



TWILIGHT WISH FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORT

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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



June 30, 2025

Dear Friends,

This past fiscal year has been a continued journey of growth for Twilight Wish as we granted an incredible 7,104 wishes to date, with an impressive 994 of those wishes granted in the past fiscal year alone. Each wish granted not only transforms the lives of deserving seniors but also showcases the dedication and collaborative spirit of our volunteers, staff, and board members who make these Twilight Wish moments possible.

Among the many wishes granted this year were Bernadine's wish for a horse-drawn carriage ride in downtown Houston, Charles' wish for AI glasses that assist him with reading, and Myron's wish for one last birthday party with his wife and family. In a world where many seniors face challenges and isolation, the act of granting even the simplest wish can ignite a spark of joy and connection, reminding the senior that they are cherished and celebrated.

Other recent milestones include the addition of several dedicated board members and the expansion of new chapters in the communities of Lehigh Valley, Pennsylvania; Spokane, Washington; Miami/Fort Lauderdale, and Austin, Texas. None of this remarkable growth and transformation would be possible without your unwavering support. We are so incredibly grateful.

Together, we can continue to create priceless memories and uplift the spirits of seniors in need, and we invite you to join us in this heartfelt mission—whether through volunteering, donating, or simply spreading the word about the transformative power of granting wishes.

Best wishes,
Peter Stinson
Executive Director

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Peter Stinson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.



MISSION & 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.

IMPACT

Because of your support, Twilight Wish Foundation was able to do more this year than any previous year! YOU made this possible!

994

Total Wishes Granted

Your support helped 994 Seniors across the United States have their Twilight Wish granted between July 2024-June 2025.

Simple Needs

A Simple Needs Twilight Wish can be for food, clothing, stoves, refrigerators, air conditioners, heaters, mattresses accessibility items. & hearing aids so they can participate in activities and reduce isolation and despair.



547

Living Life to Fullest

A Living Life to the Fullest Twilight Wish can include riding on a motorcycle, having a book published, or taking a ride on a hot air balloon ride.



437

Celebrating a Life

A Celebrating a Life Twilight Wish includes meaningful and nostalgic wishes granted for hospice patients, persons 90 years of age and older or recipients with limited life expectancies.

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SIMPLE NEEDS WISH

Making connections

Over and over, we see how important connections are to keeping seniors mentally healthy. Yet, many seniors, because they are on a fixed income, are not able to afford devices that will allow them to keep in touch with family and friends. One such wish granted recently was for Jimmy, a resident of the Southwestern Veterans Center in Pittsburgh.

The Tech Caregiver students from Forbes Road Career and Technology Center visit Southwestern Veterans Center monthly to provide technical assistance to the elderly residents there. Jimmy, 73, has watched the students help many of the other residents there and has witnessed the joy they experience being able to communicate with family and friends. He asked the students to teach him how to use a computer, but he doesn't have a laptop or smart phone. After spending time with Jimmy the students from Forbes Road decided to find a way to get him a Chromebook and reached out to our Allegheny County chapter. A Navy veteran, Jimmy was also involved in the Knights of Columbus and served as an usher at his church. After so many years of him giving back to the community, it was our turn to give to him.

Since his wish was granted, Jimmy has been working with the students during their monthly visits to learn how to use his laptop to communicate with family members, play games and search the internet.



LIVING LIFE TO THE FULLEST WISH

Up, up and away!!

In July of 2024, Our Connecticut chapter granted Sherry's wish to ride in a hot air balloon. At the time of her wish granting, Sherry was 79 and battling several serious medical issues. She survived five-way bypass surgery in 2019 and was diagnosed with kidney failure in 2021, requiring dialysis three times a week. According to her daughter who nominated her, Sherry had always wanted to ride in a hot air balloon, but, due to circumstances and finances, was never able to make her own wish come true. With her health declining, her daughter nominated her to have her lifelong wish granted before it's too late. Sherry became a literacy volunteer after she learned to read at the age of 28 and inspired her own daughter and granddaughter to become teachers.



CELEBRATING A LIFE WISH

I A last birthday celebration for Myron

One day last fall, we got a call at headquarters from a social worker at a VA hospital in Los Angeles – she was trying to figure out how to make Myron’s last wish come true. A Korean War veteran, Myron was in hospice care and his 92nd birthday was quickly approaching. He knew it would be his last birthday and wanted to celebrate it with his wife, family and friends at P.F. Chang’s. Because he and his wife were living on a fixed income and paying for an in-home caregiver for his wife, they could not afford the cost of the birthday celebration on their own. With the three-hour time difference and no chapter in the LA area, it was a little tricky to plan the birthday in just under a week, but our Director of Wish Management, Cheryl Gustafson, made it happen! Myron, his wife, Sandy, and family and friends enjoyed a birthday celebration at his favorite restaurant. Myron passed away a few weeks after his birthday and Sandy called the office to say how much the celebration meant to them both and how grateful they were.



