

TWILIGHT WISH FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORT

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023





LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER STINSON



Dear Friends,

This past fiscal year has been filled with tremendous growth and many highlights, including the start of our 20th anniversary of granting wishes! As of June 30, 2023, we granted the most wishes in one year in our history with 710 wishes granted, a huge milestone for us. Included in this number was our 5,000th wish which happened to be one of our most amazing wishes as well!

Norma Sue Stephenson, who was 95 at the time of her wish granting, had her wish to travel to Italy to see where her husband's plane was shot down during WWII granted by our incredible Houston team in April. Norma Sue's husband, Victor Phelps, flew 116 missions with the Twelfth Air Force's 87th Fighter Group until his plane was shot down by the Germans in Italy near the Gothic Line on October 11, 1944. His squadron had orders to bomb a bridge, but when the bombs didn't release, he circled back for another attempt although he later told his family he knew his plane would be shot down. Victor bailed out of his P-47D Thunderbolt, nicknamed "The Nittany Nipper," and as he was parachuting down, he could see German soldiers on one side and farmers with pitchforks approaching from the other side. Victor hid on a nearby Italian farm until he was captured and taken as a prisoner of war by the Germans. He was among the prisoners liberated by General George Patton's army on April 29, 1945

Norma Sue found out several years ago that there is a memorial at the spot where Victor's plane crashed after an Italian organization reached out to her grandson via Facebook. The Associazione Amici del fiume Senio (Friends of the Senio River Association) found parts from his plane and put up a memorial at the spot of the crash. The organization, with the help of one eyewitness, was able to give his family photos and information they had never heard before. Like so many other veterans, Victor, who passed away in 1976, did not talk much about his war experiences with his family. Norma Sue has wanted to visit the memorial in Italy ever since they found out about it.

As you can imagine, this was a very involved wish that required diligent planning and organization and our Houston team was up to the task! Norma Sue's wish was everything she had hoped for and more!

In addition to our wish milestones, we added several new board members and grew our chapter footprint to 17 locations. None of this growth would be possible without the ongoing support of our donors, volunteers, staff and board members. I thank you all for your support and look forward to even more growth in the next year!

Best wishes,

Peter Stinson
Executive Director



ABOUT TWILIGHT WISH FOUNDATION

MISSION AND VISION Our mission is to honor and enrich the lives of seniors through intergenerational Twilight Wish celebrations. Our vision is to make the world a nicer place to age, one Twilight Wish at a time.

OUR HISTORY Twilight Wish Foundation, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, was founded by Cass Forkin on July 1, 2003, in Bucks County, Pennsylvania after a life-changing encounter with several elderly women in a diner. As the women were counting out change to pay for their meal, it became clear to Forkin that they could barely afford even a simple buffet lunch in a diner, so she anonymously paid their bill. They insisted on knowing who treated them and said, “We didn’t know there were still people like you out there. We thought you had forgotten us.” Those comments and the women’s gratefulness for Forkin’s simple gesture led to the realization of the genuine need for a national organization that addressed not only simple and basic needs, but also the higher-level needs for an elder’s wish of a lifetime.



WISH GRANTING PROGRAM

Twilight Wish celebrates seniors and makes dreams come true by granting wishes for recipients over age 65 who do not have the ability to grant their own wishes or are permanent members of a long-term care facility. Wish granting provides a meaningful “thank you” for a lifetime of service to others. Sometimes the wish fulfills an immediate need. Sometimes it fulfills a last wish or a wish of a lifetime. Big or small, all wishes are significant to the recipient as they validate what the senior has specifically done for others over the years.

VETERANS PROGRAM

At Twilight Wish, we feel it is our privilege and duty to help fulfill the wishes of our elderly American veterans. Since our founding in 2003, we have honored more than 950 veterans. In fact, one-third of all the wishes we grant are for veterans. Sometimes a wish fulfills an immediate need. Sometimes it is a last wish or a lifelong dream. Large or small, all wishes provide a meaningful “thank you” to our veterans for their dedication and selfless service to our country.



The mission of Twilight Wish Foundation is to honor and enrich the lives of deserving seniors through wish granting celebrations that connect generations. Our vision is to make the world a nicer place to age, one wish at a time. Since our founding in 2003, we have granted the lifelong wishes of over 5,327 deserving senior citizens throughout the United States. Twilight Wish grants wishes to seniors, 65 and older, earning less than 200% of poverty level, or who are a permanent resident of a nursing facility.

