



# December Newsletter



## A Note From Paula

As we celebrate our 20th anniversary of making wishes come true, I am overwhelmed with gratitude for the incredible support our wish heroes have received. It's amazing to think that this journey began with the kindness of two 10-year-old boys.

Over the past 20 years, I've been continually inspired by the dedication of our volunteers and the resilience of our wish families.

I'll never forget when 8-year-old Jenna asked me if we would have started Believe in Miracles if she hadn't gotten sick. I told her we wouldn't have thought of it. She replied, "Well, then I guess it's a good thing I got sick, so we can help all the kids at the hospital." Her words stayed with me and fuel our mission every day.

When we started, I never imagined we'd grow to grant nearly 60 wishes each year, but I think Jenna wouldn't be surprised.

Thank you for making our mission possible. Wishing you many blessings this holiday season,



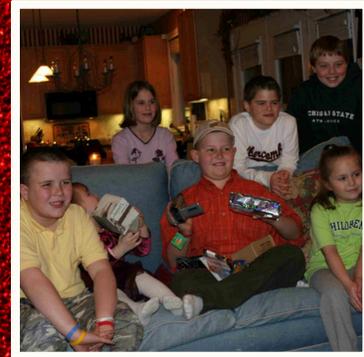
*Paula K*

## 20 Years of Miracles

Thanks to your incredible support, Believe in Miracles has touched hundreds of lives over the past two decades! Through the years we've accomplished so much together!

- 15,000 Bracelets sold and distributed
- 1,490 Volunteers
- 42 Gifts of Hope
- 4 College scholarships
- 490 Wishes
  - 190 Shopping Sprees
  - 160 Wish Trips including Disney
  - And many more unique gifts & experiences!

*It all started with a bracelet*



When Channel 7 News covered our story, we raised enough to grant our very first wish: a video camera and accessories for Andrew to capture his journey. Thank you for helping us create so many joyful moments and life-changing experiences over these 20 years.



Simon went on a shopping spree



Emerson went to a Kane Brown concert



Anderson went to Universal Studios



Keegan got a gaming computer



Andy went to a Lion's game



Meagan went to The Mall of America



Cassie went to a concert in CT



Bryce went to Great Wolf Lodge



Evelyn got a new stroller



Rihanna went to Disney

## Samantha's Wish

In August 2023, we met wish hero Samantha, who had just learned that her retinoblastoma had returned, affecting her right eye. Thanks to the incredible team at CS Mott Children's Hospital and many procedures, treatments, and prayers, Samantha received fantastic news shortly before her wish trip to Florida: there were no signs of recurrence.



Samantha and her family celebrated by enjoying roller coasters at Universal Studios, exploring the Kennedy Space Center, and visiting Give Kids the World Village, where she had her first wish fulfilled. Your support helps children like Samantha create cherished memories with family and friends. We are deeply grateful.

*"This is genuinely appreciated and we are so grateful for every bit of this. Samatha had so much fun. Everything was perfect - she had the best time." - Samantha's Mom*



## In Loving Memory



Ethan Joiner - 2/13/2002 - 11/18/2023

Leo Murphy - 9/10/2015 - 12/7/2023

Londyn Henderson - 4/18/2016 - 12/7/2023

RJ Anderson - 5/11/2006 - 12/24/2023

Sha'Kyla Buyers - 4/23/2004 - 1/18/2024

Davone Calhoun - 1/7/2010 - 2/4/2024

Tanner Newhouse - 6/07/2006 - 3/09/2024

Memphis Graham - 8/20/2014 - 3/9/2024

Angel Payne - 12/10/2010 - 3/11/2024

Zade Bachelder - 7/5/2016 - 3/21/2024

Trae Hawthorne - 8/28/2008 - 4/1/2024

Ashley Jernigan - 7/31/2002 - 4/23/2024

Jordan Miller - 11/7/2003 - 4/26/2024

Anthony Nicosia - 11/3/2007 - 5/31/2024

Yasser Almosawi - 2/14/2006 - 6/27/2024

Emerson Hoogendoorn - 12/20/2011 - 7/18/2024

Ezra McClelland - 1/30/2012 - 8/3/2024

Gideon Covey - 2/12/2014 - 9/21/2024

*"We can't help everyone, but... everyone can help someone" - Dr. Loretta Scott*

By joining **Jenna's Believers Club**, you can be a vital part of fulfilling wishes all year long. Your monthly gift brings stability to our planning and enables us to create lasting memories for these courageous kids.

**Your support goes a long way:**

**\$25:** A special gift for a Wish Hero

**\$50:** Gas cards for families

**\$100:** Provides meals for families

**\$250:** Tickets to a theme park

**\$500:** Airfare for one



*Every month, you can be a reason for a child's smile.*

**Sign up today and make a difference all year round!**

**Join Jenna's  
Believers Club!**



We are incredibly grateful to Faith@Work for their 16 years of support in sponsoring and hosting Jenna's Ice Cream sale. This event has always been a special occasion, and this year was no exception, raising over \$3,200.



Our 11th annual Golf Marathon at Walnut Creek Country Club was a huge success, with 20 golfers raising over \$44,000!



The 9th annual Jennathon at Troy High School saw our largest turnout with over 260 participants, featuring a heartfelt performance of the national anthem, testimony from our wish family, pancakes from the Knights of Columbus and coffee from Biggy Coffee.

*Thank you to all of our event sponsors, volunteers, and supporters!*



Believe In MIRACLES Foundation

Enriching The Lives Of Michigan Children

**JK Believe in Miracles Foundation**

2888 E. Long Lake Rd, Suite 140,

Troy, MI 48085

248-633-5109

email: ask@believeinmiracles.org

www.believeinmiracles.org



# jennabration.

BELIEVE IN MIRACLES CHARITY DINNER

**Saturday, February 22nd, 2025**

**Penna's of Sterling**

**38400 Van Dyke Ave,**

**Sterling Heights, MI 48312**



Scan the QR code to purchase tickets or become a sponsor!



**Dinner** 🚢 **Drinks**  
**Raffle** 🚢 **Silent Auction** 🚢 **DJ**

**Cruising into 20 years of wishes!**

**6:00pm - 11:00pm**