



Eagles for Children

ANNUAL REPORT

2024



HELPING CHILDREN ONE EAGLE AT A TIME

Dear Friends,

“Why doesn’t every Club do this?” is the most often asked question by our new club members after they attend the awards ceremonies in November each year.

Held annually in Traverse City and southeast Michigan, these gatherings represent the bridge between the 8,000 + private club members who pledge and play well during the golf season and the remarkable charities that work fearlessly to meet the needs of children facing difficult challenges in our communities every day of the year.

For club members in attendance, it is recognized that it does not matter how much money you have, what matters is what you do with it. For our charity partners, the awards are often the lifeline that allows them to continue to serve kids through the balance of the year.

Stories are told, tears are shed, kids are given hope and everyone is changed.

While 2024 was our 13th consecutive record year in terms of funds raised, the sad reality is that we were only able to meet 35% of the amount needed/requested by our charity partners.

Unfortunately, and as we have all seen in our daily lives, inflation impacts most everything and the \$2.00 per eagle minimum pledge in 2012 does not go as far in meeting the needs of children in 2024.

Fortunately, our model is simple and for 2025 and beyond, the minimum pledge for new clubs joining will be increased to \$3.00 ... basically an inflation adjustment that equates to the original model.

Unsurprisingly, many of our existing member country clubs have already proactively raised their minimum per eagle pledge to \$3.00 or \$5.00. As a result, the “little bit of sacrifice by a lot of people” foundation of our program will continue to work its magic!

In closing, it is an honor to report that God’s inspiration to Hal Zaima in 2011 has stood the test of time. Eagles for Children has grown through the passionate dedication of so very many, including our Club Ambassadors, the club administrative and professional staffs, club members and the generous donors that underwrite the cost of running the organization so the promise of 100% of monies raised by each club goes to the charities serving children.

We are humbled and grateful for all of these amazing people giving and using the game we love to make a difference in the lives of so many kids in difficult circumstances.

Thank you, have fun and play well in 2025 ... FOR THE KIDS!

Gratefully,
Donald R. Kegley Jr., President

P.S. After 13 years, we still don’t have an answer to the question posed above!





OUR MISSION

Eagles for Children is a program that unites private clubs and charities in serving the needs of children facing adversity in our communities.

HOW IT WORKS

PLEDGE

Participating members pledge a nominal amount per eagle scored at their club, a minimum of \$3 per eagle.

GOLF

Members play golf and report their eagles to the pro shop. Members are then billed monthly for eagles reported.

GIVE

At the end of each golf season, 100% of funds raised on the golf course are granted to children's charities of the club's choice.



[Click to learn more about the Eagles for Children program.](#)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



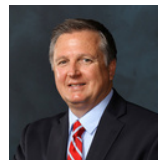
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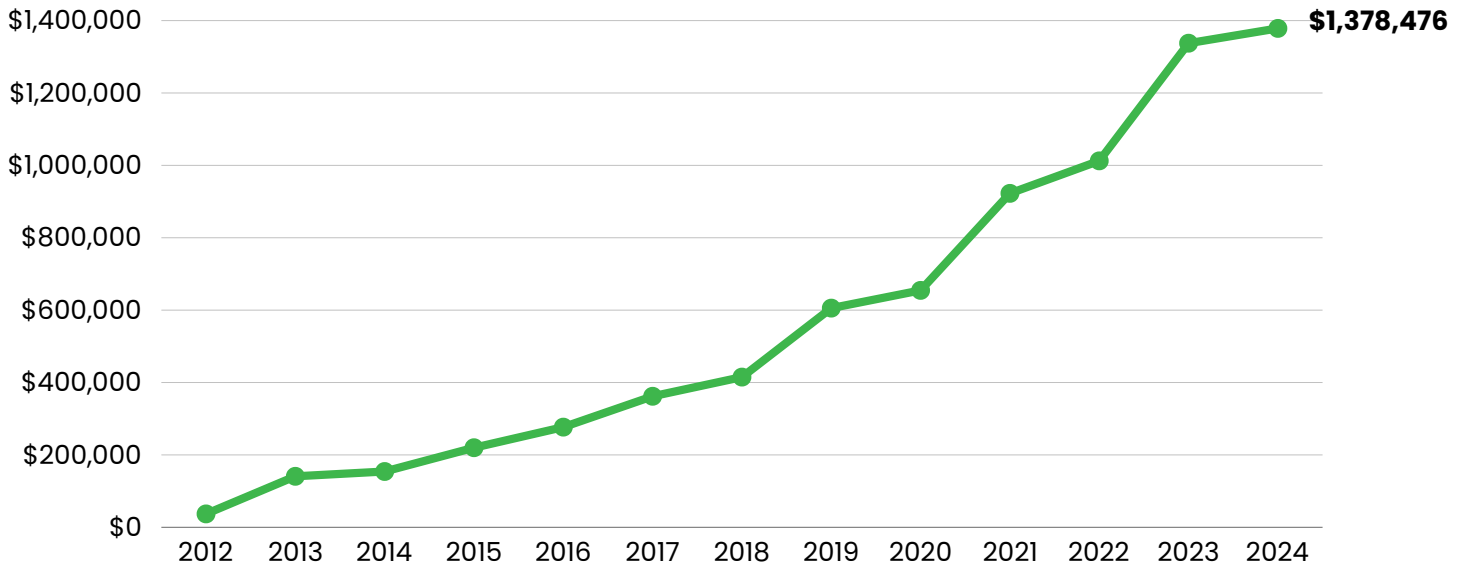
Joseph Marini
Director