SIMPLE NEEDS

390

basic quality
of life Wishes

55%

of all Twilight
Wishes were
Simple Needs

Simple Needs wishes are for basic quality-of-life necessities such as healthcare and accessibility items including hearing aids, dentures, mattresses, appliances, wheelchairs, and walkers.

Our Allegheny County chapter granted a very simple wish that had a big impact on Ronald Marchesiano's life. Ronald, 85, lived alone and has some medical issues which made it difficult for him to keep his house clean. Ronald volunteered his time at St. Philomena's church and school in Pittsburgh and also ran the kitchen for AA and NA meetings. Our Allegheny County chapter arranged to have Ronald's house deep cleaned and, as you can see, he was thrilled!



LIVING LIFE TO THE FULLEST

Living Life to the Fullest wishes are often the fulfillment of a lifelong dream such as publishing a book, riding in a hot air balloon, or dancing with a Mummers band.

312

fulfillment of a
lifelong dream
Wishes

44%

of all Twilight
Wishes were
Living Life To
The Fullest

Helen Casing, 69, has always loved horses and wished to pet and ride one, one more time. Helen rode as a child and her family owned three horses. A resident of Lutheran SeniorLife Passavant in Zelienople, Pennsylvania, her wish was granted in October 2022 when our Butler County chapter arranged for Helen to visit a local farm. There, she rode in a cart pulled by Bella, one of the miniature horses. Helen was thrilled to watch Koda, another miniature horse, perform tricks and give her kisses. It was a wonderful day for Helen that she will remember forever!



CELEBRATING A LIFE

Celebrating a Life wishes are meaningful and nostalgic wishes for recipients with limited life expectancies. Many of these wishes are for family reunions, visits to hometowns, and to return to a job or career one more time.

8

meaningful and nostalgic Wishes

1%

of all Twilight Wishes were Celebrating A Life

Norman Bramley was an Air Force veteran who served proudly during WWII. About to turn 100 in August of 2022, Norman lived on his own. His neighbor knew this milestone birthday was approaching and wanted Norman to be celebrated on this special day so he nominated him to be surprised with a big birthday party. Our Connecticut chapter director, Andrea Hoisl, took this wish and ran with it! Nearly the whole town of West Hartford turned out to honor this special man on August 26, 2022 with a big, patriotic celebration! West Hartford Troop 163 Eagle Scouts presented Norman with 100 birthday cards from the local Boy and Girl Scout troops while members of the two local high school bands performed patriotic favorites. In addition, Norman was presented with a proclamation honoring him by West Hartford Mayor Shari Cantor and an American Pride quilt by the West Hartford Quilters. This wish truly celebrated his amazing life!

WISHES GRANTED

Wishes granted from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023

Date granted	Recipient's name	Wish description
• 07/01/22	Wadsworth Glen Nursing Home	Big screen TV
• 07/06/22	Melvin S.	Trip to Disney with wife
• 07/07/22	Anna B.	Hearing aids
• 07/07/22	Vicki W.	Medic alert system
• 07/14/22	Tommy E.	Quad cane
• 07/18/22	Raymond H.	Sewing machine
• 07/30/22	Carole W.	Lift chair
• 08/02/22	Nicholas K.	Have house cleaned
• 08/03/22	Richard M.	New bed and bedding
• 08/04/22	Shirley W.	Visit childhood home
• 08/05/22	Terry S.	Digital scale
• 08/06/22	Audrey R.	Disney-themed birthday party
• 08/10/22	Mildred L.	Desktop video magnifier
• 08/13/22	Luvenia J.	Table and chairs
• 08/13/22	Bernadette A.	Lift chair
• 08/17/22	Diane W.	Laptop
• 08/18/22	Kathleen E.	Furniture
• 08/19/22	Michael R.	Furniture
• 08/19/22	Mary Jo D.	Hearing aids
• 08/25/22	Florence Home Health Care	Robotic pets & tablets
• 08/26/22	Norman B.	100th birthday party
• 09/01/22	Delores B.	Visit daughter
• 09/07/22	Richard M.	Hearing aids
• 09/07/22	Vera H.	Trip to the beach
• 09/10/22	Nancy R.	Visit sister in CA
• 09/10/22	Charlotte F.	New stove
• 09/17/22	Constance M.	Housewarming party
• 09/16/22	Vincent D.	Tablet
• 09/28/22	Winifred J.	Hearing aids
• 10/04/22	Cynthia H.	Computer
• 10/06/22	Cynthia J.	Have dogs groomed
• 10/10/22	Henry G.	Circus-themed party
• 10/10/22	Richard G.	Lift chair
• 10/20/22	Irwin senior center	30 cardio drum sets
• 10/22/22	Lucianne D.	Transportation
• 10/23/22	Helen K.	Visit with pony
• 10/24/22	Dorothy B.	Lift chair
• 10/25/22	Larry L.	Stair lift
• 10/28/22	Sr. Charles Mane	Cell phone
• 10/28/22	Donna G.	Wig

