



# ANNUAL REPORT



# 2025

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# A LETTER FROM OUR BOARD

2025 was an incredible year for the Muscular Dystrophy Family Foundation. Our staff, supporters, local businesses, volunteers, grantors, and board members have put time and effort into our mission. We are very grateful for the amazing amount of support we receive.

While there is no cure for muscular dystrophy, our organization has come alongside Hoosier families navigating the challenges of living with this disease. Last year, we were able to give away two fully customized accessible vans blessing two different families in great need of transportation. We also received a donated accessible van that we were able to use to pay-it-forward for a third family needing an accessible vehicle. We were also the grateful recipient of an extremely generous trust donation that will allow us to help even more families.

When a family reaches out to MDFF for help, we are 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, shower chairs, and more.

Thanks to generous support from our community, MDFF 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,  
MDFF Board of Directors



# Our Mission

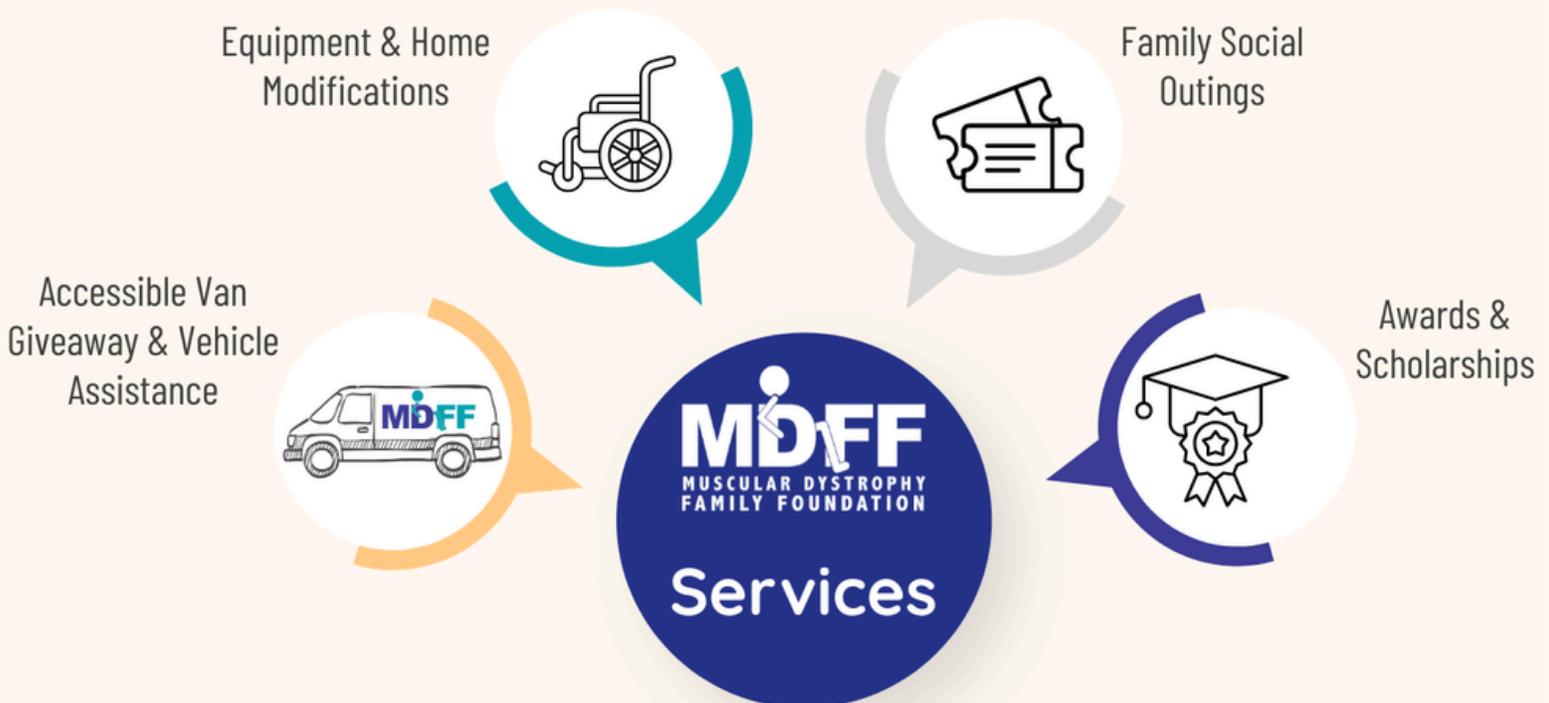
The Muscular Dystrophy Family Foundation uses the power of giving to increase the quality of life and independence of people with muscular dystrophy—and empower their families—through advocacy, education, and financial assistance.

