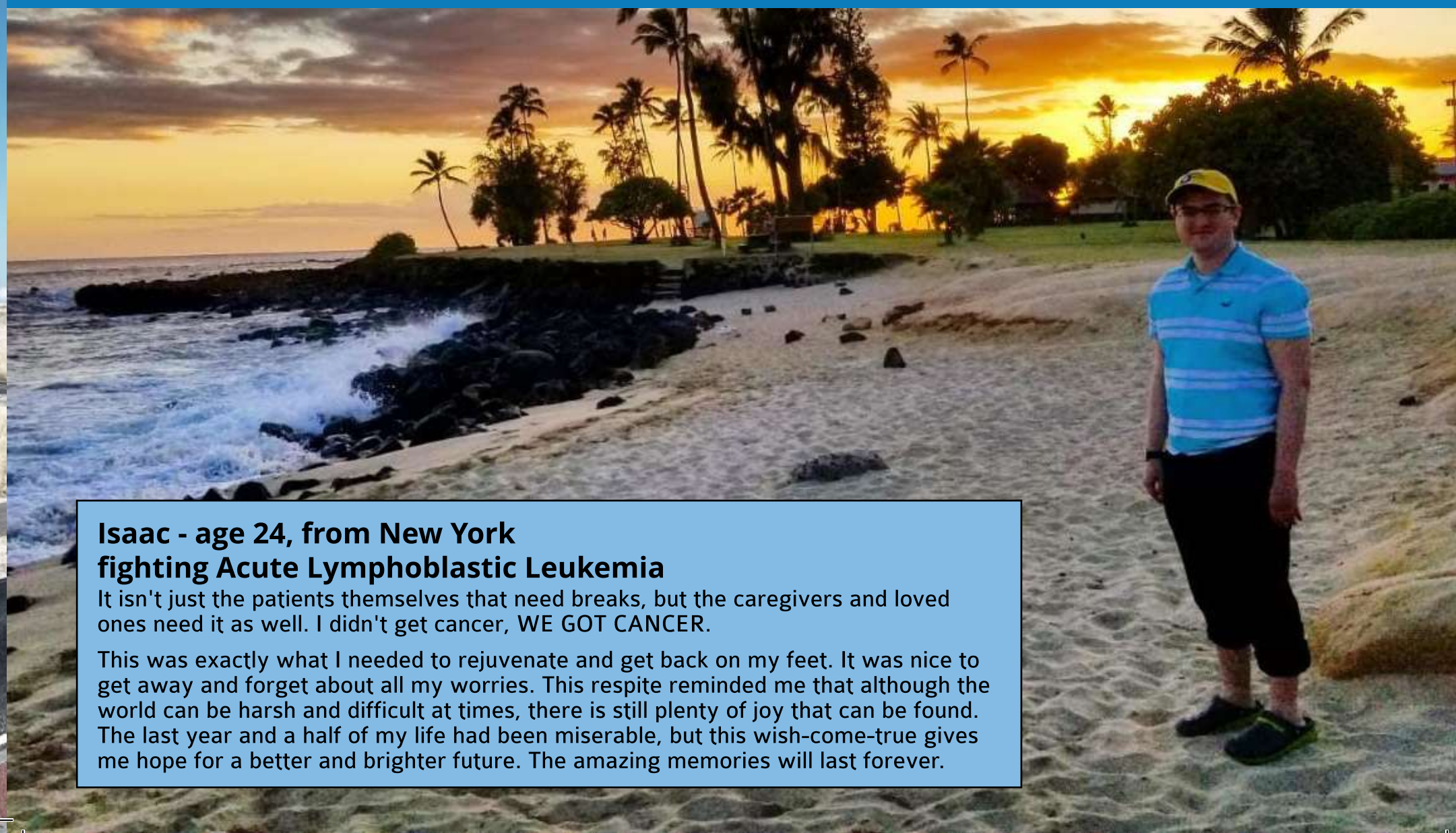


**Nikolas
Ritschel
Foundation**
Take one step...

2019 ANNUAL REPORT



**Isaac - age 24, from New York
fighting Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia**

It isn't just the patients themselves that need breaks, but the caregivers and loved ones need it as well. I didn't get cancer, WE GOT CANCER.