WISHES GRANTED (CONT'D)

• 11/07/22	Gary M.	Lift chair
• 11/14/22	Charles H.	Wheelchair ramp
• 11/16/22	Mary Anne C.	Sofa
• 11/16/22	Elaine K.	Lift chair
• 11/17/22	Gary K.	Lift chair
• 11/20/22	Wadsworth Glen residents	See Christmas play
• 12/13/22	Corvallis Manor residents	Trip to casino and lunch
• 12/16/22	Katie M.	Lift chair
• 12/16/22	Craig D.	Exercise bike
• 12/16/22	Butler Adopt a Senior	Simple gifts
• 12/17/22	Ron T.	Gift cards for food
• 12/17/22	Strauss Manor	Simple needs gifts
• 12/28/22	Beacon Brook Health	New tablets
• 01/02/23	Eva V.	New stove
• 01/06/23	Ella P.	Lift chair
• 01/12/23	Bradley A.	Furnace repair
• 01/13/23	Teresina T.	Hearing aids
• 01/16/23	Kathleen L.	Computer/printer
• 01/20/23	Vernon senior center	Coat drive
• 01/20/23	Patricia N.	Disneyland visit
• 01/20/23	Patricia R.	Lift chair
• 01/30/23	Harold T.	Gaming system
• 01/31/23	Sally B.	Dinner at Red Lobster
• 02/09/23	Donald S.	Carpet
• 02/09/23	Ronald M.	House cleaning
• 02/10/23	Mary T.	Full size bed
• 02/17/23	Anna V.	Frank Sinatra impersonator
• 03/02/23	Donald R.	Furniture
• 03/02/23	Steve N.	Bicycle
• 03/06/23	Sherry B.	Lift chair
• 03/17/23	Andrea J.	Neuromode 3
• 03/18/23	Kerry B.	Dog accessories
• 03/21/23	Dewain S.	Bed and bedding
• 03/27/23	Tom K.	Gift cards for food
• 03/29/23	Monterey Place group wish	Game night
• 03/31/23	Richard L.	Art supplies
• 03/31/23	Bertha B.	CD player
• 04/01/23	Ted S.	Bluegrass festival
• 04/02/23	Jeffrey P.	Penguins hockey game
• 04/05/23	Herbert W.	Raise headstone
• 04/05/23	Betsy P.	Hearing aids
• 04/06/23	Immanuel House	Furniture
• 04/11/23	Catherine O.	Have hair colored/styled
• 04/13/23	Robert T.	Tampa Bay Lightning game
• 04/15/23	Maria M.	Airline ticket for family reunion

WISHES GRANTED (CONT'D)

