

# SPECIAL SPACES

## 2022-23 IMPACT REPORT



When our organization was founded in 2004, the mission was simple: build bedrooms and change lives.

Almost twenty years later, we remain as committed as ever to this mission. Our success is due to the generous donors, supporters, volunteers, and chapter teams that have made over 1,600 bedroom transformations possible!

Each of these special spaces allows a child to rest, play, heal, and spend time away from the challenges of their illness.

As we look forward to our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary and beyond, we thank you for being part of our journey and giving us the opportunity to do what we do!



Christopher Swain  
Executive Director

### OUR CHAPTERS



12 Chapters in 10 states:

- Florida - Boca Raton
- Illinois
- Indiana - Indianapolis
- Iowa - Dubuque
- Missouri - St. Louis
- Nebraska - Omaha
- New York - Buffalo-Rochester
- Ohio - Cleveland & Toledo
- Tennessee - Chattanooga & Knoxville
- Wisconsin

### OUR MISSION

To create dream bedroom makeovers for children, ages 2-19, with cancer who are within one year of treatment.

19+  
YEARS

serving children  
and families

AN  
ESTIMATED  
20,000

children  
are diagnosed with  
cancer in the U.S each year

OVER  
1,600

bedrooms transformed  
into special spaces

NEARLY  
2,000

dedicated volunteers estimated  
to complete over 30,000 hours  
of service each year

10  
YEARS  
OLD

is the average age of  
the child at diagnosis



- We offer opportunities for individuals or corporations who want to make a "hands on" lasting donation. These sponsorships are unique, **one-of-a-kind**, volunteer opportunities for employees, customers, and/or friends

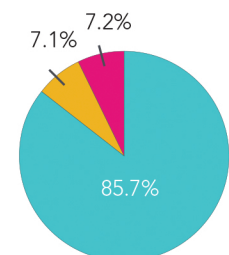
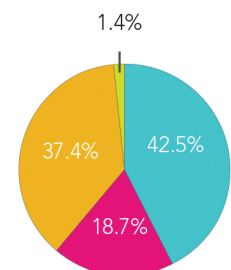
- Rooms typically cost between **\$6,000-\$8,000**, including cash donations and in-kind goods and services.

- We rely on volunteers to makeover the rooms, with each bedroom taking **200 hours** to complete with the help of about 10-15 people!

### 2022 FINANCIALS

REVENUE	Contributions	\$853,911
	In-Kind Donations	\$375,475
	Events (net.)	\$750,866
	Miscellaneous	\$28,833
Total		\$2,009,085

EXPENSES	Programming	\$1,550,197
	Administrative	\$130,588
	Fundraising	\$128,804
Total		\$1,809,589



# ABOUT SPECIAL SPACES

## OUR MISSION

Special Spaces is a non-profit organization that creates dream bedroom makeovers for dependent children, ages 2-19, with cancer who are within one year of active treatment.

Founded in 2004, the organization is headquartered in Knoxville, TN. The founder was inspired to make more dreams come true after volunteering with a local wish-granting organization to makeover a room.

Children are nominated by relatives, medical professionals, or other non-profits and, if eligible, can apply for the makeover. Once applications are reviewed and approved by a national committee, there is a final interview with the applicant. After the interview is completed, the application is granted final approval and the work begins!

## OUR WHY

It is estimated that nearly 20,000 children per year are diagnosed with cancer. When that diagnosis is given, it can change their world. The activities they used to enjoy may look and feel different. They may not be able to do the things they really love. Special Spaces gives a child with cancer a unique bedroom to find comfort, joy, and a place to just be a kid!

Driven by the child's imagination and at no cost to the family, Special Spaces works with a team of dedicated volunteers and skilled contractors to transform the child's existing bedroom in just one day. Whether it's princess pretty, superhero strong, or a teen retreat, we work together to make the child's vision a reality.

## OUR SPONSORS

We love our sponsors who support our events and build our rooms. They contribute their time and teams along with critical funds to create these special spaces. We offer opportunities for individuals or corporations who want to make a "hands on" lasting donation. These sponsorships are unique, one-of-a-kind volunteer opportunities for employees, customers, and/or friends. We invite them to join us for a day they will never forget. We encourage potential sponsors to reach out to us for ways to engage with us locally or across our chapter footprint.

## OUR FUTURE

We hope to grow our existing chapters, providing room makeovers for every child in our service territory, recruit additional volunteer Associate Directors to complete room makeovers under the direction of our Chapter Directors, and engage new and existing donors with an emphasis on room sponsorships.

For more information on how you can get involved, visit our website below!

