



Sunshine Foundation®

The Original "Dream Makers®"

Mission Statement

Sunshine Foundation is a national children's charity that answers the dreams of children, ages three through eighteen, who have severe or profound physical/developmental/intellectual challenges or trauma from physical/sexual abuse, and whose families have limited income.



Over 47 Years of Making Dreams Come True ☀️

Founded in 1976 by Bill Sample, a Philly Cop, we have remained a **direct service 501c3** proudly expensing **over 83% of dollars spent directly** answering a child's dream. Unlike other wish granting organizations, we continue to be the only nationally recognized non-profit that gives dreams to children who have the **challenges of living with a lifelong, severe chronic healthcare diagnoses**. Unique to our mission, is working with families who have limited income to make their child's **once in a lifetime dream come true!** Sunshine is proud to have brought together, **for 27 years, children with Progeria** for an annual reunion. We also sponsored **98 Dreamlifts**, which included **108 chartered airplanes**, for a one-day trip to the Magic Kingdom. **"Every child should have at least one dream come true."** -Bill Sample, Founder

☀️ Sunshine Foundation Magical Dreams

The most common dream request is for a **Magical Dream** to the **Central Florida theme parks**, and choosing to stay at **Sunshine Foundation Dream Village**, an enchanted accommodation for children and their families that boasts nine fairytale themed cottages, a heated swimming pool, accessible playground and a putt-putt golf course! **Dream Village**, opened in 1990, **relies heavily on volunteers, organizations and corporate groups** to help keep the cottages and grounds maintained and welcoming. As the Dream Village ages, through much support, we continue to make improvements and updates to the cottages and amenities in order to ensure the dreamers have the most comfortable and enjoyable **Dream Come True** experience possible.



Cecilia with Diplegic Cerebral Palsy, "embracing her youth and the magic at Disney World"



J. Tyler wearing his new clothes purchased on his Shopping Spree

☀️ Sunshine Foundation Special Dreams

Sunshine Foundation also answers **Special Dreams** for very deserving children. These dreams can include: **shopping sprees, special trips, cruises, iPads, gaming systems, computers, above ground swimming pools, outdoor playsets, celebrity meet & greets, adaptive tricycles and other special needs equipment, sensory rooms, bedroom makeovers, or anything the child can dream for!**

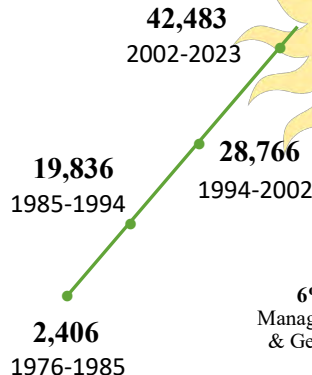
☀️ 2023 Program Activities

Since 1976... Sunshine Foundation has expended over **\$46.7 million** in reaching out to over **42,483** deserving children.

Lifetime Program Activities

Magical Dreams	5,389
Special Gifts	6,314
Special Trips	1,245
Dream Village Visits	15,697
Dreamlifts	6,039
Dream Assists	83
Holiday Gifts	7,452
Progeria	166
*1976-1979	98
TOTAL	42,483

**During this three year period dreams and wishes were not categorized*



Program Activities

7/1/2022 to 6/30/2023

Children Helped	Family Included	
67	Magical Dreams	305
23	Special Trips	99
18	Special Gifts	71
11	Shopping Sprees	39
389	Holiday Gifts	0

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1907 Volunteer Hours Completed

Top Rated on [CharityNavigator.org](https://www.charitynavigator.org)

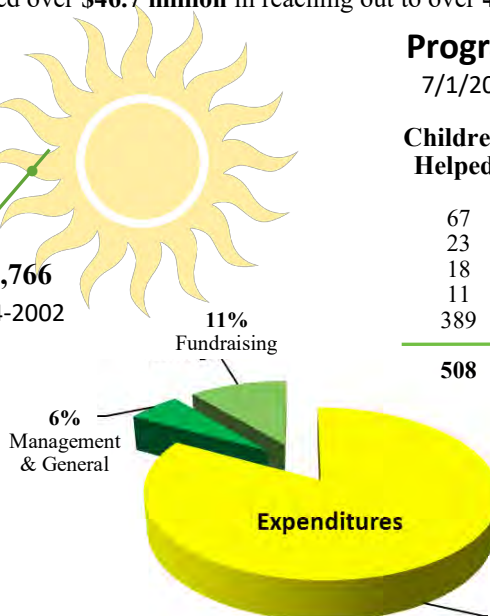
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Four-Star Charity



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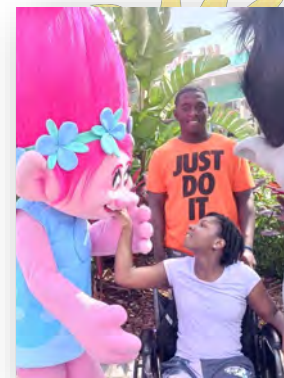
Sunshine Foundation All-Volunteer Chapters



Sunshine Foundation has 8 All-Volunteer Chapters throughout the United States. The chapters are groups of caring volunteers who represent Sunshine Foundation, hold fundraisers, and help identify children in their local area to help make dreams come true.

The All-Volunteer New Castle County DE Chapter raised funds for **Jonathan**, 12, diagnosed with level 3 severe autism. Jonathan had his dream answered for an outdoor playset to safely climb, slide, swing and play.

"Ofentimes at playgrounds, other children are bothered by Jonathan's atypical behaviors. Jonathan now has a safe space to do all his favorite things freely! He can get exercise and fresh air, and enjoy playing with his siblings."



Chasity, 18, with spastic diprotic cerebral palsy on her Universal Orlando dream. "This experience opened a door for her to walk through, she was all smiles!"

How YOU can help Spread Sunshine

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Workplace Campaigns



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Create a [Facebook](#) Fundraiser and Raise Money for Sunshine Foundation

Order a Personalized [Dream Village Brick!](#)



Round Up for Dreams at Walmart.com Visit sunshinefoundation.org/shop/

Visit the [Sunshine Foundation Dream Village](#) in Central Florida!

REQUEST A DREAM

We have no geographic boundaries, reaching out to children throughout the US. If you would like to apply for a dream for your child, visit our website to [Refer A Child](#)

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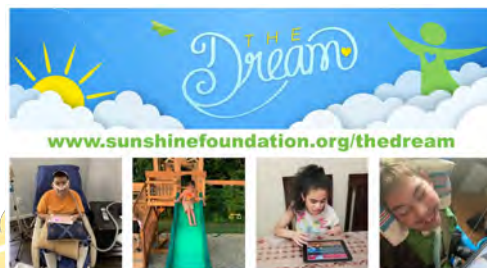
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Join The Dream Today!

Help bring smiles and laughter to children who need it the most, for as little as \$5 a month.

Join **The Dream**, our community of monthly givers, and help these families that just want to see their child forget about their struggles, endless therapies and surgeries, even if its just for one day.

Serving children throughout the entire United States

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