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FAMILY
FOUNDATION

ANNUAL REPORT

Calendar Year 2024



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A LETTER FROM OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS



There is no cure for muscular dystrophy, but medications and therapies can help people manage their symptoms and slow the course of the disease. Many people with muscular dystrophy lose the ability to walk and end up homebound. Some may have trouble breathing or swallowing. Others are born healthy and are athletic in their youth then diagnosed later in life. They go from leading active lives to being fully-dependent on assistive devices and caregivers, making the emotional challenges just as difficult as the physical changes to which they have to adapt.

When a family reaches out to the MDFF for help, we're often their last hope. Insurance companies, Medicaid, Medicare, and other agencies continue to make drastic cuts to funding. Those with muscular dystrophy need adaptive equipment and services just to experience quality of life, more independence, and opportunities to build meaningful connections. MDFF provides essential items like wheelchairs, hospital beds, van lifts, ramps for homes, bathroom modifications, and shower chairs.

We have done a lot of good, but we're only getting started. Thanks to generous support from donors, grant writers, partners, medical professionals, staff, and volunteers, our MDFF family continues to help individuals with neuromuscular diseases get what they need to experience a higher quality of life, live more independently, and build meaningful connections.



Thank you for your support of our mission,
The MDFF Board of Directors

Muscular Dystrophy Family Foundation

Our Mission: MDFF's goal is to increase the quality of life for members of our community through advocacy, education, and by providing life-changing resources that support greater mobility and independence.



About MDFF: Since 1958, the Muscular Dystrophy Family Foundation has provided financial assistance, quality programs, and other services for people across the state of Indiana facing the challenge of living with a neuromuscular disease. Our goal is to increase the quality of life for members of our community through advocacy, education, and by providing life-changing resources that support greater mobility and independence.

Muscular dystrophy causes a person's muscles that control movement to degenerate. Genetic mutations interfere with the production of muscle proteins necessary to build and maintain healthy muscles. This rare, complicated disease impacts around 50,000 Americans and 1,500 Hoosiers. It can appear as early as infancy or as late as middle-age-or even later. Each type of muscular dystrophy differs in the muscles affected, age of onset, and rate of progression.

In Memory of & In Honor of Donations

In loving memory or in honor of individuals and/or families.

In Memory Of Donations

Devin Paul Brown
Ida Jean Lashbrook
Jack L. Mart
Debbie Doyle McCalley
Thomas Yoder Jr.

Kenneth Ray Boller
Ray Boller
Tim Doyle
Jerry K. Grove
Laura Elizabeth Medcalf
Mary Peterson

In Honor of Donations

Sean Briggs
John Brown
Christopher Cameron
The Farhadian Family
Michael Koronkiewicz
David Thyen
Walker