This was exactly what I needed to rejuvenate and get back on my feet. It was nice to get away and forget about all my worries. This respite reminded me that although the world can be harsh and difficult at times, there is still plenty of joy that can be found. The last year and a half of my life had been miserable, but this wish-come-true gives me hope for a better and brighter future. The amazing memories will last forever.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDER

A Year of Love, Joy and Wishes

Dear Friends:

As I look back on 2019, I can't help but feel blessed to be surrounded by so many good people in the world. I didn't know how I would ever fulfill my son, Nik's last wish to fill the gap for young adults fighting cancer. I was blessed to have family and friends help to figure out how to get us started to fulfill Nik's wish. Eight years after Nik planted the seed, your continuing support has nurtured it, and together we have delivered over 175 wishes in 32 states. I think if Nik were here today, he'd say, "See, mom, I told you they needed a wish!"

This year was record breaking as we accepted 53 wish applications and delivered 50 wishes. This year's Wishers had such a variety of wishes, yet each one accomplished the same goal – love life, love those in your life, and forget about cancer for just a while. Our team of amazing Wish Makers helped their Wishers go on family trips to Hawaii, Disney, Yellowstone, New York City, and Phoenix. Some met their favorite stars like Guy Fieri and Luke Bryan. Each wish was special in its very own way because it was a gift especially made for them!

It was a year of surprises as well. We were blessed to be recognized by Mary Latham from More Good Today. She was on a 50-state quest to find human acts of kindness and stayed with us for 4 days in Rockford, IL. Little did we know that Mary would be on the Kelly Clarkson Show and bring Nik's Wish with her!

We were overjoyed to have Nik's Wish recognized as the most impactful story of all the stories Mary found in the 157 homes she visited during her 50-state journey.

There were other fantastic surprises this year with some unexpected support from generous donors. Napleton Subaru chose us as their Hometown Charity for the Share the Love fundraising event. We were able to deliver 3 wishes from their event, which is a LOT OF LOVE! The Rockford Exelon-ComEd employees surprised us by selecting Nik's Wish as their local charity for their annual Employee Giving Campaign. They raised enough funds for 2 wishes! And The family of Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 23 chose us as their annual golf outing charity, and raised enough funds for 2 more wishes.

Our team of volunteers are continually reminded of how powerful a wish is from our Wish Families. The wish truly brings hope in a time of darkness. Cecily wrote us after her wish, "This past year has been more than difficult. Nik's Wish entered my life at a time I could no longer find that great joy. Nik's Wish gave me something to look forward to on my most challenging days."

As we charge forward to reach the 200th wish milestone, I want to say thank you from the bottom of my heart to the many people who have helped fulfill Nik's last wish.

Kelli (Nik's mom)



NIK'S WISHES BRING JOY!

Just a few of the 50 precious moments of joy delivered in 2019



Sara- age 24, from Illinois
Gray Zone Lymphoma

Sara was incredibly strong and brave in her battle. Miguel fell in love with her while she was very sick, but did not realize how serious it would turn out to be. He surprised her with a marriage proposal. My wish for her is to have the wedding gown of her dreams.

We are so very grateful for helping us make Sara and Miguel's day even more special. #LOVEWONcancerzero



Curtis - age 24, from Florida
Pituitary Carcinoma

At times I know it overwhelmed my family to watch me suffer from pain and struggle through recovery. A period of rest will help my family and I to rejuvenate and bond together.

Thank you for helping my family have an excellent time visiting our relatives in NYC where I was born. It was comforting to see family and very moving to have their support. I want to thank the donors for helping kids like me have a final wish.



Breanna - age 24, from Kentucky
Stage 2 Rectal Cancer

I would love to be able to celebrate beating cancer and all that my body has gone through. It's amazing to look back on and I want to look at it positively. My wish would be to take a trip out west with my caretaker/boyfriend.

We got engaged! This trip was more than I could have every hoped for and I can't even express my gratitude.



Cecily - age 20 from New Jersey
Medullablastoma

Through my treatments I am dreaming of days where hospital walls and IVs are replaced with magic and pixie dust. My mom and I share a close bond that includes a love for Disney. It would be special to celebrate our victory together.

Nik's Wish is full of angels that my family and I are beyond grateful for. You have brought light into my life. I will never forget this experience and always hold it close to my heart



Ramone - age 19, from California
Osteosarcoma

My life was normal. I was able to walk, run and play football and now have been diagnosed with cancer and have a broken femur.

The trip was AMAZING! We had a blast. We can't thank you enough. I really appreciate the foundation for doing what you guys did.

PASSIONATE VOLUNTEERS

Our foundation runs 100% on volunteers who believe that LOVE beats cancer EVERY time!



So fantastic to have some of our wishers at Nik's Home Run. 14 volunteer wish makers delivered 50 wishes this year!



Ethan's mom helps the kids at Ryan Jury Day Care with a Bake Sale for Nik's Wish



Event volunteers helped to make 16 fundraisers a success this year!



