)

Statement of Activities

Year Ended August 31, 2008

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Revenues, gains and other support				
Individual/Community Gifts	\$2,163,650	\$167,663	\$47,556	\$2,378,869
Corporate Gifts	1,301,600	3,759	11,300	1,316,659
Planned Gifts	248,284	-	-	248,284
Grants	533,276	17,500	28,959	579,735
External Special Events	1,307,856	208,574	-	1,516,430
Internal special events	1,661,453	66,166	-	1,727,619
Less direct benefit cost to donor	(479,469)	-	-	(479,469)
Internal special events, net	1,181,984	66,166	-	1,248,150
In-Kind Gifts	2,480,675	17,055	-	2,497,730
Total Revenues	9,217,325	480,716	87,815	9,785,857
Investment income	190,510	-	-	190,510
Realized gains on investments, net	378,103	-	-	378,103
Unrealized losses on investments, net	(805,560)	-	-	(805,560)
Other income	11,738	-	-	11,738
Net assets released from restrictions	574,288	(485,088)	(89,200)	-
Total revenues, gains and other support	9,566,403	(4,370)	(1,385)	9,560,648
Expenses and losses				
Program services	7,671,551	-	-	7,671,551
Fundraising	1,361,256	-	-	1,361,256
Management and general	579,501	-	-	579,501
Total expenses and losses	9,612,308	-	-	9,612,308
Aquisition of southern Illinois territory	(104,199)	-	-	(104,199)
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(150,104)	(4,370)	(1,385)	(155,859)
Net assets at the beginning of year	2,790,918	616,634	2,649,389	6,056,941
Net assets at the end of year	2,640,814	612,264	2,648,004	5,901,082

THEN

Carly was thrilled to meet Rachel Ray during her wish in 2006. Carly, 13 at the time, still loves to cook and is living with her family in the southwest suburbs of Chicago.



NOW

Carly has kept in touch with the Foundation and even helped during a cooking segment on local television to promote a Make-A-Wish fundraiser with Maggianno's.

Statements of Financial Position

For Years Ended August 31

ASSETS	2008	2007
<u>Current Assets</u>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,973,307	\$ 2,237,217
Investments	4,068,611	2,107,924
Contributions receivable, net	847,182	861,527
Accounts receivable, net	1,745	2,303
Due from National / other chapters	168,579	139,867
Prepaid expenses	105,017	77,405
Inventory	17,977	23,287
Total current assets	7,182,418	5,449,530
Long-term investments	-	1,260,933
Contributions receivable, net of current portion	228,165	441,202
Furniture and equipment, net	123,341	100,885
Leased property under capital leases	15,403	-
Total non-current assets	366,909	1,803,020
Total assets	\$ 7,549,328	\$ 7,252,550
 LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
<u>Current Liabilities</u>		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 471,234	\$ 331,518
Accrued pending wish costs	1,129,577	735,613
Due to other chapters	10,170	93,678
Deferred Revenue	19,456	34,800
Capital lease obligation, current portion	2,827	-
Total current liabilities	1,633,264	1,195,609
capital lease obligation, net of current portion	14,982	-
Total non-current liabilities	14,982	-
Total liabilities	1,648,246	1,195,609
 NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted	2,640,814	2,790,918
Temporarily Restricted	612,264	616,634
Permanently restricted	2,648,004	2,649,389
Total net assets	5,901,082	6,056,941
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 7,549,328	\$ 7,252,550

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REFER A CHILD

Share the Power of A Wish® with a special child. If you know of a child with a life-threatening medical condition who has not had a wish granted by Make-A-Wish or another wish-granting organization, contact us to find out how to help the family refer their child for a wish.

VOLUNTEER

Providing each child with a magical wish experience requires many dynamic and caring volunteers. On all levels of the organization, volunteers support the mission of the Foundation by lending their time and expertise.

MAKE A CONTRIBUTION

Donations are a great way to support the wish-granting efforts of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Illinois. Whether a gift comes from an individual, corporation, foundation or community group, each donation will help dreams become realities for special wish children here in Illinois. As a registered 501(c)3 organization, contributions are fully tax-deductible as allowed by law.

GIFTS OF CASH

Cash gifts are the most popular form of giving to the Make-A-Wish Foundation and can be made through a check, credit card or electronic transfer from your financial institution. Larger commitments can be tracked via a pledge and paid down over a designated timeframe.

GIFTS OF ASSETS

The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Illinois can turn your gift of stock, property or other assets into a dream come true for a special child. Please call 312.602.9474 to inquire how to get started on making an important donation of material goods to benefit the Foundation.

PLANNED GIFTS

Remembering the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Illinois in will and estate plans is a wonderful way to leave a legacy of support. If you would like to learn more about planned giving options, including will and estate plans or IRA contributions, please contact the Make-A-Wish Foundation at 312.602.9474.

IN-KIND GIFTS

Donations of goods and services help to defray the cost of granting wishes. Most new products can be useful for the Foundation. Donations of frequent flier miles and hotel points are especially needed and directly support our wish-granting efforts.

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Make a secure online donation at www.wishes.org/giving.

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