



2007 Annual Report

(For Fiscal Year ending Sept. 30, 2008)

From the Desk of Mike Krance, Executive Director

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Mission

In the spirit of Mitch...providing support to families of children with cancer.

A Year of Growth

Six years ago when 9-year-old bone cancer patient Mitch Chepokas made his father, Steve Chepokas, "pinky swear" to continue helping families of children battling cancer after he died, he could not have realized how his legacy would touch so many lives. During the past five years, The Miracles of Mitch Foundation has provided financial and quality-of-life assistance to hundreds of pediatric cancer families, enabling them to better focus on the health of the child.

Fiscal Year 2007 (Oct. 1, 2007, through Sept. 30, 2008) brought another year of growth for The Miracles of Mitch Foundation as we touched the lives of nearly 200 families of children battling cancer in Minnesota. Our Support and Revenues grew to \$562,592 — a 145-percent increase over last year. This growth enabled us to continue making an impact on these families in crisis through our Home Rescue Team and Quality-of-Life Programs.

Home Rescue Team Program

The security of one's home is always important, but especially sensitive when a family faces a serious health crisis. The Home Rescue Team (HRT) was created to get families through the difficult battle of fighting cancer without also having to worry about losing their home. In FY2007, 100 HRT grants were awarded, providing assistance with mortgage, rent, property tax and utility payments.

Quality-of-Life Program

When a child is diagnosed with cancer, a family loses emotional and financial stability. So much is uncertain, but one thing is for sure: That family needs to be able to spend as much time together as is possible. The Miracles of Mitch Foundation assists with the most basic needs of kids and their families who are battling cancer. In FY2007, Quality of Life (QOL) activities included:

- 26 QOL grants providing a variety of assistance, including grocery cards, automobile repairs, automobile payments, winter clothes, gas cards, childcare and an airline ticket for a visiting sibling.
- 51 families enjoying Minnesota Miracle weekend getaways to the Hilton MSP Airport Hotel and Mall of America.
- 90 current and past pediatric cancer patients and their siblings attending the 2008 MiracleKids Kamp at Camp Courage in Maple Lake, Minn.
- Seven kids with an advanced stage of cancer receiving specially-tailored quality-of-life initiatives, such as a family night out to see a performance of the *Lion King*.

The Miracles of Mitch Foundation

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Geographic Reach

By working through the social workers of Minnesota's primary pediatric cancer treatment centers — Children's Hospital of Minneapolis, Children's Hospital of St. Paul, University of Minnesota Children's Hospital-Fairview, Mayo Clinic (Rochester, Minn.), and St. Mary's Medical Center (Duluth, Minn.) — The Miracles of Mitch Foundation reaches far outside the state's borders. In FY2007, MOMF programs assisted families from not only Minnesota, but also Indiana, Iowa, Nebraska, North Dakota and Wisconsin.

Fundraising Events

Minnesota Miracle New Year's Eve Celebration — Approximately 325 kids of all ages rang in 2008 in style during the third annual Minnesota Miracle New Year's Eve Celebration, Dec. 31, 2007, at the Hilton MSP Airport Hotel. The event, which generated net proceeds of \$43,999, offered a fabulous meal, silent and live auctions and music by The Casablanca Orchestra. Special thanks to presenting sponsor Hilton MSP Airport Hotel for their wonderful ongoing support.

Family Fun Day with the Twins — Access Insurance once again offered excitement at the ballpark with Family Fun Day with the Twins, held May 4, 2008, at the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome. Three hundred attendees enjoyed a picnic lunch, silent auction, and autographs with Minnesota Twins players prior to watching the Twins battle the Detroit Tigers. The event raised \$3,952 for The Miracles of Mitch Foundation.

Shoot for a Miracle — The inaugural Shoot for a Miracle, presented by TEKsystems, was held on June 1, 2008, at the Minnesota Horse & Hunt Club in Prior Lake, Minn. Seventy-five participants enjoyed a day of competitive clays, lunch, dinner, as well as silent and live auctions. This new event, which generated net proceeds of \$9,992, offered a day of summer fun for all.

