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Mission

Make-A-Wish® Massachusetts and Rhode Island grants wishes for children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength, and joy.

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

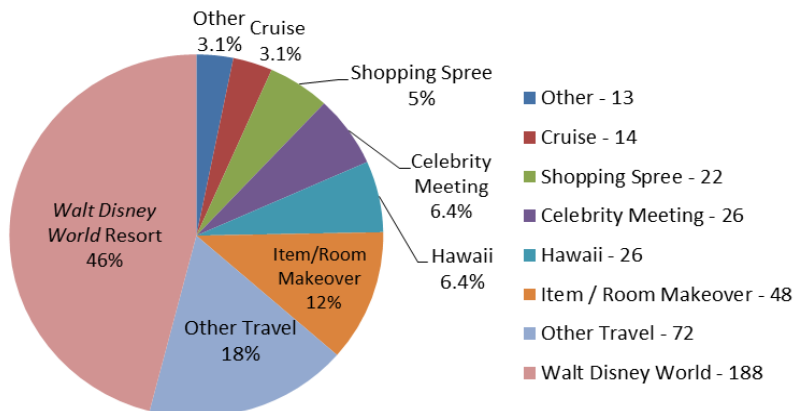
- ◆ In Fiscal Year 2017, our organization fulfilled wishes for 409 children across Massachusetts and Rhode Island – a record-breaking year!
- ◆ We are striving to serve 421 children in Fiscal Year 2018.

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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