Very sad goodbye to our volunteer of the year and cancer warrior, Jack
Jack received his Nik's Wish in 2016 and worked hard to make wishes happen for others while fighting his own battle. RIP



Over 120 volunteers helped raise over \$70,000 at the 8th Annual Nik's Home Run

THESE ORGANIZATIONS BROUGHT JOY!

Special thanks for your amazing fundraising to grant these wishes!

NIK'S WISH funded by Anna Miller Foundation

2nd Annual Anna Miller Golf Outing
in loving memory of Anna



Elizabeth - age 21, from Illinois
Acute Myeloid Leukemia

I have not been able to participate in life like many of my peers. A family vacation would be healing for my family.

We had lots of fun and we enjoyed it so much. Thank you AMF and Nik's Wish.

NIK'S WISH funded by Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 23

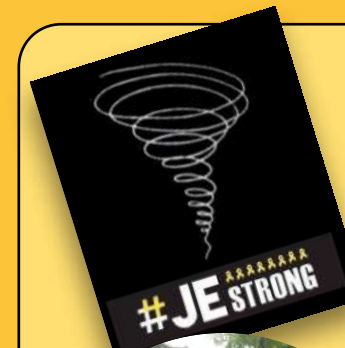
John - age 20, from Illinois Osteosarcoma



I love exploring and being outside. For a long time my cancer has deprived me of the opportunity to enjoy what I love. My parents have been through the hardships of treatment with me. We could use a vacation somewhere warm with adventure and excitement.

This wish was an amazing gift and gave us some very special time together. From the bottom of our hearts thank you Plumbers & Pipefitters for making my wish come true.

NIK'S WISH funded by Get BUZZED #JE STRONG



Jazmyn - age 21, from S. Carolina
Synovial Sarcoma



I have been so sick and I just want a break. I really want to go to New York City. I have never been there and I hear it is awesome. I want to sight see, go into some of the famous stores and ride a carriage in Central Park.

We had a terrific time. Thank you for everything. It means the world to us to be able to experience this.

NIK'S WISH funded by ComEd an Exelon Company

Haley - age 20, from Illinois Hodgkin's Lymphoma



Thank you for all the hard work and support your organization has done to grant Haley's wish. She is a fighter and this trip meant the world to her. She made memories to last a lifetime.

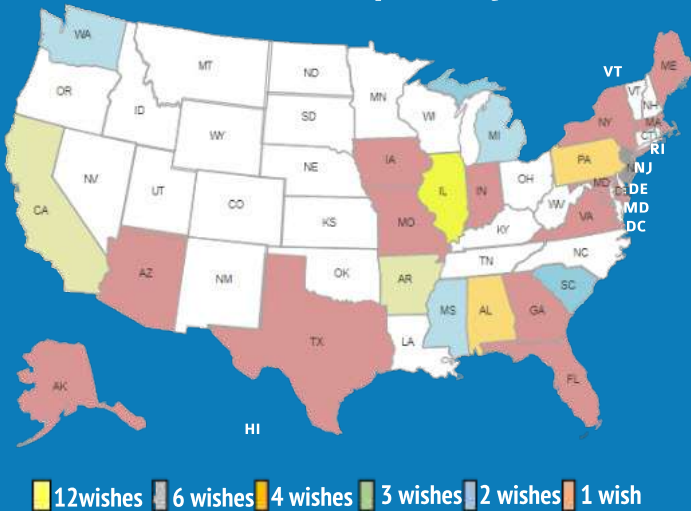
Kaylee - age 19, from Illinois
Hodgkin's Lymphoma

Thank you so incredibly much for a wonderful trip. We had a fun dinner with Tigger & friends and we ALL rocked the roller coaster! Let's just say the trip to Disney was truly magical!



WHO WE SERVE

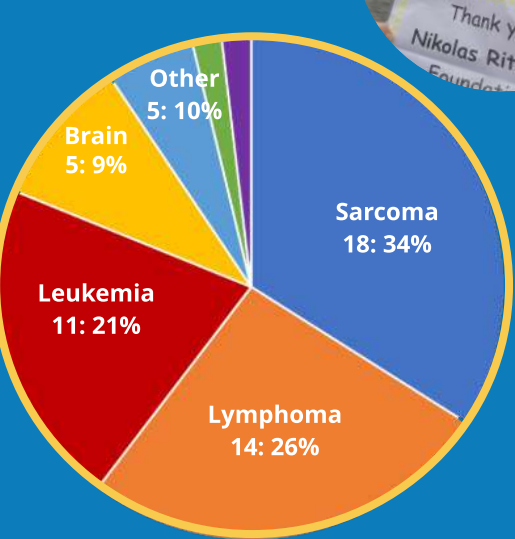
2019 Wishes Accepted by State



2019 Top Referring Hospitals

Arkansas Children's Hospital
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
Seattle Children's Hospital
Dana Farber (Massachusetts)
John Theurer Cancer Center (New Jersey)
Lurie Children's Hospital (Illinois)
Northwestern Medicine (Illinois)
Regional Cancer Center at Swedish American (Illinois)
University of Chicago Comer Children's (Illinois)
OSF HealthCare Children's Hospital of Illinois