**Remembering those we
lost in 2024:**

**Christine Bousum
Tim Doyle
Keyshawn Johnson
Laura Elizabeth Medcalf**

2024 STATISTICS

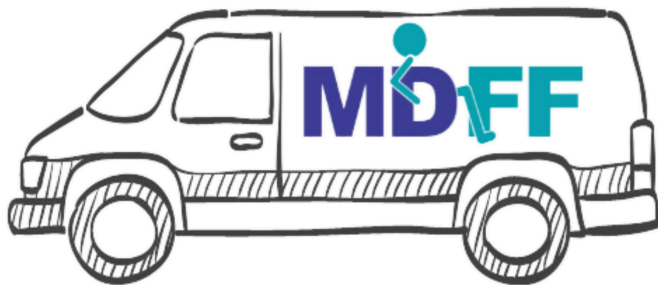
Awarded a \$2,000
Scholarship

Awarded \$2,500 -
The River & The Rock
Award



Enrollment in MDFFF
Opened Fall 2024
58 families to date

2 Accessible Van
Giveaways



\$5k in
Accessible
Vehicle
Assistance
funding

Equipment & Home
Modification
Funding

17

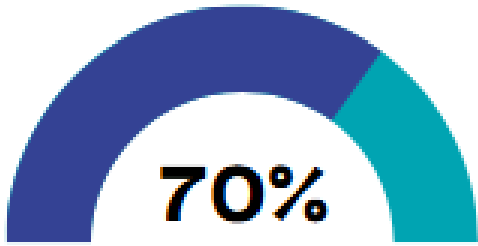
Individuals/Families

175 Holiday Party
Registrants

Ad in *Uniquely You*

236 Zoo Day
Registrants

FINANCIALS



of every dollar spent went towards MDFF's mission

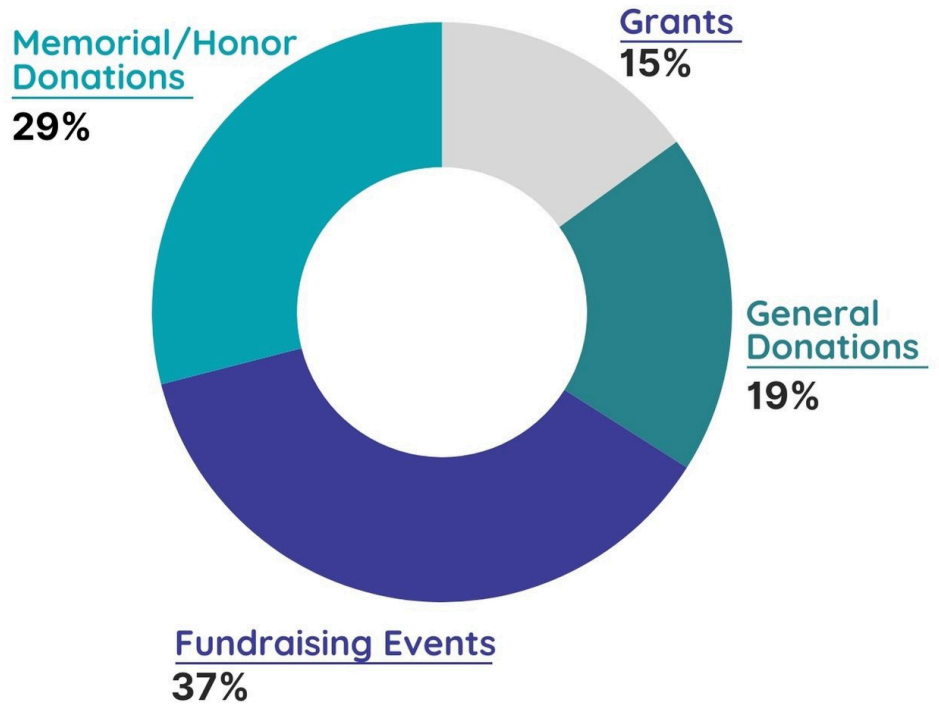
'23-'24

4 vans

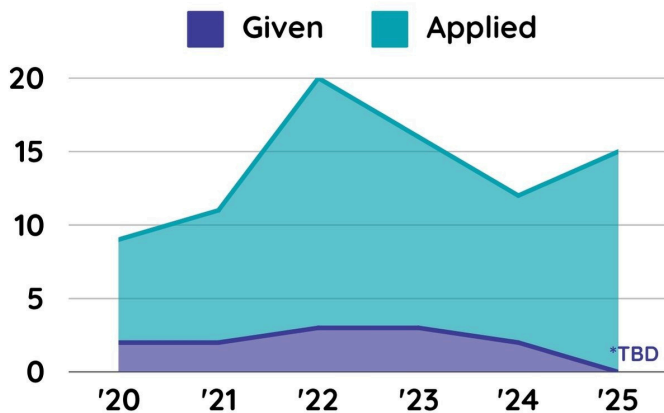
4 families

\$188,875

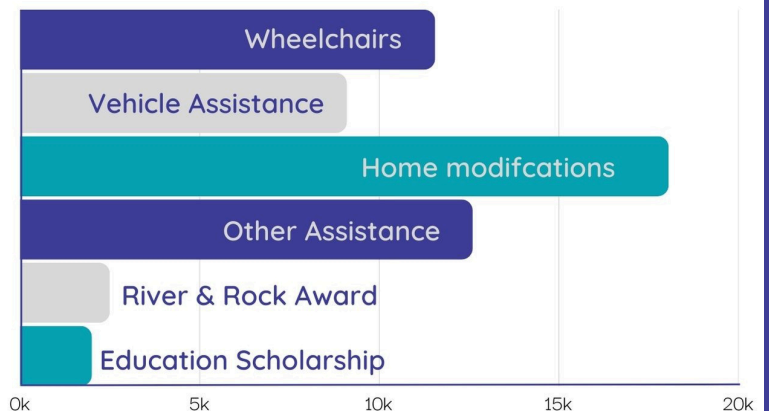
2024 REVENUE



of Accessible Van Applications & Giveaways



Financial Assistance Provided in 2024



For access to MDFF's most recent 990 form, [click here](#).