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## 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 and complicated disease can appear as early as infancy or as late as middle age or even later. Each type differs in the muscles affected, age of onset, and rate of progression.



# STATISTICS

Education Scholarship  
**\$2,000** awarded

The River & The Rock  
**\$2,500** awarded

**2025**   
**MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY  
FAMILY FOUNDATION**

Enrolled Families

**148**

(as of February 2026)

**3 Accessible Van  
Giveaways**



**\$33,225**

**Vehicle  
Assistance**

(Accessibility Repairs & Gap Funding)

Equipment & Home  
Modification Funding

**18**

Individuals/Families

**205** Holiday Party  
Registrants

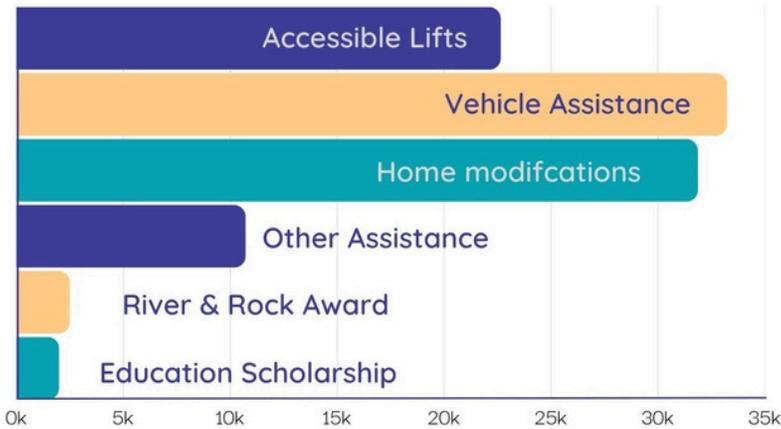
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**185** Zoo Day  
Registrants

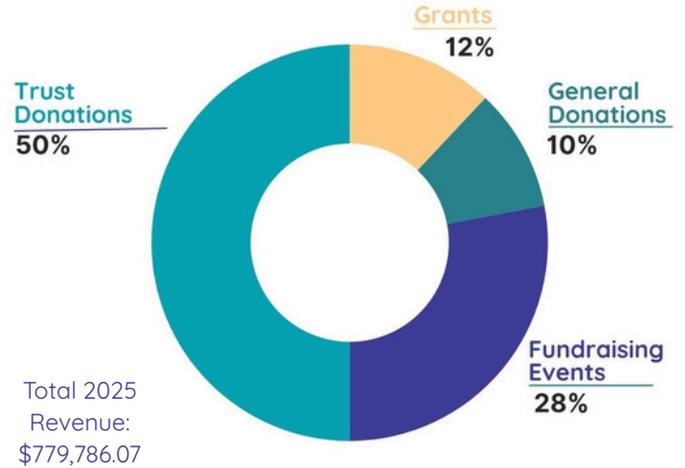
**4** Van Gap  
Funding Recipients

# FINANCIALS

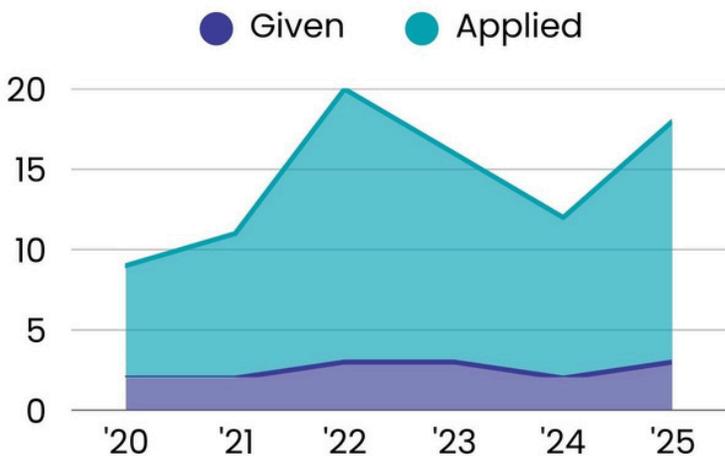
## Financial Assistance Provided in 2025



## 2025 REVENUE



## # of Accessible Van Applications & Giveaways



**2025**  
3 vans  
3 families  
**\$118,247**

# Event Highlights

The Timothy J. Doyle Golf Outing took place in May at Hillcrest Country Club with 31 teams enjoying 18 holes, drinks, lunch, fun on-course challenges, and awards.

