

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 \$2,000 **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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2017 Annual Report

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Board & Advisory Board

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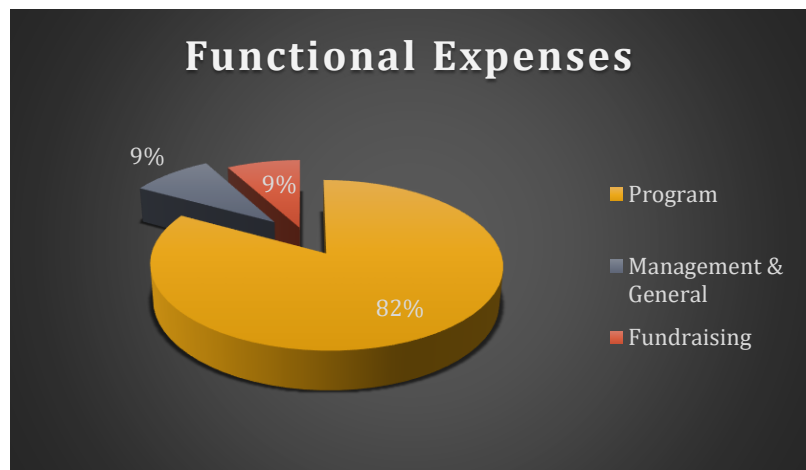
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Greg Wolf – Vice President, Wells Fargo Corporate Credit

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2017 Finances



See Appendix A – 2017 Audited Financial Statements for more information.

2017 Financial Position

CURRENT ASSETS		SUPPORT	476,449
Cash	631,872	REVENUE	530,954
Certificates of Deposit	400,000		
Pledges and Prepaid Expenses	92,686	TOTAL SUPPORT/REVENUE	<u>1,007,403</u>
OTHER ASSETS	19,554		
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>1,144,112</u>	PROGRAM SERVICES	
		Wishes	613,086
CURRENT LIABILITIES	39,284	Memorials	92,000
NET ASSETS	1,104,828	Scholarship of Hope grants	10,000
		SUPPORTING ACTIVITIES	
TOTAL LIABILITIES/ASSETS	<u>1,144,122</u>	Management	73,230
		Fundraising	81,598
		TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>869,914</u>
		Change in Net Assets	<u>137,489</u>

Organization Overview

Mission



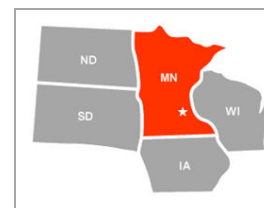
Wishes & More® enhances the life of a child fighting a terminal or life-threatening condition by providing extraordinary experiences... and more.

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 19th birthday and have a physician's qualifying statement attesting to the child's life-threatening condition requiring ongoing treatment. Services are provided to children living in Minnesota; or who live in the border states of North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, and Wisconsin; or are 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®



Upon being granted their wish, each wish child will be presented with a scholarship certificate that will be redeemable as a \$2,000 financial grant to apply to any higher institution of learning beyond high school.

Isaac's Scholarship

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.

Owen's Memorial



Above & Beyond



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

Ryan, Grandma and siblings at a Twins Game!

President's Letter

Dear Friends,

When this great organization was created, we deliberated on a name and we wanted it to reflect who we are, but “Wishes & Scholarships & Memorials & Gifts & Hugs & Opportunities” just seemed a little too long so we settled on **Wishes & More®**.



We collectively had extensive experience in working with families with terminal and life-threatening conditions and we knew what the community needed and we were familiar with what was offered at the time. We wanted to make sure that the charity we created would fill in the gaps and hit the mark in supporting these kids and their families.

Fast forward to today and we're proud to say that this year we hit the 1000 mark of families served. Take that number that is tied to a child, multiply it by the nuclear and the extended family members and throw in all the friends, schoolmates and people who care about that child; and that number hits the tens of thousands. I call that batting a thousand!



Thank you for being with us as part of the team!

Karla

Karla Blomberg, Volunteer President