2024 EVENTS

- FUNDRAISER: MDFF's NCAA Tournament Bracket Challenge was a great way to help bounce into the year with this fun and completely virtual fundraiser.
- FUNDRAISER: MDFF's 2024 Timothy J. Doyle Golf Outing on a lovely May Monday at Hillcrest Country Club.
- MD FAMILY EVENT: Our annual MDFF Family Day at the Indianapolis Zoo was unseasonably warm, but still a great way to spend a June Saturday.
- FUNDRAISER: The MDFF Feud: Honoring Tim's Legacy event was a wonderful fundraising event filled with amazing auction packages, friends, and honoring Tim.
- FUNDRAISER: Our Trivia Night on #GivingTuesday was a nice way to end our fundraising events for the year. We gathered at Ale Emporium in Fishers and heard from David Thyen on how he navigates living with muscular dystrophy.
- MD FAMILY EVENT: Last, but not least, was our annual Holiday Party - see below:



Our 2024 Holiday Party occurred at the Marriott Hotel on a beautiful December Sunday. We had fun games and activities for families to enjoy such as cookie decorating, bowling, a scavenger hunt, and more! There was also a chance to win an iPad from winning tickets from the games.

Every year, the Indianapolis Fire Department partners with us to provide gifts for those living with a neuromuscular disease. We very much appreciate the amazing support The IFD gives to MDFF and our families each year!

Accessible Van Giveaway

The Muscular Dystrophy Family Foundation's one-of-a-kind assistance program awards wheelchair-accessible vans to families needing reliable transportation.

MDFF very much appreciates all of our supporters past and present for providing us with funding to give accessible vans to Hoosiers navigating the difficulties of living with muscular dystrophy and unique transportation needs. Having an accessible vehicle is crucial for fostering independence and helping individuals and families live life to the fullest.

In 2024, MDFF awarded 2 wheelchair accessible vans.



The Wickizer family is so grateful to have received an accessible transit van. They plan to use it to visit Disney World and Give Kids the World in Florida, a trip they went on for Issac's Make-A-Wish request. Flying has not been an option for them to be able to visit again so having a vehicle of their own has been great.



The Rodriguez family has 3 sons with muscular dystrophy. They have been enjoying being able to do everyday things with their transit van. Finding new places to eat is a hobby of the family, so they have been to their first drive thru, as well as being able to go to restaurants. They also want to go on a long road trip to Arizona and California.

Scholarship and Award



The Andrew “Sparky” Seever Scholarship exists to assist Indiana residents diagnosed with muscular dystrophy or a neuromuscular disease in pursuit of their education goals.

The scholarship is named after the late Andrew “Sparky” Seever, a former MDFFF board member and Ball State alumni. Education was very important to Andrew and he aspired to make it accessible for everyone. MDFFF mirrors those values so it was our honor to help his family create a scholarship in his name and help Andrew’s legacy live on.

In 2024, the scholarship was awarded to Jacy Thomas.



The River and Rock Award is an annual award of \$2,500 to be used in pursuit of a dream or goal, by an individual in Indiana living with muscular dystrophy who displays resilience, courage and/or perseverance.

The award is a gift from the Nicholoff Family that experienced first-hand the importance of a positive attitude, determination, and perseverance while fighting muscular dystrophy.

“In the confrontation between the river and the rock, the river always wins...not through strength but by perseverance.” – H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

In 2024, the award was given to Sarah Schwartz.

Remembering Timothy Doyle



Tim Doyle was born and raised in Indianapolis, Indiana with his 6 brothers and sisters. The Doyle family was well-known in the community. “Jimmy” James, Tim’s father, was a Cathedral high school graduate and an All-American basketball and baseball player at Butler University where he played for the legendary Tony Hinkle. Doyle and his wife, Dolores “Muffy” Dezelan Doyle, had seven children: Debby, Mack, Danny, Tim, Jody, Jamie and Jenny.

Eventually, five of the seven children would be diagnosed with muscular dystrophy. On his sixteenth birthday, Tim was diagnosed with muscular dystrophy and on his thirtieth birthday, Tim received his first wheelchair. Tim worked as a CPA at two accounting firms – Arthur Andersen, LLP and Dauby O’Connor & Zaleski, LLC.

On February 23, 2002, Tim married his bride, Becky.

In 2014, Tim became president of the not-for-profit organization the Muscular Dystrophy Family Foundation.

In 2019, Tim became an elder at College Park Church in Indianapolis, Indiana, where he and other elders focus on the oversight of the church body, shepherding of its members, and managing the affairs of the 3,000 person church.

Tim passed away from a life-long battle with muscular dystrophy on January 11, 2024, at the age of 62.

Tim led MDFF as the president for a decade, devoting many hours of time to furthering the mission. The MDFF Golf Outing’s name was changed to the Timothy J. Doyle Golf Outing, supporting MDFF, in memory of Tim and his legacy.

Thank You to Our Sponsors

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Timothy J. Doyle Golf Outing Sponsors



MDFP Feud: Honoring Tim's Legacy Sponsors



Holiday Party Sponsors



Thank you for all that you do, have done and will do.
You are greatly appreciated.

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