Join us this year on May 11<sup>th</sup> - [tickets are on sale now!](#)



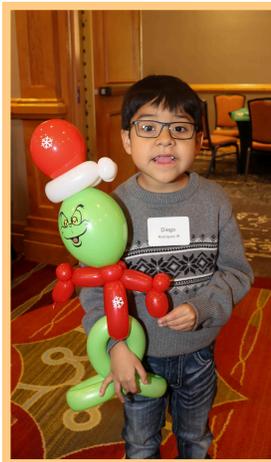
The Mobility Gala was held last September at the Biltwell Event Center in downtown Indy. This event was formerly The Feud Before the Feud and our pivot to a gala was a grand success. Over 200 guests enjoyed a 3-course dinner & drinks, silent auction, casino gaming and more, while celebrating MDFF's history with a 1950's theme! Please join us on September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026!



Last year's MDFF Zoo Day in June brought together over 100 family members for a fun day visiting Indy's friendliest animals.



In December, over 200 people attended the MDFF Holiday Party full of festive cheer. Families celebrated the holiday spirit with brunch, cookie and stocking decorating, games, gifts, and pictures with Santa. A lively Pajama Parade brought plenty of smiles and joy to wrap up the day!



# Accessible Van Giveaways

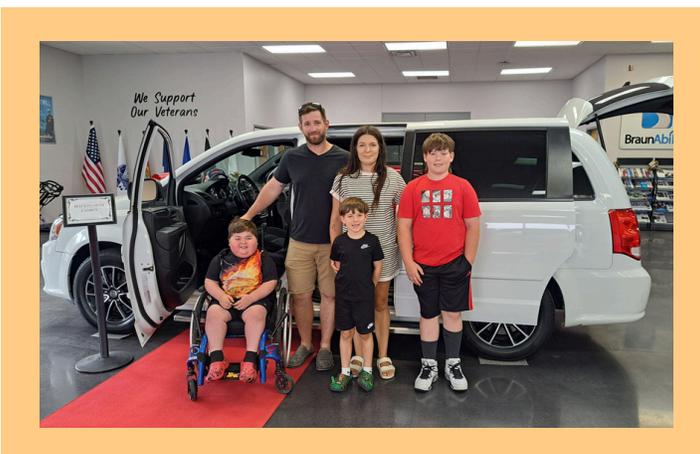
The Muscular Dystrophy Family Foundation's one-of-a-kind assistance program annually awards wheelchair-accessible vans to families needing reliable transportation. Having an accessible vehicle is highly important for fostering independence and helping individuals and families live life to the fullest.



The Baker-Franklin family was in need of a large transit van since they have four wheelchairs to transport. We are very happy to support their needs and help relieve their struggles.



Kim Ball says of her gifted accessible van, "I feel like I'm living in a dream. I still can't believe this van is ours. I just went to the chiropractor and didn't have to duck my head to get in the door. It makes me want to cry. I can't even describe my gratitude."



We are grateful to an anonymous donor for gifting MDFF an accessible vehicle they no longer needed. We were able to pay-it-forward and provide an accessible van for the Hackworth family.

# Scholarship and Award

The River and The Rock Perseverance Award offers an annual award of \$2,500 to be used in pursuit of a dream or goal by an individual in Indiana who displays resilience, courage and/or perseverance. This award is funded by the Nicholoff family in honor of Phillip James "PJ" Nicholoff and his incredible memory.

Jillena Millington was the 2025 award recipient.

"So, I learned through all that I have done in the last six years, a lot of the accessibility problems we run into are simply because the opposite side has never thought about the issue being discussed until it was pointed out to them."



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The MDFF Educational Scholarship sponsored by Busey Bank exists to assist Indiana residents diagnosed with muscular dystrophy or a neuromuscular disease in pursuit of their education goals.

The scholarship was originally founded and named after the late Andrew "Sparky" Seever, a former MDFF board member and Ball State alumni. Education was very important to Andrew and he aspired to make it accessible for everyone.

Zachary Deardorff was the 2025 scholarship recipient.



# In Memory of and In Honor of Donations

Below are donations that MDFF received in 2025, in memory and/or honor of individuals and/or families.

## IMO Donations

Aaron Thomas Hodge  
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## IHO Donations

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