• 04/17/23	Howard B.	Willie Nelson concert
• 04/19/23	Eleana W.	Blake Shelton concert
• 04/20/23	Imperial House residents	Tea party
• 04/22/23	Miriam W.	Bed and pillows
• 04/25/23	Betsy C.	Wheelchair ramp
• 04/26/23	Ritchie R.	Lift chair
• 04/27/23	Norma Sue S.	Trip to Italy
• 04/29/23	Rebuild Hartford	Household repairs
• 04/29/23	PEAK & Encore seniors	Senior dance
• 04/29/23	Marcella P.	Couch
• 04/29/23	Earl S.	Attend daughter's graduation
• 04/29/23	Dennis C.	Visit Yosemite
• 05/01/23	Roger S.	Lift chair
• 05/02/23	Donna B.	Lift chair
• 05/02/23	Chris F.	Hearing aids
• 05/03/23	Luann J.	Lift chair
• 05/04/23	Mary C.	Lift chair
• 05/09/23	Neshaminy Manor residents	Mummers perform
• 05/09/23	Lillian M.	Reading Phillies game
• 05/10/23	Melanie W.	Mattress & bedding
• 05/10/23	Patricia H.	Mattress & bedding
• 05/10/23	Dorothy C.	Mattress & bedding
• 05/10/23	Bonnie H.	Mattress & bedding
• 05/10/23	Christine G.	Mattress & bedding
• 05/13/23	Connie S.	Mother's Day makeover
• 05/15/23	Cathy P.	Stairlift
• 05/16/23	Gertrude S.	iPad
• 05/16/23	Judith R.	Daybed
• 05/17/23	St. Joseph's Center	Petting zoo visit
• 05/20/23	Van R.	Visit childhood friend
• 05/22/23	Slippery Rock senior center	Ice cream social
• 05/23/23	Angela H.	Lift chair
• 05/23/23	Barbara H.	Mattress
• 05/23/23	New Haven community	Garden
• 05/23/23	Lynda S.	Mattress
• 05/24/23	Guiseppe D.	Tricycle
• 05/27/23	Melvin C.	Meet boxer
• 05/31/23	Butler County Area on Aging	Senior prom
• 06/01/23	Richard T.	Lift chair
• 06/06/23	Lois H.	Recliner
• 06/07/23	Margarite A.	Window A/C unit
• 06/11/23	Joyce B.	Attend family reunion
• 06/16/23	Eugene W.	Tattoo
• 06/19/23	Mary Elizabeth J.	Lamps
• 06/20/23	Coatesville VA veterans	Shorts drive

WISHES GRANTED (CONT'D)

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| • 06/21/23 | Leo M. | Dinner with family |
| • 06/22/23 | Brookhaven Health Center | Visit farm |
| • 06/30/23 | Charles G. | Portable oxygen |



