

A LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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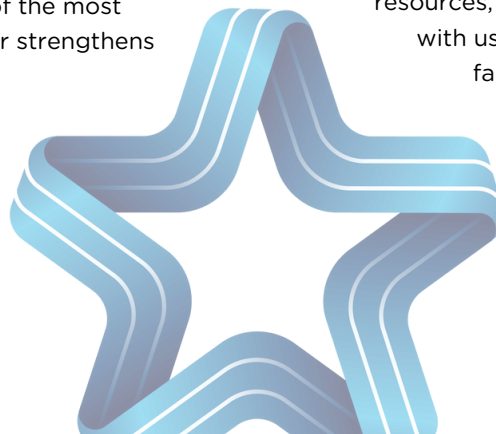
Dear Friends,

As we reflect on the past year at Star Legacy Foundation, I am filled with deep gratitude for the unwavering dedication of our volunteers, partners, and community members. This year has been one of remarkable growth and progress, and we are honored to share the impact we have made together.

Throughout the year, we welcomed several new chapters and volunteers, strengthening our reach and ability to serve grieving families and advance perinatal health. The expansion of our education offerings has allowed us to engage more healthcare professionals and families with critical information and resources to improve outcomes and support those affected by pregnancy and infant loss.

Most significantly, we stood alongside nearly 4,000 families after the heartbreaking loss of their baby. Through support groups, peer connections, and educational resources, we have been honored to hear their stories and offer comfort and guidance during some of the most challenging moments a family can face. Every story we hear strengthens our resolve to continue this essential work.

We were pleased to award \$90,000 in research grants to support innovative projects aimed at improving perinatal health outcomes.



These grants reflect our commitment to advancing research that will lead to better care and outcomes for families worldwide.

This year also marked the launch of an exciting initiative: the pilot of the International Partnership for Perinatal Excellence (IPPE). This professional network and certification program is designed to elevate perinatal loss prevention and care for all families. The positive response from professionals across disciplines underscores the need for this initiative. 2025 will see the full launch of IPPE, expanding our ability to drive meaningful change in perinatal care worldwide. We are eager to engage even more professionals in this effort and continue advocating for improved policies, research, and resources.

Looking ahead to 2025, we are thrilled to host the Summit for Perinatal Excellence in June. We will continue the tradition of the Stillbirth Summit with our 3-day continuing education conference for health professionals who are dedicated to improving pregnancy outcomes. This year's Summit will also feature an exciting new addition—a fourth day specifically designed for families and the loss community to come together for learning, remembrance, and support. This dedicated day reflects our commitment to fostering connection and healing in ways that honor the experiences of bereaved families.

None of this would be possible without your generous support. Whether you have volunteered your time, shared your story, or contributed resources, you are an integral part of our mission. Thank you for standing with us as we strive to prevent perinatal losses and ensure that every family receives the support they need.

With gratitude and hope,

Lindsey Wimmer, DNP, CPNP, IPPE-C
Executive Director, Star Legacy Foundation

A LETTER FROM OUR BOARD CHAIR

Barbara C. Toppin, MD, IPPE-C



Dear Friends,

As we close the chapter on 2024 and reflect on the progress we've made, I am filled with gratitude and optimism for the future of the Star Legacy Foundation. This past year has been an extraordinary period of growth and success, thanks to the tireless efforts of a dedicated community. From our Champion events to the collective work of passionate volunteers, employees, and supporters, we have seen remarkable strides in advancing our mission.

One of the highlights of the year was the introduction of the International Partnership for Perinatal Excellence (IPPE) program. A dedicated group came together to spearhead this initiative, and following a successful test launch, we are now focused on refining and perfecting the program as we prepare for its full rollout. The IPPE program aims to educate doctors, midwives, bereavement counselors, and other specialists worldwide on the best practices for preventing pregnancy loss, reducing adverse pregnancy outcomes, and supporting families through difficult moments.

Looking ahead, we are excited to continue building on this momentum. The upcoming 2025 Summit promises to be a pivotal moment, bringing together thought leaders, advocates, and supporters to further our goals and share knowledge that will drive meaningful change.

None of this would be possible without the unwavering support and commitment of our volunteers, employees, and fellow board members. Each of you plays a vital role in the success of our programs, and your dedication inspires everything we do. As we embark on 2025, I am confident that with this incredible team, we will continue to grow and make an even greater impact.

Thank you for being part of this journey. Together, we will continue to honor our mission and achieve new milestones for families everywhere.

With gratitude,

Barbara C. Toppin, MD
Chairman of the Board
Star Legacy Foundation



2024 BY THE NUMBERS



★ Enrolled participants from 49 out of the 50 United States AND 29 different countries including (but not limited to): Argentina, France, Hungary, India, Ireland, Malta, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway, South Africa, Tanzania, United Arab Emirates, and the United Kingdom.