Welcome to the Board!

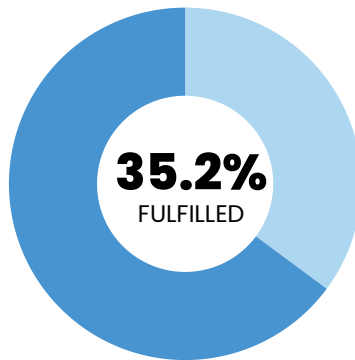
Meet the newest Eagles for Children board member, Joseph Marini! Mr. Marini is the General Manager and Chief Operating Officer at Red Run Golf Club.

THE SCORECARD

Since inception, Eagles for Children has raised over **\$7.5 million** ... FOR THE KIDS!



In 2024, 194 charities applied for funding from Eagles for Children, with a total request of \$3,921,249. We were able to raise and give \$1,378,476 to children in need, fulfilling only 35% of funds requested. This highlights the immense need in our community and the extraordinary opportunity to make an even greater difference together in 2025.



IN 2024

\$1,378,476
raised & granted



190
children's charities
awarded



21
participating private
golf clubs



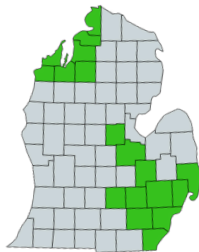
8,000 +
participating club
members



1177
eagles scored
& reported



The Eagles for Children program benefits children in 18 counties across Michigan.



Eagles for Children is also represented in North Carolina and Wisconsin.

CLUB ROSTER

What began with three country clubs launching Eagles for Children in 2012 has now expanded to 21 clubs participating across three states, and the network continues to grow. The following are the private clubs committed to making a positive impact in their communities through their involvement in the Eagles for Children program.

CLICK ON YOUR CLUB'S LOGO TO SEE YOUR IMPACT IN 2024.



Birmingham Country Club



Bloomfield Hills Country Club



Dearborn Country Club



Edgewood Country Club



Forest Lake Country Club



Great Oaks Country Club



Grosse Ile Golf & Country Club



Meadowbrook Country Club
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Midland Country Club



