

MAKE A GIFT TODAY

Yes, I would like to provide hope, strength and joy to a courageous child in my community.

- I would like to:
- Make a Donation
 - Volunteer my time
 - Volunteer for an event
 - Volunteer on a wish
 - Discuss my planned giving options
 - Receive more information about making an estate gift to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.
 - I have included the Make-A-Wish Foundation® in my estate plans.

Name _____
Phone _____
Email _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____

- Check enclosed. Please make checks payable to Make-A-Wish Foundation.
 Please charge my credit card \$ _____

Card Type _____
Credit Card Number _____
Exp Date _____ Security Code _____

Please mail your donation to:
Make-A-Wish Foundation
2545 Farmers Drive, Suite 300
Columbus, OH 43235

You can also make a donation online at:
www.makeawishohio.org
www.makeawishky.org
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OUR MISSION:

We grant the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy.

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Akeia
I wish to have...



Harrison
I wish to meet...



Emma
I wish to go...



Victor
I wish to be...

Annual Report 2010

Make-A-Wish Shines a Light

The moment a child is diagnosed with cancer the walls begin to crumble. A dark cloud descends as your vision of your beautiful healthy happy little angel is replaced with the cold reality of a critically-ill child. The child is immediately hospitalized, and as they are settled in a room that has suddenly become airless, the doctors begin the litany of chemotherapy, surgeries, protocol, procedures, and side effects.

When I looked at that little 10-year-old face lying in the bed, and the reality began to seep in I felt my heart break.

He looked dazed and I could tell he was trying to stay strong and brave. None of us could comprehend our new reality. I did hear that his treatment would be three years and eight months long. Leukemia is hard to fight because blood cancer circulates through the entire body. How could the boy who slid into home base two weeks ago now be destined for a life of needles, hospitals and blood tests?

In this fateful day of tragedy there was only one note of hope. When my son's case manager told him he would be able to make a wish, he raised his chin and I saw a new light in his eyes. He kept that thread of hope alive throughout his challenge. This one ray of hope was the positive note in a little boy's difficult reality. He would consider various ways to use his wish. Throughout his treatment years and through his recovery, the dream was present.

Four years is an eternity in a child's life. Adults turn away when they see a child with no hair or one swollen from chemotherapy or walking with difficulty. They don't want to face the reality of a child with cancer. That picture intrudes into their world as a jarring reminder that this could be their child. Other children make fun of pediatric cancer patients because they look different. Labels like "cancer kid" and "chemo boy" are hurled at them as they try to recapture their childhood. The aftereffects of chemotherapy and cranial radiation create complications that will last a lifetime. Throughout all this negativity, there is The Wish. They get to make a wish.

Make-A-Wish isn't just about a singular event. It is a symbol of hope. Making a wish represents something that makes these children feel special. When cancer interrupts their childhood path, Make-A-Wish creates a little garden spot. It is a place where they can go to dream of something wonderful while they are receiving blood transfusions or when they are so sick they can barely raise their heads. A little child's world should be full of sunshine and laughter. In these children's lives, Make-A-Wish shines a light.

— Written by Donna, wish mom of Michael who received his wish in 2010.



Wish Child Michael with his brother, Joe, and mom, Donna, in 2010.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION*

August 31, 2010

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,796,164
Investments	492,822
Contributions receivable, net	891,474
Due from related entities	190,566
Prepaid and other assets	148,132
Furniture and equipment, net	37,544
Investments held for long-term purposes	2,158,607
Total assets	\$ 5,715,309

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 165,499
Accrued pending wish costs	3,047,098
Due to related entities	21,861
Other liabilities	79,138
Total liabilities	3,313,596

Net assets	
Unrestricted	1,208,472
Temporarily restricted	958,247
Permanently restricted	234,994
Total net assets	2,401,713
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 5,715,309

* Unaudited presentation.
Audited financial statements can be found on our Chapter website - www.makeawishohio.org

Don't Forget
We have new event websites!

BIG Wish
Walk for Wishes

www.wishwalkers.org
www.BIGwishgala.org

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES*

For the year ended August 31, 2010

Revenues and other support:

Individuals	\$ 2,876,099
Corporate gifts	2,140,568
In-kind donations	2,928,873
Grants	258,846
Special events	2,019,197
Net investment income	115,695
Other income	23,641

Total revenues and other support **10,362,919**

Expenses:

Program Services - wish granting	6,692,337
Fund raising	1,158,613
Management and general	1,221,693

Total expenses **9,072,643**

Change in net assets	1,290,276
Net assets at beginning of year	1,111,437

Net assets at end of year **\$ 2,401,713**

STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

For the year ended August 31, 2010

