



THE
SHOOTING STAR
FOUNDATION

PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM



ABOUT US THE MISSION

The Shooting Star Foundation is a Christian non-profit organization that provides financial assistance to Minnesota families for the care and development of children with special needs.



WHAT WE DO

Provide financial assistance to local families who are unable to afford the consistent therapy needed to better ensure a productive adult life for their child with special needs.

Partner with local providers who offer physical, occupational, speech and family therapy. Through these providers we are able to award annual scholarships, grants and special gifts, lessening the financial burden.

Focus on children with special needs from birth to age 6. By enhancing their access to therapy at a critical period in their development, we offer children the best opportunity to enroll in school programs at age 6 and beyond.

Provide hope to families by working to ease the financial and emotional challenges of caring for a child with special needs, and help families look forward to a brighter future for their Shooting Star and everyone in the family.



Founding the organization in 2016, the foundation was able to initially partner with St. David's Center and Fraser, leaders in providing therapy for children with special needs.



HOW IT ALL STARTED

Meet Stella Our Chief Inspiration Officer

Joe and Melissa Biller's youngest child Stella, was diagnosed at the age of 2 with a large duplication on her fourth chromosome, which caused developmental delays. Specialists told Stella's family that no one else on record had this condition. But, we already knew Stella was one of a kind.

Through early intervention – including special needs preschool, occupational therapy and speech therapy – Stella is making great strides in her development. But, not everyone has the resources like Stella to receive the early intervention that has been scientifically proven to change lives. That's why we created the Shooting Star Foundation.

Stella's our inspiration. She brightens our day and gives us hope that we can continue making positive impacts on Minnesota families. Join the effort and help us change lives, just like Stella's.



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THE TEAM SUPPORT



JOE BILLER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND
CO-FOUNDER

Joe co-founded the foundation after his daughter, was diagnosed with a unique chromosomal condition.

Joe is a Managing Director at SightLine Partners. He also serves on several for-profit boards.

Joe and his family live in Chanhassen and attend Westwood Community Church.



MELISSA BILLER
CO-FOUNDER

Melissa co-founded the foundation after her daughter, was diagnosed with a unique chromosomal condition.

Melissa is a full-time mom to three children and attends Westwood Community Church. Previously she worked as a Registered Nurse in the PICU at the University of Minnesota Children's Hospital.



JEFF STONE
BOARD MEMBER

As a committed Christian, Jeff joined the foundation to be an advocate for children and families.

Jeff runs a media communications company called "Picture Time," and is actively involved with his church at Grace Church of Eden Prairie.

Jeff has been married for 17 years, and lives with in Chaska with their three children.



TOM LETSCHER
BOARD MEMBER

As Tom and his family are devoted to serving those in need, he joined the foundation to help bring the mission of the foundation to life.

Tom is a partner at Fox Rothschild LLP, a national law firm. In addition he also serves as vice chair of the Board of Directors and chair of the Executive Committee of the Catholic Community Foundation of MN.



KIRK SPRESSER
BOARD MEMBER

After being touched by the Biller's story and passion, Kirk was honored to join the foundation.

Kirk holds experience as a former Red Lobster President, as well as a variety of non-profits. Including a Meals for Wheels start up in Florida, and annual mission trips.

Kirk is a parent of three, and a member of Westwood Community Church.



MIKE ECHOLS
BOARD MEMBER

After working with the Ronald McDonald House, Mike joined the foundation as he holds first hand experience of living a unique childhood, and seen how this kind of support can help.

Mike has worked for the Pohlad Family for the past 10 years and currently reside in Minneapolis with his wife and son.



MIKE BOYLE
BOARD MEMBER

Mike is President and CEO of The Capture Marketing Group. With a strong passion for how nonprofits seek to improve the quality of life, Mike joined the foundation to help make a difference and brighter futures for children and families.

A longtime resident of the Twin Cities, Mike and his wife, live in Chaska with their three kids.



THE IMPACT

KELLEN'S STORY



At 18 months old, Kellen still didn't make any sounds. After evaluating several options, Kellen's family decided to enroll him in occupational and speech therapy at St. David's Center. This early intervention worked, and a year and a half later Kellen was talking.

Kellen's struggles didn't end here. During his therapy at St. David's Center, he was diagnosed with autism. According to his family, this seemed like a bigger hurdle than his early speech delays. Kellen's family knew that the faster they received early childhood education catering to his individual needs, the better off Kellen would be when he began school. But, with another family member already on the autism spectrum, they also knew all too well that these additional services would cost a lot of money. The Shooting Star Foundation granted a scholarship to Kellen's Family to continue his early intervention, contributing to positive, long-term outcomes.

Navigating funding sources is challenging for every family, including Kellen's. No family should have to decline early intervention services for their children because they can't afford it. That's why the Shooting Star Foundation helps families like Kellen's access services that change lives.





BECOME A PARTNER

TOGETHER WE CAN DO MORE

LEGENDS

Donation of \$10,000 or more

LEGENDS CLUB YEARLY BENEFITS

All members of the Legends Club receive an exclusive plaque in acknowledgement of becoming a member of the Legends Club, a commemorative gift each year of support, as well as acknowledgement on the Shooting Star Website.

ALL-STAR

Donation of \$5,000 or more

ALL-STAR CLUB YEARLY BENEFITS

All members of the All-Stars club will receive a commemorative gift each year of support, as well as acknowledgment on the Shooting Star Website.

RING OF HONOR

Donation of \$2,500 or more

RING OR HONOR CLUB YEARLY BENEFITS

All members of the Ring of Honor Club will receive a commemorative gift each year of support, as well as acknowledgment on the Shooting Star Website.

69% of families are concerned about being able to provide lifetime care for their special needs child.

32% of parents spend more than 40 hours per week assisting their special needs child.

DISABILITIES CAN COST AROUND
\$10,000 ANNUALLY
OUT-OF-POCKET
STRICTLY FOR MEDICAL SERVICES



ON AVERAGE 1 IN 6 CHILDREN
WILL HAVE ONE OR MORE
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

RAISING A CHILD
TO AGE 18 COSTS
\$250,000

CHILDREN WITH
DISABILITIES AND
SPECIAL NEEDS
ARE UP TO
10X GREATER



The one who blesses others
is abundantly blessed

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