2019 Cancer Types



WE ARE GRATEFUL

FOR ALL THE INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES
WHOSE GENEROSITY MAKE WISHES COME TRUE!



WISH WARRIOR

\$25,000 and up

LOVE WINS

\$10,000 -- \$24,999

ComEd, an Exelon Company
Kerry Inc
Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 23
Ritschel Boehle Family
Subaru of America

MEMORY MAKER

\$6,000 -- \$9,999

#JE Strong
Anna Miller Foundation

HOPE HEROES

\$1,000 -- \$5,999

100 Women Who Care
Andrews Engineering
Aqua Aerobic Systems
Arthur J. Gallagher Foundation
Auburn National Honor Society

Tom & Kathy Beatty
Bischoff Dentistry
Georgia Boyer-Lichthardt
Brian Lyngaas
Cagnoni Family
Ceroni Piping Company
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Med Plus Neck & Back Pain Centers
Midwest Event Management
Barry & Caroline Mikels
Northwestern Illinois Building Trades
OSF Healthcare

Regional Cancer Center
at SwedishAmerican
Richard Zell Family
Rockford Rivets
Runner's Image
Neil Albert Rylatt Memorial
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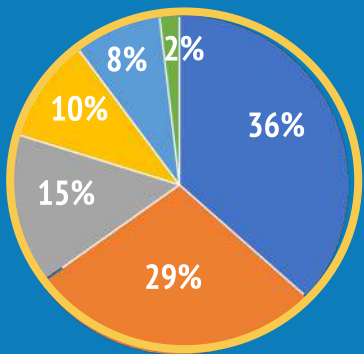
2019 FINANCIALS (UNAUDITED)

We are proud to report that in 2019 our fundraising event fees more than covered all of our fundraising and administration costs so that 100% of all other revenue went to fulfill wishes.



2019 Revenue

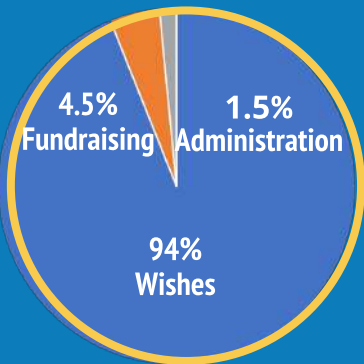
Individual Donations	\$ 96,981
Corporate Donations	\$ 76,390
Purchases	\$ 38,720
Event Fees	\$ 26,564
Event Sponsorship	\$ 22,175
Grants	\$ 5,000
Total Income	\$265,830



Individual Donations Corporate Donations
Purchases Event Fees
Event Sponsorship Grants

2019 Expenses

Wishes	\$262,683
Fundraising	\$12,631
Administration	\$ 4,274
Total Expenses	\$279,587



EVERY DONATION MATTERS!
THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO
HAS HELPED MAKE WISHES
HAPPEN IN 2019

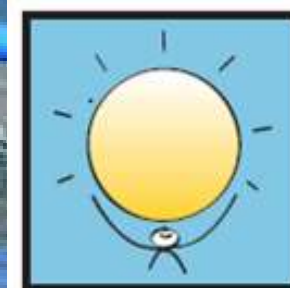
How you can support:

- Make a monetary donation
- Attend one of our events
- Become an event sponsor
- Donate airline miles
- Donate in-kind gifts or services
- Donate your vacation home
- Sponsor a wish
- Become a volunteer Wish Maker
- Host a fundraising event
- Volunteer your time
- Include us in your estate planning
- Create an online Birthday Fundraiser
- Order online with Amazon Smile
- Follow us, 'Like' & 'Share' on Facebook

Savannah - age 23 from Illinois
Anaplastic Large Cell Lymphoma

No one expects to get a cancer diagnosis especially at 23. I want to inspire other people who are going through something like this and show them there is always hope, love and support from everyone around them. I would love the opportunity to do something with my family. It would help put these bad days behind us!

We can't thank Nik's Wish enough! It was a trip of a lifetime. We had so much fun! Mahalo!!!!



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