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As president and chief executive officer, David Williams leads the national staff and 65 chapters of the Make-A-Wish Foundation® in its simple, heartfelt mission: granting the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy. Since 1980, the world's largest wish-granting organization has granted the wishes of more than 185,000 children in the United States, Guam and Puerto Rico.

Williams joined the Foundation in January 2005. Under his leadership, the world's largest nonprofit wish-granting organization has considerably increased its financial resources. National office annual revenue has more than doubled since 2004, from \$25.5 million to \$66.7 million (fiscal year 2009); distributions to chapters have tripled, from \$8.8 million to \$36.6 million (FY 09); and overall revenue including chapters has increased from \$144 million to \$201 million (FY 09).

Wishes have also continued to grow – the Foundation granted the wishes of 13,465 children in fiscal year 2009, the highest annual total in its 29-year history.

Before joining the Make-A-Wish Foundation, Williams spent 10 years at Habitat for Humanity International, rising to executive vice president and chief operating officer. Under his leadership, the organization expanded in a number of areas – revenue (\$400 million to \$900 million), house building (30,000 homes to nearly 200,000 homes) and the number of countries with operations (48 to 100). Williams began his work in nonprofit leadership by serving as executive director of The Houston Food Bank for 11 years.

Williams earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Bloomsburg (Pa.) University and a master's degree in business administration from the University of Houston.

Williams lives in Cave Creek, Ariz., with his wife, Martha. They have two children, Kate and Carson.