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above and beyond
to support our mission.



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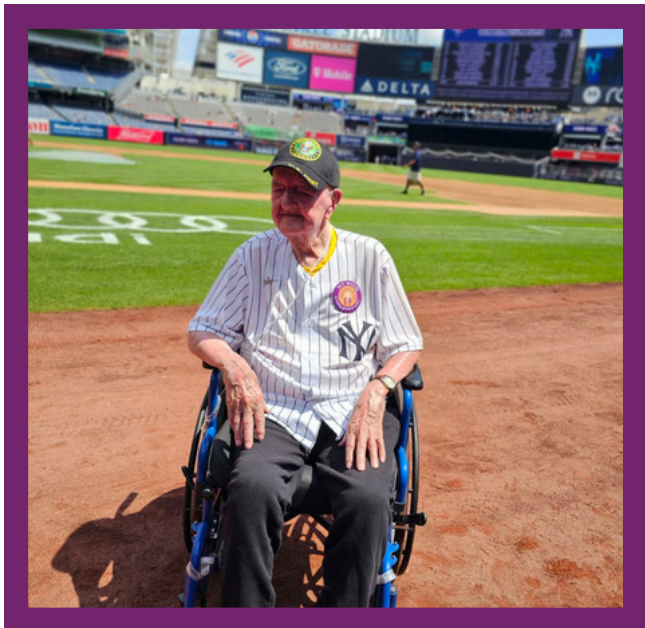
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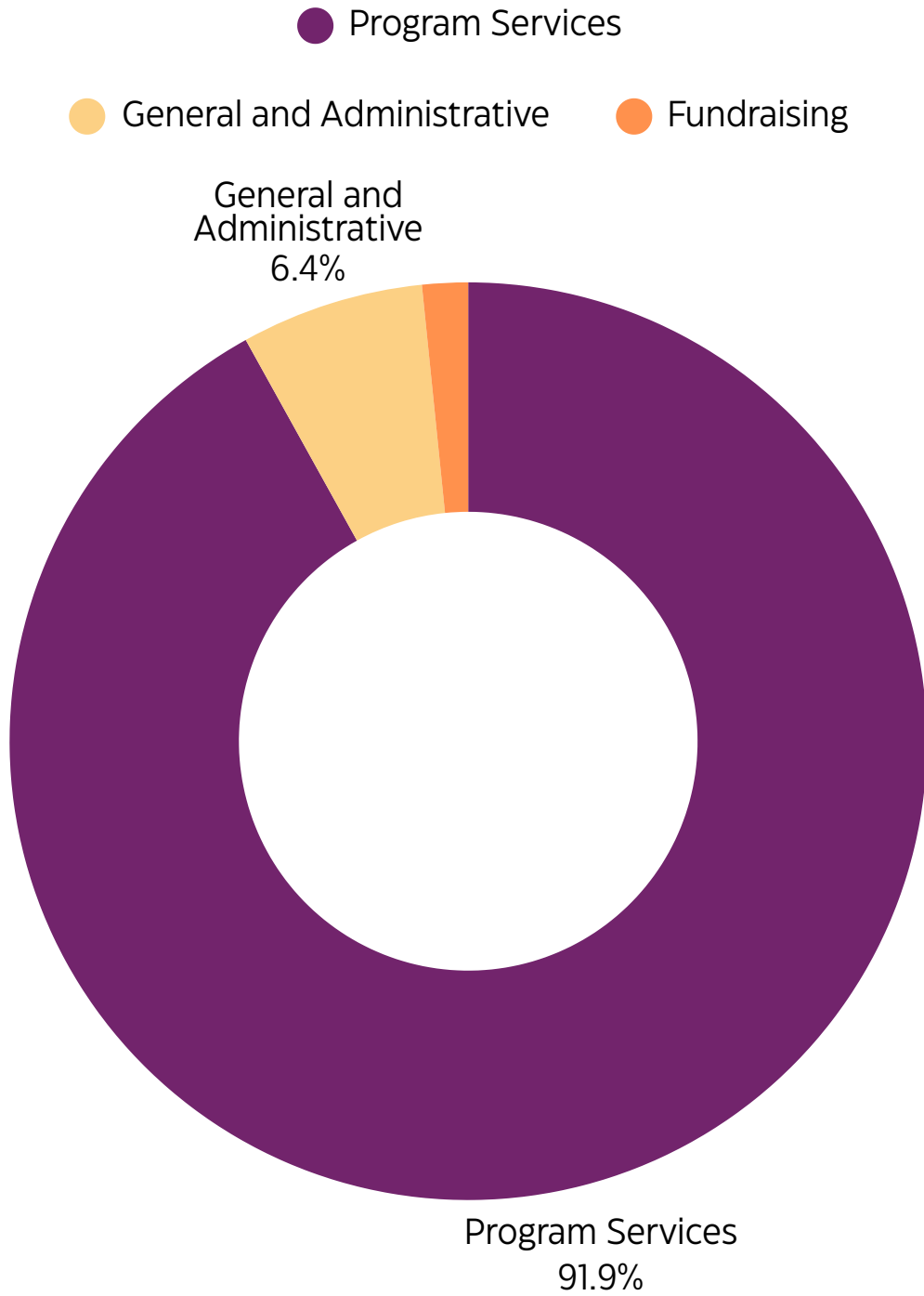
