



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.



The Cop Who Spreads Sunshine



By making inspiring reality of his own impossible dreams, Philadelphia policeman Bill Sample has made dreams come true for hundreds of critically ill children.

I was born William Sample, but as a small police officer, I had been assigned to protect one of the children and, as well, families who had been injured financially and emotionally. He worked constantly during the past year a large number of children or removal of all children, suffering from such ailments as cancer, cystic fibrosis and other chronic diseases. Over the years, Sample came to know many of the children and, as well, families who had been injured financially and emotionally. He worked constantly during the past year a large number of children or removal of all children, suffering from such ailments as cancer, cystic fibrosis and other chronic diseases.

Over 48 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 80% 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**, with a 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.



Zachary, with Down syndrome. "Thank you for a wonderful and memorable trip for our family!"



Tali, with tetra-amelia syndrome. "Tali can get in and out of new wheelchair on her own!"

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!**

☀️ 2024 Program Activities

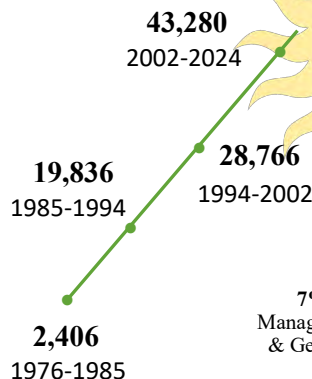
Since 1976... Sunshine Foundation has expended over **\$47.9 million** in reaching out to over **43,280** deserving children.

Lifetime Program Activities

Magical Dreams	5,447
Special Gifts	6,334
Special Trips	1,270
Dream Village Visits	15,812
Dreamlifts	6,039
Dream Assists	83
Holiday Gifts	8,031
Progeria	166
*1976-1979	98
TOTAL	43,280

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

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

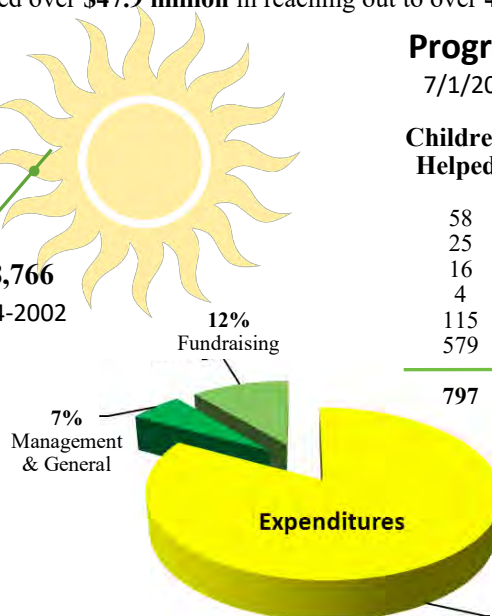


Program Activities

7/1/2023 to 6/30/2024

Children Helped	Family Included	
58	Magical Dreams	250
25	Special Trips	91
16	Special Gifts	61
4	Shopping Sprees	13
115	Dream Village Visits	0
579	Holiday Gifts	0
797		415

2287 Volunteer Hours Completed



[sunshinefoundation.org](https://www.sunshinefoundation.org)



Learn More



See What A Dream Can Do...

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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 more dreams come true.

The All-Volunteer Hammonton NJ Wishing Well Chapter raised funds for **Jolee**, diagnosed with microcephaly and global delays. Jolee had her **Magical Dream** answered to visit the Central Florida theme parks and attractions.

"I cannot say thank you enough to the generous donors and Sunshine Foundation volunteers for this amazing opportunity. My family and I really truly appreciate it!"
Jolee's mom



Janxiel with Lennox-Gastaut syndrome meets his favorite characters at Universal Studios. "His eyes lit up when he was able to see the Minions up close!"

How YOU can help Spread Sunshine

DONATE

- Tax deductible
- In Honor
- In Memory

Workplace Campaigns



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Round Up for Dreams! Visit sunshinefoundation.org/shop/



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



Jordan, with level 3 severe autism enjoying his Autism on the Seas cruise. "Jordan loves swimming, especially in the ocean. It was such a blessing for us to get away and spend more quality time together!"

REFER A CHILD

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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JOIN THE DREAM

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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Where families choose to stay while having Magical Dream answered

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