



2018

Year in Review



We create dream bedroom makeovers for children with life-threatening illnesses.

Special Spaces is a national 501(c)(3) organization that creates dream bedrooms for children facing life-threatening illnesses.

Founded in 2004 in Knoxville, Tennessee, your generous donations have taken us from a small, grassroots organization to 23 chapters in 14 states. In 2018, we proudly celebrated our 1,000th dream bedroom makeover. Our goal, now and in the future, is to create safe spaces where kids can be kids – where they can escape the challenges of their illnesses to heal, recover and find joy.

OUR MISSION



DREAM BIG

Inspired by each child's imagination, we create a dream bedroom that reflects his or her spirit. Whether it's outer space, a sports theme or a princess's castle, our skilled team of contractors, designers, painters and volunteers transform the room into a place where the child can find comfort, escape their cares and be a kid – **in just one day!**

"Because of my Leukemia, when I feel sick, I stay in my room a lot. Special Spaces gave me a place where I want to be all the time. They asked me about the things I liked, but they gave me things I love. My family is still talking about that great day. Special Spaces outweighs a lot of the bad from my cancer and makes fighting easier – at least when I'm fighting from my Star Wars spaceship painting."
— John, 10

"When Brannon was diagnosed with brain cancer, our world turned upside down. Special Spaces helped turn things around. They came in, met with our family, and asked what was most important to our son. Then they lovingly 'kicked us out' for a day and got to work. When we came home, our son's wildest dreams had come true. I will never forget what Special Spaces did for our son and our family."
— Kristen, Brannon's Mom



2018
IMPACT

129

dream bedroom
makeovers in 2018

1K+

dream bedroom
makeovers since inception

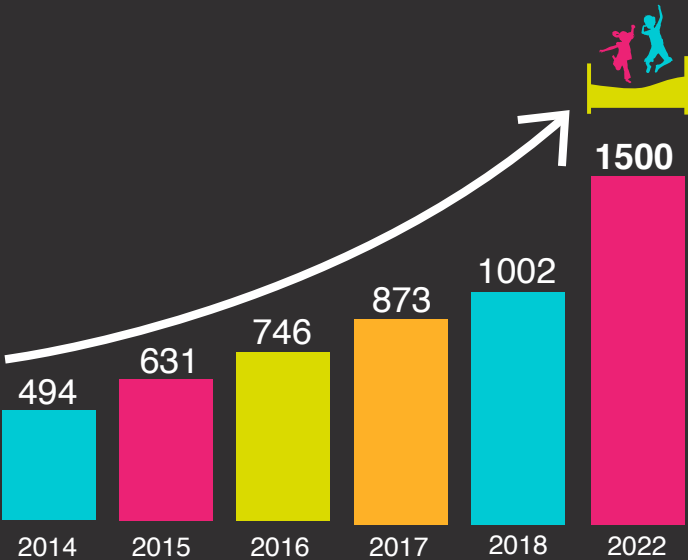
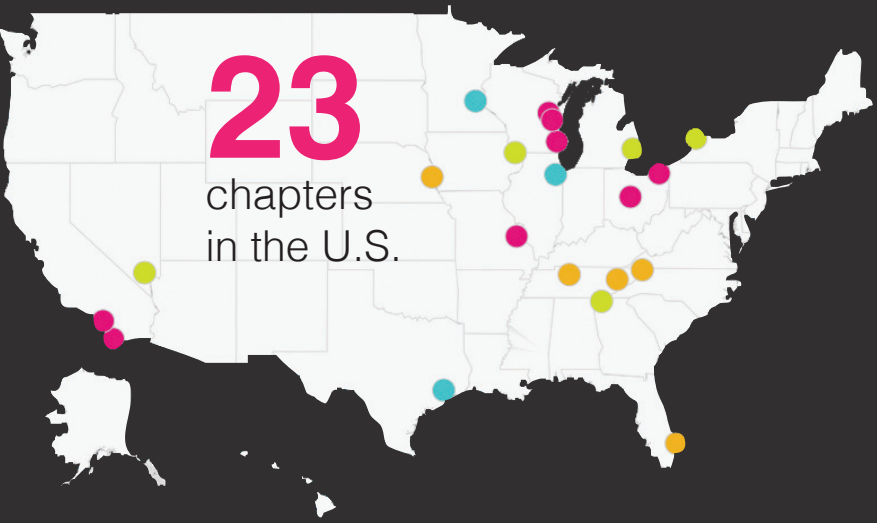
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years of
changing lives



2K+ 
volunteers dedicated
to our mission

47
volunteer directors

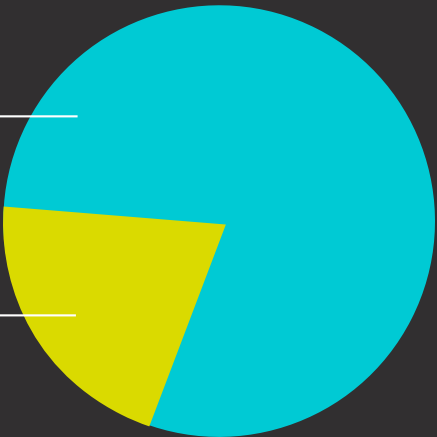


NUMBER OF DREAM ROOMS

WHO WE HELP

81%
kids fighting cancer

19%
kids living with
other life-threatening
illnesses



Together, we make a difference.

In 2018, Special Spaces served 129 families faced with life-threatening illnesses. Each dream bedroom required caring volunteers, donated goods and services and, most importantly, the financial generosity of our sponsors.

Together, we're changing children's lives one bedroom at a time.



DONOR SUPPORT

HOW DONATIONS ARE SPENT

84%

program services

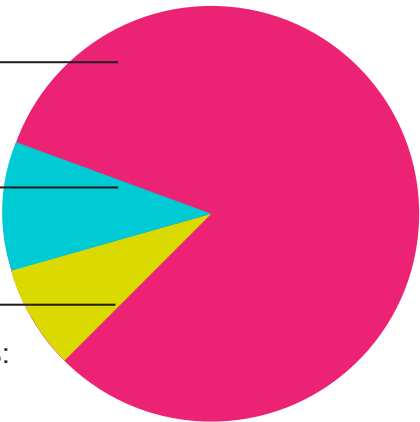
11%

administration

5%

fundraising

total expenses:
\$1,005,997



FUNDING SOURCES

53%

contributions

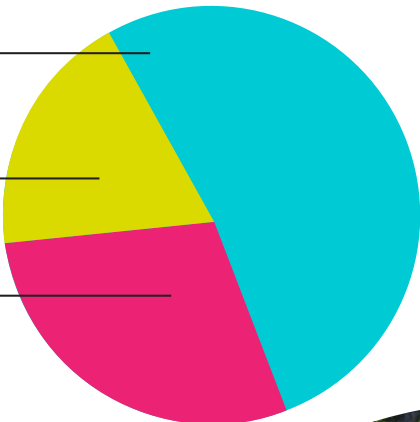
18%

in-kind donations

29%

events

total revenue:
\$1,210,056



"At Assurance, the charity work we do is our secret weapon in building our award-winning culture. The Special Spaces makeovers are the epitome of everything we hope to achieve. Each participant enjoys the benefits of teamwork and a sense of purpose while forming new bonds with co-workers. Best of all, they experience the satisfaction of making a meaningful difference in the life of a deserving child."

— Steven Handmaker, CMO, Assurance





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