Oakland Hills Country Club



Orchard Lake Country Club



Pine Lake Country Club



Plum Hollow Country Club



Prestwick Village Golf Club



RED RUN GOLF CLUB

Red Run Golf Club



River Run Golf & Country Club



The University Club of Milwaukee



The Wyndgate Country Club



Traverse City Golf & Country Club



Walnut Creek Country Club



Western Golf & Country Club

CHARITIES SUPPORTED IN 2024

A Kid Again
Abide Ministries
Accent Pontiac
Angels & Sparrows Soup Kitchen
Angels of Hope – A Family Cancer Foundation
Aspire Higher
Assistance League of Southeastern Michigan
Bags of Hope
[Beyond Basics*](#)
Big Brothers Big Sisters Milwaukee
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwestern Michigan
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southeast Michigan
Blessings in a Backpack Livonia
Blood Cancer Foundation of Michigan
Bloomfield Youth Assistance
[Boys Hope Girls Hope*](#)
Bridge of Hearts
Bridgepointe
[Brilliant Detroit*](#)
Buckets of Rain
Building Bridges
Buildup STEAM
[Camp Casey*](#)
Camp Oakland
Camp Sancta Maria
[CARE House of Oakland County*](#)
CATCH
Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan
Catholic Community Response Team
Center for Exceptional Families
Center for Success Network
Child & Family Services of Northwestern Michigan
[Child Safe*](#)
Children's Wisconsin Foundation
Child's Hope
[Christ Child House of Detroit*](#)
Christ Child Society of Detoit
Coats for Kids
[Communication Is Key AAC*](#)
Community Housing Network
[Cornerstone Schools*](#)
Courageous Kids
Davidson Cornelius Child Development Center
Detroit AM Rotary
Detroit Cristo Rey High School
Detroit Horse Power
[Detroit Regional Dollars for Scholars*](#)
[Detroit United Lacrosse Association*](#)

[Divine Mercy Academy*](#)
[Downtown Boxing Gym Youth Program*](#)
[Ennis Center for Children*](#)
Equuvation
Eric Wynns Living the Legacy
Families Against Narcotics
[FAR Therapeutic Arts and Recreation*](#)
Father Fred Foundation
Feed NC
First Presbyterian Church/Alcott Elementary
[First Step*](#)
First Tee – Greater Detroit
First Tee of MidMichigan
[Fleece & Thank You*](#)
Fragile X Association of Michigan
[Free Bikes 4 Kidz Detroit*](#)
Friends of the Children- Detroit
[Friendship Circle*](#)
Furniture Bank of Metro Detroit
Generations Ahead
Genesis the Church
Gerad Meteyer Foundation
[Gifts for All God's Children*](#)
Gigi's Playhouse
[Gilda's Club Metro Detroit*](#)
[Giving Songs*](#)
[Golf Association of Michigan Foundation*](#)
[Great Lakes Children's Museum*](#)
Growth Works
Hartland Optimist Club
[HAVEN*](#)
Haven Eileen Kiley Foundation
[Haven Homes of Detroit*](#)
High Five – The Drew Stanton Foundation
[Higher Hopes!*](#)
Hope House Foundation
Hospice of Michigan
Humble Design
[Huron Valley Blessings in a Backpack*](#)
Ideas to Action
[Inclusively Fit Foundation*](#)
Jenna Kast Believe in Miracles Foundation
[Judson Center*](#)
[Just 4 Me*](#)
Kensington Church
[Kids Empowered on the Move –Girls Matter*](#)
[Kids On The Go*](#)

CHARITIES SUPPORTED IN 2024

Kids On The Go - Traverse City
Kiwanis Club of Livonia Early Risers
LACASA
[Ladies of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul*](#)
Leo Rising
[Life Remodeled*](#)
LifeLab Kids
Little Heroes League
[Living and Learning Enrichment Center*](#)
[Lost Voices*](#)
Luke Project 52 Clinic of Flint
Maggie's Wigs 4 Kids of Michigan
[Magic Carpet Theatre*](#)
Make-A-Wish Michigan
Make-A-Wish Wisconsin
[Math Corps*](#)
MCHS Family of Services
[Metro Detroit Youth Clubs/Boys & Girls Club*](#)
Michael's Place
Michigan Elite 25 Foundation
Michigan Hands & Voices
Midnight Golf Program
Milwaukee Public Museum
Mimi's Mission
[Miracle League of Plymouth*](#)
Mission City
[Mittens for Detroit*](#)
NAMI Metro
[New Day Foundation for Families*](#)
[New Hope Center for Grief Support*](#)
[North Oakland SCAMP Funding Corporation*](#)
North Star Reach
[Northville Educational Foundation*](#)
[Northwest Michigan Supportive Housing*](#)
Nourish Up
[Novi Educational Foundation*](#)
Novi Youth Assistance
Oakland County Children's Village Foundation
Oakland Family Services
PARClife Foundation
Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy
Partnership for the Arts & Humanities
Pat's Place Child Advocacy Center
[Penrickton Center for Blind Children*](#)
Pontiac Community Foundation
Project Feed the Kids
Project Linus - Iredell County Chapter
Raquet Up Detroit
[Redford Brightmoor Initiative*](#)
[Refugee Outreach Collective*](#)
Rotary Club of Plymouth AM
Rotary Club on Traverse Bay Foundation
Ryan Rocks Outdoor
[Samaritas*](#)
SAY Detroit
[Seedlings Braille Books for Children*](#)
[Shining Hope Farms*](#)
Skyline Camp
South Lyon Area Youth Assistance
Special Days Camps
Special Spaces
St. Augustine Preparatory Academy
St. Vincent Pallotti Parish
St. Vincent de Paul, SJN Conference
Star Legacy Foundation
Starfish Family Services
[Sterling Heights Lions Club*](#)
[Susie Q's Kids*](#)
Take Root
[Ted Lindsay Foundation*](#)
Tessa's Friends Foundation
The Agape Project
The Arc of Oakland County
[The Bottomless Toy Chest*](#)
The Cathedral Center Inc.
The Children's Center
[The Clean Love Project*](#)
[The Community House*](#)
[The Emily Ann Griffin Foundation*](#)
The Guidance Center
The Julia Foundation
The Power Company Kids Club
The Rainbow Connection
The Rock of Kingsley
Traverse Bay Children's Advocacy Center
Traverse Symphony Orchestra
Variety the Children's Charity
[Vista Maria*](#)
Wings of Eagles Ranch
[Wish Upon a Teen*](#)
YMCA Greater Charlotte
YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit
Young Life Birmingham
Younglife South Lyon
[Youth for Christ of Detroit*](#)