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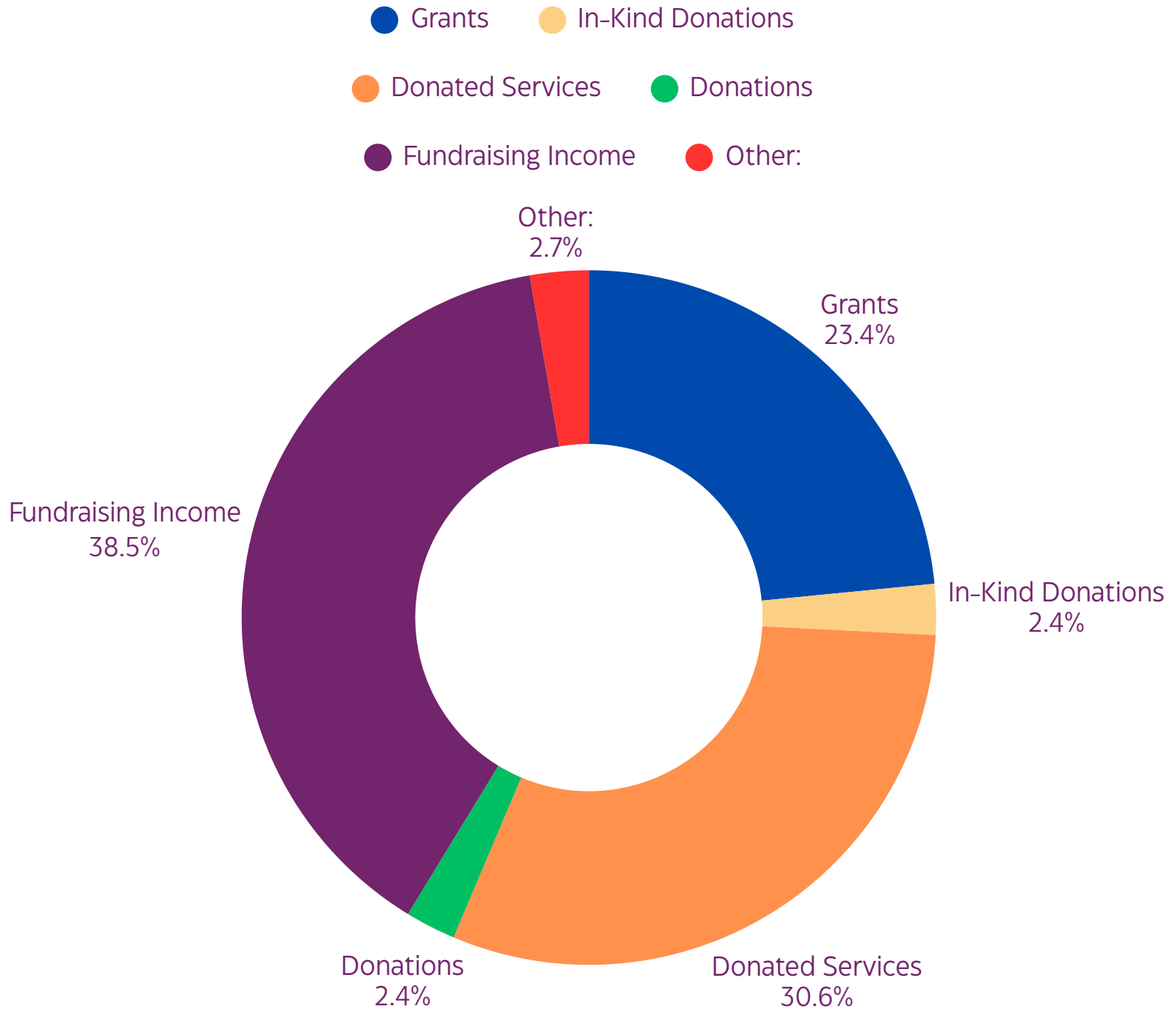
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ONETWILIGHT WISH AT A TIME**

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