



2011 Annual Report

Organizational Mission & Purpose Statement:

Mission Statement: **Wishes & More**® enhances the life of a child fighting a terminal or life-threatening condition by providing extraordinary experiences... and more.

Purpose Statement: The purpose of **Wishes & More** is to grant the wish of a child between birth and nineteen who has a terminal or life-threatening condition which will require ongoing treatment and to provide a **Scholarship of Hope**® to be used for higher education: or to give a memorial to the family in the event the child does not survive to have his/her wish fulfilled.

Description of Program Activities:

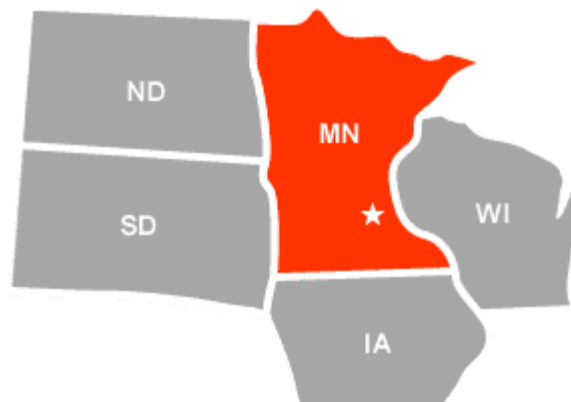
Besides granting wishes to these special children who are fighting terminal or life-threatening conditions, **Wishes & More** goes beyond the wish. **More is...**

- **Wishes**, including popular Midwest wish requests such as hunting, fishing, snowmobiles, water craft and sport equipment.
- **Scholarship of Hope**® Upon being granted their wish, each wish child will be presented with a scholarship certificate that will be redeemable as a \$1,000 financial grant to apply to any higher institution of learning beyond high school.
- **Memorials** Sadly, not all of the eligible children are able to experience a wish. In this unfortunate situation, **Wishes & More** will give a monetary gift to the family to use at their discretion.

Population Served

The population served by **Wishes & More** is open to all children who have not reached their 19th birthday and have a physician's qualifying statement attesting to the child's terminal or life-threatening condition requiring ongoing treatment.

Wishes are granted to children who are living in Minnesota, or who live in the surrounding states; North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, and Wisconsin. **Wishes & More** will also extend services to those who are receiving ongoing treatment in a Minnesota medical facility.



A Letter from the President

Years ago I was interviewing a darling little wish child with bright, glistening eyes and plump rosy cheeks on almost translucent skin. She looked like a beautiful china doll. She was sitting on my lap and when I asked her what she wished for she quietly said, “I wish my brain tumor would go away.” I will never forget how my throat constricted and how I struggled to keep the tears away as I told her that was my wish as well. It may have been the first time but it wasn’t the last time that I heard similar statements from children or their parents and each time it is a reminder of what is on their minds every minute of every day. I know you join me in wishing we had the power to do something as remarkable as healing these kids but it is out of our realm of possibility. So we do what we can. We give them moments away from tumors, hospitals and treatments and provide wonderful smiling moments and delightful memories and we are repeatedly told how important those moments are to the children and their loved ones. Knowing we make a difference is worth every dollar and every hour we dedicate to making these extraordinary opportunities and that knowledge brings extreme gratification.

But we don’t do it alone.

I can’t be more sincere in telling you how much we need each donor and volunteer to know that collectively we make it happen. You are part of making this organization as great as it is. Giving isn’t a duty – it’s a privilege. And volunteering isn’t a burden – it’s an opportunity. Our wish is that you feel the impact of whatever it is that you can give and that you will feel pride and warmth in knowing that what you share with us is what we pass on by granting a wish, providing scholarship funds or writing a memorial check to a family who just lost their child. Read the stories on our website at www.wishesandmore.org or those within this report and feel the personal connection. Get on our email list to hear about wishes needing connections and assistance. Feel the pride in being part of the Wishes & More Family.

Karla Blomberg

Volunteer President

Wishes:

Joey's Hawaiian Vacation



Joey, a kind, quiet teenager, has a type of cancer that is so rare that only 14 other people have ever had the same diagnosis. Obviously, this news was initially devastating but Joey, along with his family, community and many teams of doctors knew that Joey would take on the fight. After three long years of chemo, numerous hospital visits and stays, and surgical procedures, it all came down to a CAT scan to find out if all of the treatments had worked. Amazingly, the scan came out clean and Joey is currently in remission. Joey and his family recently returned from a trip to Hawaii where they spent their days enjoying the sun and beach along with sightseeing and great food! Wishes & More® was happy to provide this respite for Joey & his family after his fight & win with this rare cancer.

Madeline's Disney Dream

If you ask 4-year-old Madeline what she wants to be when she grows up, she'd tell you she's going to be a Princess. Maddie loves to sing, dance, dress up and play the piano! Her parents found out about her heart condition before she was born and since then she's undergone numerous surgeries and medical treatments. Even with her special heart, Maddie remains a strong-willed, super smiley and lovable little girl. When Wishes & More volunteers came to ask her what her top three wishes were, she could only talk about one...Disney World. We're thrilled to be able to grant her wish and make her Dream Come True!