*We would like to extend a special thank you to our [Eagles Nest Members](#), who go above and beyond by supporting Eagles for Children through their membership. These charities help sustain our mission and ensure we can continue making a difference FOR THE KIDS!



REAL STORIES REAL IMPACT

The following are just a few highlights of the difference your generosity made in the lives of children in need this past year.

Thousands of children were sent to camp, accommodating the most special of needs.

Tens of thousands of children received coats, hats, and boots to keep them warm through winter.

Thousands of hospitalized children going through cancer treatment received gifts and joy.

Thousands of backpacks were filled with food each weekend so children had meals when they weren't in school.

Hundreds of children suffering grief from the loss of a parent or loved one received grief counseling.

Safe shelter was provided for children who were victims to domestic violence.

Beds were provided to children who had never had a bed of their own before.

Tens of thousands of children were shown attention, love, and care in 2024, *thanks to you.*



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING EAGLES FOR CHILDREN

The following individuals and organizations have supported operations of EFC so we can maintain Our 100% Promise.

\$10,000 +

Anonymous
Cunningham-Limp Development
Erik Elie
The Kegley Family Foundation

\$5,000 - \$9,999

Crain Communications
Kojaian Properties, Inc.
Lear Corporation

\$2,500 - \$4,999

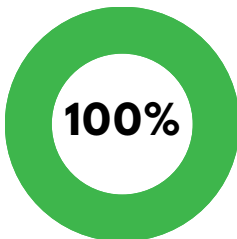
Schwartz & Co.
Wheelhouse Graphix
Yazaki
YFL (Jennifer & Parimal Naik)

\$1,000 - \$2,499

Colliers
G2 Consulting Group
Leo's Coney Island
Ruby Nugent
Petosky-Harbor Springs Area
Community Foundation
The Keifer Foundation
Daniel Welch
Timothy White
WWK Investments
X-Golf Novi

\$500 - \$999

Paul Dowling
ISGO Manufacturing
Living & Learning Enrichment Center
Carol Machuga
Vanguard Charitable Fund
WIN Entertainment

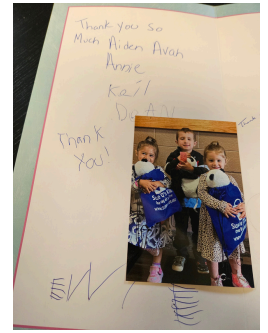


Our promise is, and always will be, that every dollar raised on the course goes directly to children's charities. Your administrative support makes this possible. From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you for allowing Eagles for Children to continue to grow!

Thank you for believing in our mission!

Your support fuels our mission to help children facing adversity. Consider making a contribution to Eagles for Children. Every dollar helps us expand our reach, sustain our efforts, and ensure that more kids benefit from the generosity of our amazing community. Together, we can continue to make a lasting impact ... *FOR THE KIDS!*

Make a donation [here](#)
or visit eaglesforchildren.org.



2025 CALENDAR

JUNE 2

8th Annual
Metro Detroit Golf Outing

JULY 1

Grant Application Opens

SEPTEMBER 15

Grant Application Closes

NOVEMBER 20

14th Annual
Grants Celebration



Eagles for Children is a member of the Local Impact Alliance. The Local Impact Alliance was formed to strengthen and promote organized philanthropy, particularly through the promotion and development of local community foundations and nonprofits.

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