

## More Is...

In addition to granting wishes, Minnesota's own **Wishes & More®** provides **Scholarship of Hope®** grants and Memorial funds with very limited staff and MANY volunteers.



We are a wish-granting organization that considers every wish, including popular Midwest wishes such as fishing, hunting, and recreational vehicles.

We are the only Minnesota organization that provides a \$1,000 **Scholarship of Hope** to each wish recipient, providing hope for their future.

We are the only Minnesota organization that gives memorial financial grants to families when a child does not survive to experience their wish.

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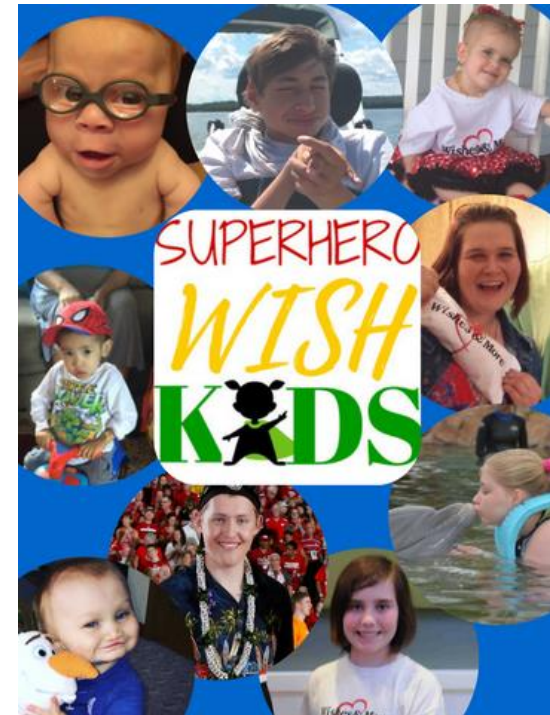
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# 2016 Annual Report

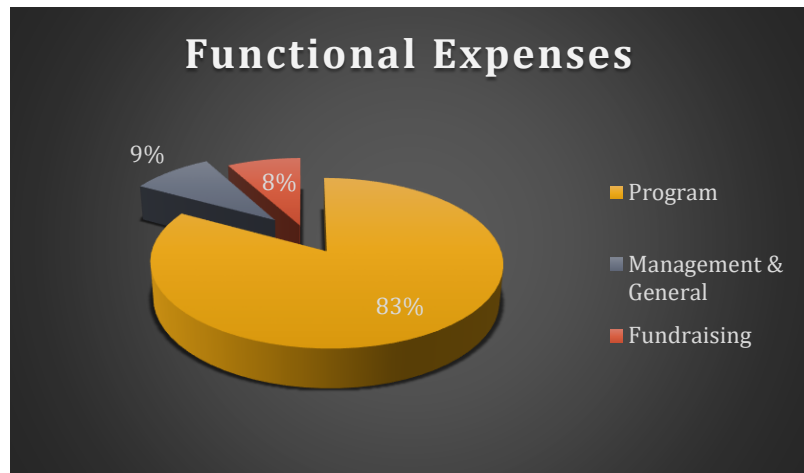
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# 2016 Finances



See Appendix A – 2016 Audited Financial Statements for more information.

## 2016 Financial Position

CURRENT ASSETS		SUPPORT	364,212
Cash	431,306	REVENUE	503,929
Certificates of Deposit	500,000		
Pledges and Prepaid Expenses	65,360	TOTAL SUPPORT/REVENUE	<u>868,141</u>
OTHER ASSETS	7,202		
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>1,003,868</u>	PROGRAM SERVICES	
		Wishes	488,625
CURRENT LIABILITIES	36,529	Memorials	79,000
NET ASSETS	967,339	Scholarship of Hope grants	12,000
		SUPPORTING ACTIVITIES	
TOTAL LIABILITIES/ASSETS	<u>1,003,868</u>	Management	60,708
		Fundraising	53,868
		TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>694,201</u>
		Change in Net Assets	<u>173,940</u>

# Organization Overview

## Mission



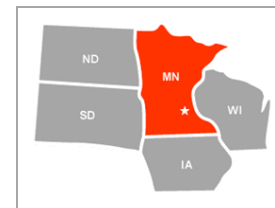
**Wishes & More**® enhances the life of a child fighting a terminal or life-threatening condition by providing extraordinary experiences... and more.

## Purpose



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.

## Population Served



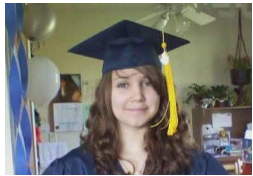
**Wishes & More** serves all children who apply prior to their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday and have a physician's qualifying statement attesting to the child's life-threatening condition requiring ongoing treatment.

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

# Unique Programming

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

## Scholarship of Hope®



*Karly's Scholarship*

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.

## Memorial Grants

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.



*Collette's Memorial*

## Above & Beyond



*Gabe at a Wild Game!*

The families we serve are truly “our family” and we continue to stay in their lives even after the wish or memorial is granted for as long as they desire to stay in touch and receive opportunities to celebrate family.

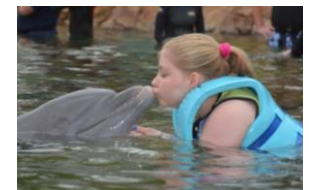
# President's Letter

Dear Friends,

It was years ago, when I first had a little girl on my lap who said that her wish was, “that I didn’t have cancer”. I told her that I wished the same for her and so did many, many people that she didn’t even know. People who cared a lot about kids who were sick and they were the ones who sent me to her hospital to talk about wishes. And they wanted to make sure that I did whatever I could to find out what would make her very happy; something like a special trip - or something we could buy for her- or someone special that she would like to meet.



I’ve used the same response at the other heart-stabbing times I’ve heard that impossible-to-fulfill request. Because it’s true. We are proud of the fact that we may be the face of the organization but the body and limbs are the volunteers and donors who support us with their time and their gifts. Our goal is to use those resources to provide extraordinary experiences and financial support through our **Memorial** and **Scholarship of Hope®** programs, as well as the special opportunities we are able to provide to kids and their families. We take that responsibility and our fiduciary responsibility very seriously and we work at it every day.



*Karla*

Karla Blomberg, Volunteer President