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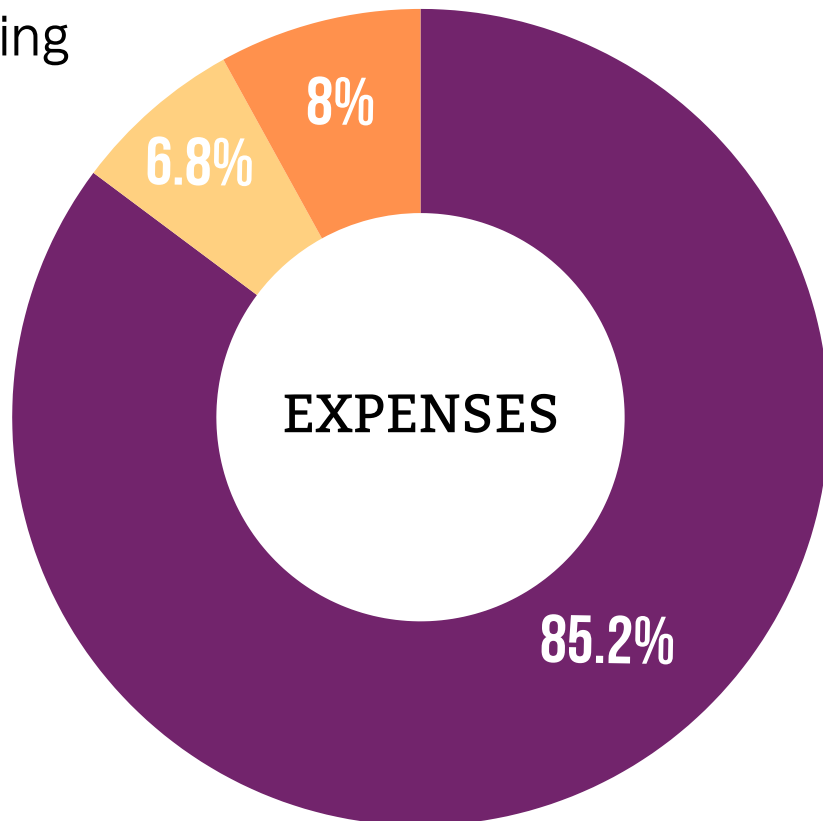
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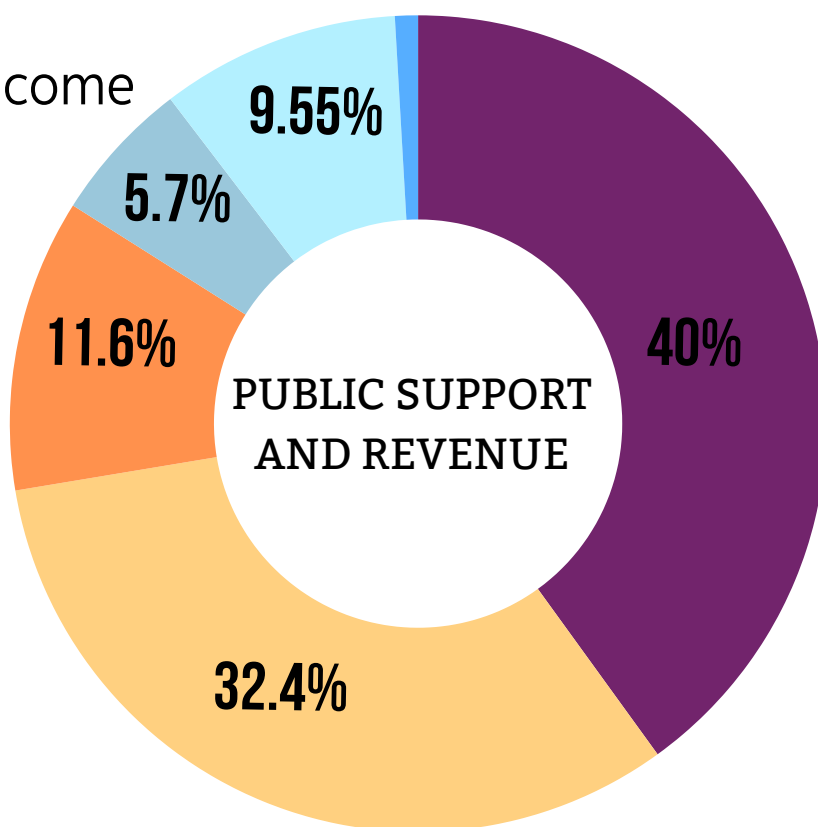
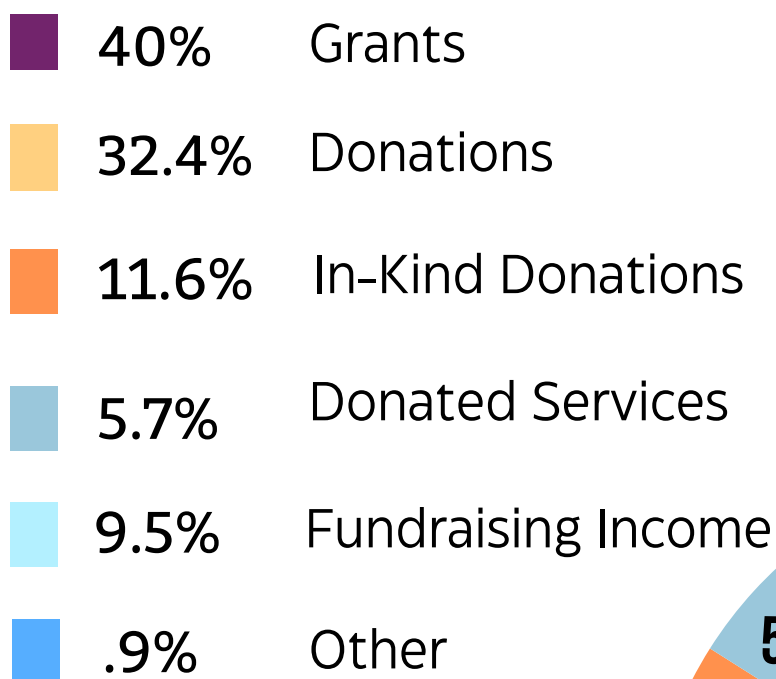
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- 85.2% Program Services
- 6.8% General and Administrative
- 8% Fundraising



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Edna A.

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