MiracleKids Triathlon — The MiracleKids Triathlon series continues to grow every year, generating net proceeds of more than \$200,000 in 2008. More than 1,000 "kids racing for kids who can't" participated in two events: the second-year event held July 19 at Lake Nokomis Park in Minneapolis, and the fifth-year event on Aug. 16 at Lake Ann in Chanhassen, Minn. Special thanks to presenting sponsor Cargill for its generous commitment to this event.

Miracle Open Golf Invitational — The sixth annual Miracle Open, presented by Innova Marketing, attracted a full field of 144 golfers, as well dinner guests. Held, July 28, 2009, at Deer Run Golf Club in Victoria, Minn., this "Professional Golf Event for Immature Adults" offered a variety of on-course activities, lunch, dinner, as well as silent and live auctions. The event raised an incredible \$36,966.

Financial Recap

The Miracles of Mitch Foundation is happy to report that, through its various events and activities, the fiscal year ended on Sept. 30, 2008, with a \$34,032 surplus. Total support and revenues increased by 145 percent to \$562,592. This was due in large part to 181 percent growth in combined contributions from businesses, foundations and individuals. In addition, fundraising event income increased by 118 percent. As a result, program services increased by 145 percent to \$420,814.

**MIRACLES OF MITCH FOUNDATION
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
SEPTEMBER 30, 2008 AND 2007**

ASSETS

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 163,172	\$ 125,975
Certificates of deposit	82,418	79,329
Prepaid expense	2,682	374
Inventory	500	500
Total current assets	248,772	206,178
 Total support		
Property and Equipment		
Property and equipment	5,636	4,636
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(2,513)	(1,386)
Total property and equipment	3,123	3,250
 Intangible Assets		
Website (net of amortization)	12,586	10,599
Total intangible assets	12,586	10,599
Total assets	\$ 264,481	\$ 20,027

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 1,644	\$ -
Accrued wages	\$ 8,778	\$ -
Total liabilities	10,422	-
 Net Assets		
Unrestricted 254,059 220,027	\$ 254,059	\$ 220,027
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 264,481	\$ 220,027

Figures provided by the independent auditing firm of Weber & Deegan, Ltd.

**MIRACLES OF MITCH FOUNDATION
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2008 AND 2007**

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
SUPPORT AND REVENUES:		
Support:		
Contributions - Businesses	\$ 188,933	\$ 29,768
Contributions - Foundations	119,635	48,340
Contributions - Individuals	27,206	107,343
Donated goods and services	38,945	46,908
Other Income	5,512	-
Special events, net of direct expenses of \$159,694 in 2008 and \$148,184 in 2007	<u>176,804</u>	<u>149,602</u>
Total support	557,035	381,961
Revenues:		
Interest income	<u>5,557</u>	<u>6,071</u>
Total support and revenues	<u>562,592</u>	<u>388,032</u>
EXPENSES:		
Program services		291,953
Home rescue	208,530	
Quality of Life	212,284	
Supporting services:		
General & administrative	57,122	63,271
Fundraising	<u>50,624</u>	<u>46,612</u>
Total expenses	<u>528,560</u>	<u>401,836</u>
Change in net assets	34,032	(13,804)
Net assets - beginning of year	<u>220,027</u>	<u>233,831</u>
Net assets - end of year	\$ <u><u>254,059</u></u>	\$ <u><u>220,027</u></u>

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**MIRACLES OF MITCH FOUNDATION
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2008 AND 2007**

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Change in net assets	\$ 34,032	\$ (13,804)
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Amortization expense	2,942	1,534
Depreciation expense	1,127	808
Net changes in:		
Accrued interest receivable	4,329	(4,329)
Prepaid expenses	(2,308)	(374)
Accounts payable	1,644	-
Accrued wages	8,778	-
	<u>50,544</u>	<u>(16,165)</u>
<i>Net cash provided (used) by operating activities</i>		
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of Certificates of Deposit	(7,418)	(25,000)
Purchase of equipment and furnishings	(1,000)	(2,584)
Website development costs	(4,929)	(11,293)
	<u>(13,347)</u>	<u>(38,877)</u>
<i>Net cash used by investing activities</i>		
NET DECREASE IN CASH	37,197	(55,042)
CASH - BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>125,975</u>	<u>181,017</u>
CASH - END OF YEAR	\$ <u><u>163,172</u></u>	\$ <u><u>125,975</u></u>

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