A Memorial:

Riley was given the challenge of Aicardi Syndrome (an extremely rare genetic disorder) just seven days after being born. However, she developed into a sweet and loving young girl who enjoyed being around people and cuddling with her family members. Sadly, on March 25th she passed away due to complications with pneumonia. Unable to experience a wish, her mother was given a memorial grant to help with medical costs and funeral arrangements. Nicole wrote Wishes & More® a heartfelt letter expressing her gratitude:

“This grant means the world to me. It helped me so much that I can’t even begin to put what it means to me in words. I have to return to work immediately now that the service is over because of financial issues. This grant helped pay for her service. Please let everyone know how grateful I am.”



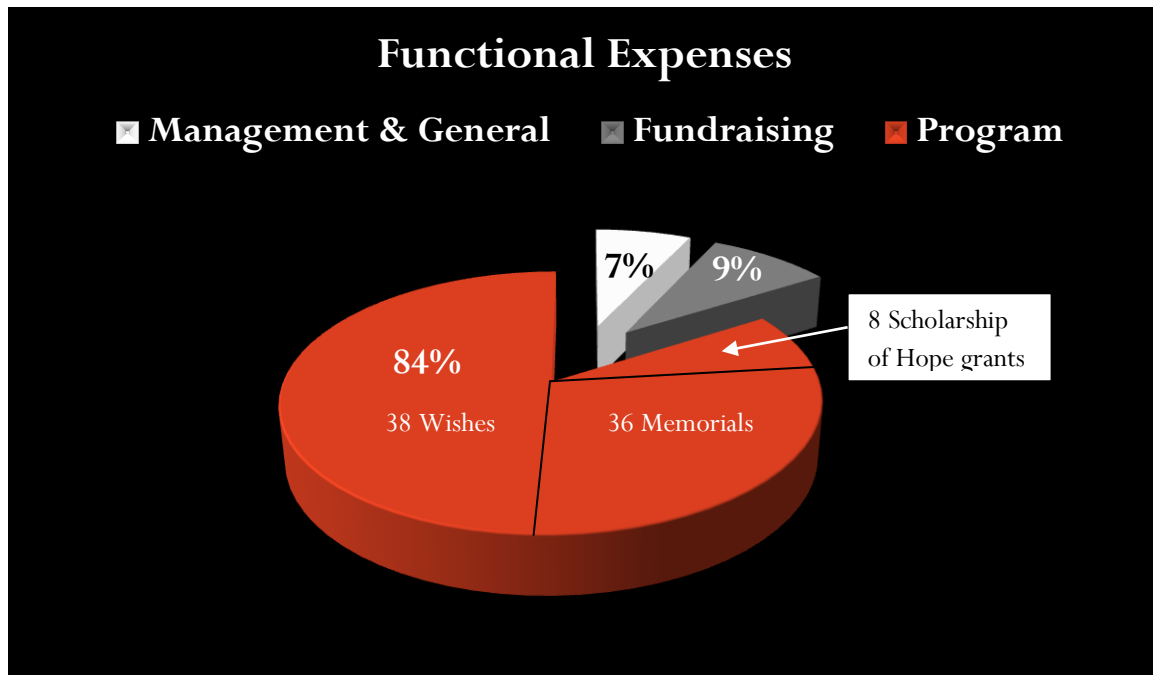
A Scholarship:



Natalie was about to begin her journey through college when she collided with a monstrous obstacle: Ewing’s Sarcoma. Natalie knew she had to fight to conquer this cancer and aided by her loving family, she pushed herself through chemo therapy and other treatments. After completing her therapy, she met up with volunteers from Wishes & More and wished for a ski trip for her family. Her wish was granted in January when she spent a week in Breckenridge, Colorado. Natalie was awarded the

Scholarship of Hope® and is now enrolled at the U of M where she is studying genetics. One-day, she hopes to find a cure for cancer. With her unrelenting determination, we wouldn’t be surprised if she accomplished this other huge feat.

2011 Functional Expenses



See Appendix A – 2011 Audited Financial Statements for more information.

2011 Financial Position

CURRENT ASSETS		SUPPORT	286,947
Cash	331,661	REVENUE	273,868
Certificates of Deposit	30,000	TOTAL SUPPORT/REVENUE	560,815
Pledges and Prepaid Expenses	44,068	PROGRAM SERVICES	
Property/Equipment	9,780	Wishes	408,675
TOTAL ASSETS	415,509	Memorials	72,050
CURRENT LIABILITIES	14,655	Scholarship of Hope grants	8,000
NET ASSETS	400,854	SUPPORTING ACTIVITIES	
TOTAL LIABILITIES/ASSETS	415,509	Management	39,316
		Fundraising	53,603
		TOTAL EXPENSES	581,644
		Change in Net Assets	(24,940)

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