★ Provided support to more than 400 families through the Support Line.
★ Nearly 2,000 people attended 198 hours of support groups.
★ Added a new support group dedicated to Early Pregnancy Loss, and expanded the number of sessions for our Fathers and Grandparents Group.
★ Supported 912 families through the Minnesota and Wisconsin Centers for Stillbirth and Infant Death.



★ Launched the International Partnership for Perinatal Excellence (IPPE) professional network and education program.
★ Certified the first 20 IPPE members.
★ Added 14 new virtual education modules for health professionals.
★ Hosted 14 new education workshops.
★ Educated more than 1,200 health professionals on perinatal loss prevention and care topics.

2024 BY THE NUMBERS



BUILDING AWARENESS

- ★ Presented at 9 health professional conferences.
- ★ Exhibited at 13 health professional conferences.
- ★ Attended 14 meetings and events across the country to share our pregnancy and infant loss prevention and care messages.
- ★ Promoted participation in 9 different research studies.
- ★ Distributed more than 100,000 free family education materials to families and more than 350 health facilities throughout the U.S.



VOLUNTEERS

- ★ Trained 40 new peer companions for our Peer Support Program.
- ★ Nearly 5,000 volunteer hours logged from chapter leaders, peer companions, Board Members, and event volunteers.



ORGANIZATIONAL GROWTH

- ★ Added 5 new Chapters in New Jersey, Memphis, Tennessee, Colorado, Arkansas, and East Bay, California.
- ★ Welcomed two new staff members: Sarit Bridell and Leigh Peterson.
- ★ Added three new education brochures: Lactation After Loss, Difficult Decisions, and Palliative Care.

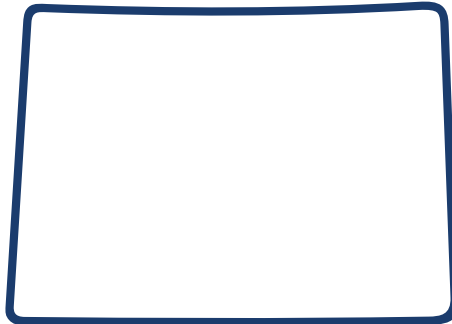
NEWEST CHAPTERS

In 2024, Star Legacy Foundation welcomed six (6!) new chapters across the United States. Join us as we welcome the newest members of our family, who enable us to do all we can to spread awareness and bring support to families in need.

We cannot wait to see them shine in 2025!



