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**Mission**

Together, we create life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses.

**History**

The joy began in 1987, when our organization fulfilled its first wish: a family trip to York Beach for a girl with Niemann-Pick disease. Since that first inspired wish, we have served over 7,000 children in Massachusetts and over 1,000 children in Rhode Island.

**The Need for Wishes**

Approximately 500 children in Massachusetts and Rhode Island are diagnosed with life-threatening medical conditions every year, based on information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Our vision is to grant the wish of every medically eligible child.

**Accomplishments and Goals**

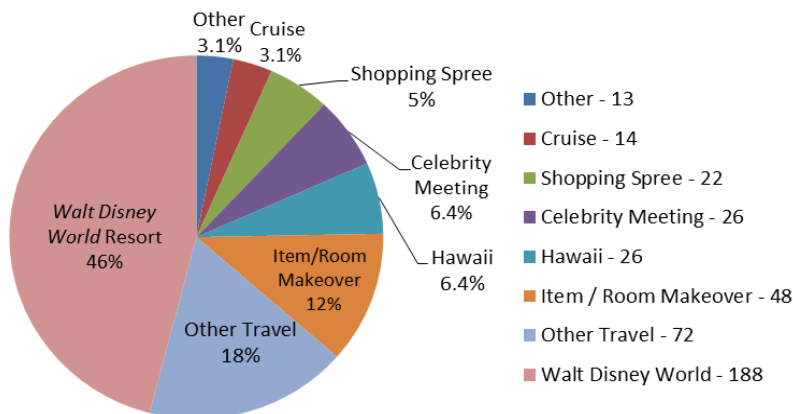
- ◆ In Fiscal Year 2017, our organization fulfilled wishes for 409 children across Massachusetts and Rhode Island – a record-breaking year!
- ◆ We are striving to serve 421 children in Fiscal Year 2018.

**Funding and Community Support**

Make-A-Wish Massachusetts and Rhode Island is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that raises funds locally from individuals, corporations and foundations, and through fundraising events. We honor the generosity of our donors by exercising the utmost fiscal responsibility:

- ◆ 80 cents of every dollar donated is directed to children's wishes, according to our most recent audit.
- ◆ Our organization is a Three Star Charity, awarded this rating by Charity Navigator, the nation's largest independent evaluator of charities.
- ◆ We are an accredited charity under the BBB Wise Giving Alliance's Standards for Charity Accountability.
- ◆ 600+ volunteers help to keep administrative costs low.
- ◆ The Massachusetts and Rhode Island communities support their wish children independently. The funds that you generously donate will help to grant wishes for children residing in your state.

**Types of Wishes Fulfilled, Fiscal Year 2017**



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