

Dear Valued Stakeholders of Believe in Me,

Reflecting on the past year, I am immensely proud of the milestones we've achieved at Believe in Me. Our journey in 2023 was marked by significant contributions and events that not only underscored our commitment to youth empowerment but also expanded our reach and impact.

This year, we extended our support through 24 grants to 21 deserving organizations across Washington, Oregon, and Idaho. These grants, integral to our mission, facilitated a variety of programs and services aimed at nurturing and empowering young lives.

Our commitment to inclusivity and support for the LGBTQIA+ community was vibrantly demonstrated through our first-ever Drag Beauty Pageant. This event was more than a celebration of diversity; it was a powerful stand against the disproportionately high suicide rates among LGBTQIA+ youth. It served as a beacon of hope and solidarity, emphasizing our dedication to creating a safer, more accepting world for these young individuals.

The Kentucky Derby event, a cornerstone of our fundraising efforts, was yet another triumph. It exemplified the community's spirit and generosity, bringing together people from all walks of life to support foster youth. The funds raised were pivotal in providing resources and support to children in foster care, enhancing their lives and futures.

Our double-header golf tournament in June, dedicated to the memory of David VonBrethorst, was not only a tribute to a beloved community figure but also a significant platform to raise awareness for our cause. The event symbolized our ongoing commitment to making a positive impact on the lives of children.

The Place to Call Home event was a heartwarming success, bringing smiles and laughter to many youths in our programs during the holidays. It was a reminder of the joy and light that our work brings into the lives of children who need it most.

This year, we were delighted to welcome Cola Boyer, Alene Alexander, Jacob Craner, Matt Cronrath, and John Reznicek to our board of directors. Their diverse skills and insights are invaluable assets in steering our mission forward.

A landmark initiative of 2023 was the introduction of post-secondary scholarships for 1st generation college students. With \$35,000 in new funding, we opened doors to higher education for deserving students, reinforcing our belief in the transformative power of education.

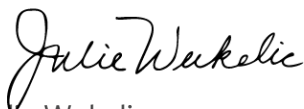
In total, we granted \$330,000 to nonprofits and students, a testament to our relentless pursuit of empowering every child to develop the self-confidence necessary for success.

As we look ahead to 2024, we are thrilled to embark on new ventures, including the development of an innovative app to aid 1st generation college students in their academic pursuits. This tool promises to be a significant step in supporting and guiding students through their educational journey.

Your support throughout 2023 has been the backbone of our achievements. Your belief in our mission and in the potential of every child we serve has been the driving force behind our accomplishments. Thank you for standing with us in this vital cause.

Together, we look forward to a future filled with more achievements, more lives touched, and more dreams realized. Your continued support will be crucial in turning these aspirations into reality.

With heartfelt gratitude,



Julie Wukelic

Chief Executive Officer