ARKANSAS



COLORADO



NEW JERSEY



EAST BAY,
CALIFORNIA



MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

2024 CHAMPION EVENTS

April 2 Axl Night - Kansas City Chapter

July 1 Swing for the Stars - New York Metro Chapter

July 13 Abby's Ride - Mueller Family

August 3 Taylor Morgan Hamilton Foundation - Hamilton Family

August 5-21 PaperPie: Cards for a Cause - West Michigan Chapter

August 14-22 Pampered Chef Party - West Michigan Chapter

August 11 Let's Not Be Still - Montana Chapter

September 1 Cornhole Tournament - Maine Chapter

September 13 2nd Annual Golf Tournament for Jack Fischer

September 23 2nd Annual Michaela Memorial Golf Tournament -
Markinson Family

September 28 Baby Steps 5K - West Michigan Chapter

October 3 A Night To Remember - New Jersey Chapter

October 5 Harvest Fest and Memorial Walk - Idaho Chapter

October 5 Let's Not Be Still - Minnesota Chapter

October 5 Orlando Work Out In The Park - Central Florida Chapter

October 6 Remember Us Still - Chicago Chapter

October 12 Walk To Remember - Schneller Family

October 19 Miles for Memories - South Florida Chapter

October 19 West Michigan Chapter Cornhole
Tournament

October 19 Maine Mariners Game - Maine
Chapter

November 2 Let's Not Be Still - New York Metro

November 23 3rd Annual Starry Night Soiree -
WNY Chapter



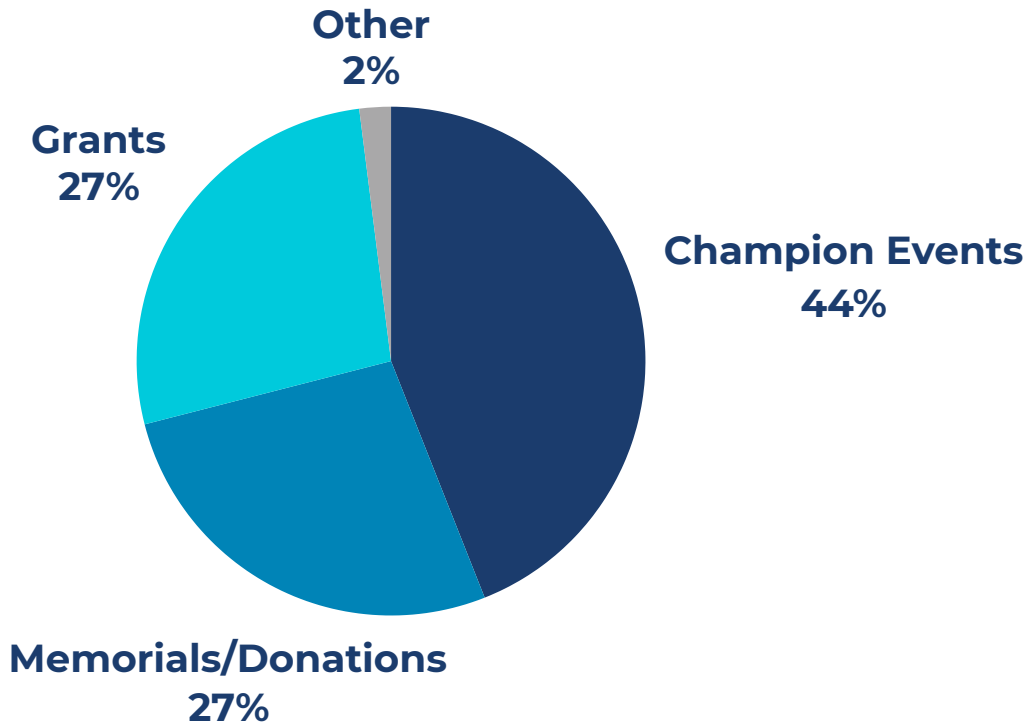
**Champion Events
raised more than
\$350,000 in
2024 - 47% more
than 2023!!**

THANK YOU TO OUR CHAMPIONS!

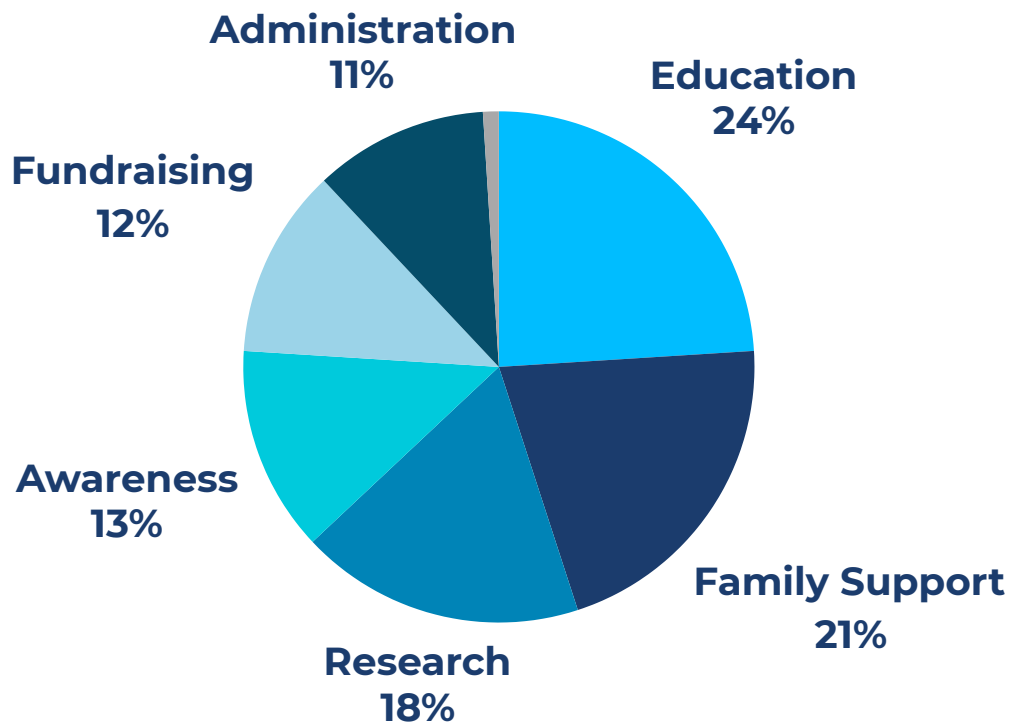


FINANCES

REVENUE SOURCES



HOW OUR FUNDS WERE USED



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JOIN US IN 2025

1

SHARE YOUR STORY

Let others know that they are not alone and help erase the stigma of talk about our babies born among the stars.

2

VOLUNTEER

Fill out our [Volunteer Form](#) to find opportunities to get more involved.

3

SUPPORT WHILE YOU SHOP

When you shop using Ebay Charity and iGive, you can choose to donate a percentage of your amount spent to Star Legacy Foundation.

4

CHAMPION AN EVENT

Host a local event in your community. To learn more, email amy@starlegacyfoundation.org!

5

START A LOCAL CHAPTER

Interested in starting a local Star Legacy Chapter to help bring our mission to your area? Email Amy at amy@starlegacyfoundation.org.

6

DONATE

Every dollar you donate helps to make a difference. Donations are used to send our brochures to hospitals, execute the Pregnancy Research Project, lead Support Groups, and more!