

2023 Fill the Boot Impact Report

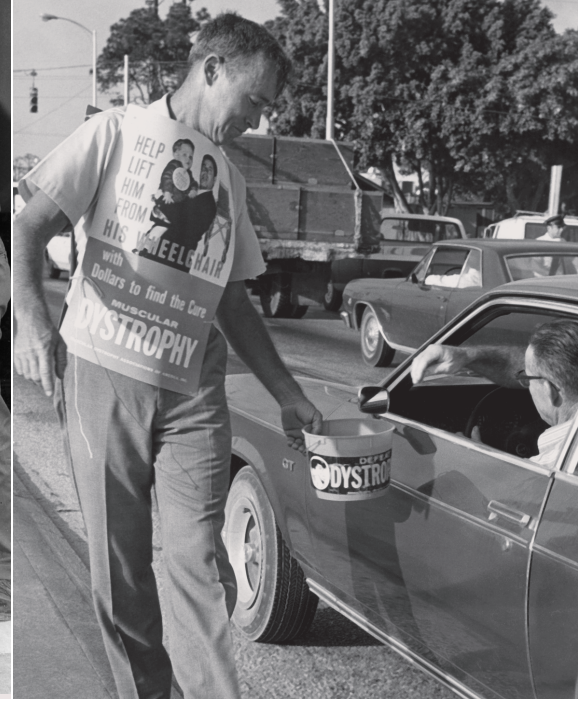


Celebrating 70+ Years

The tradition of Fill the Boot began in 1952 in Boston, Massachusetts. Over the past 70+ years, fire fighters have raised more than \$700 million through Fill the Boot and other annual fundraising campaigns that support MDA's mission.

Continued support has enabled MDA to bring over 20 treatments to market in the last five years, provide an in-person and virtual summer camp experience to more than 800 kids, and support over 150 Care Center institutions that provide our families with the highest quality care from the best doctors in the country.

Thank you, fire fighters, for your continuous and tireless support of the MDA mission. Together, we will continue to lead the way.



2023 Highlights

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who dedicated their time and effort to the Fill the Boot campaign in 2023. Thanks to your commitment, the dollars collected are directly contributing to significant progress in treatments, offering hope and a brighter future to countless people and families who live with neuromuscular diseases.

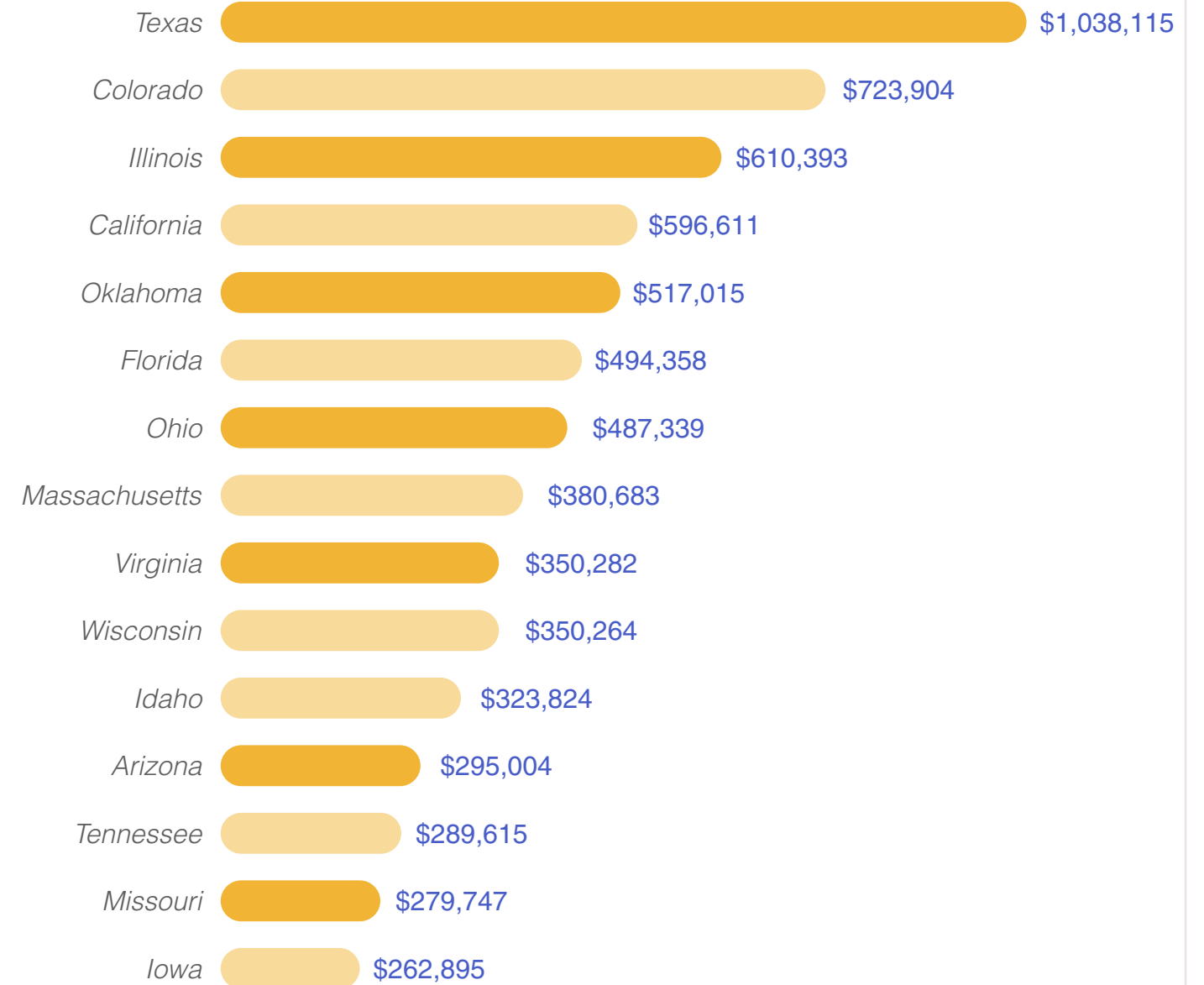
Thank you, fire fighters, for your invaluable partnership and commitment to tradition.

\$11M+ raised in 2023 | **\$700M+** raised since 1952 | **974** departments participated | **\$11,295** average raised per department

Top 20 Departments*

1. Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department VA	\$189,828	11. San Antonio Fire Department TX	\$95,379
2. United Phoenix Firefighters AZ	\$187,801	12. Suncoast Firefighters and Paramedics FL	\$95,063
3. Nashville Fire Department TN	\$130,850	13. Las Vegas Fire & Rescue NV	\$92,893
4. Philadelphia Fire Department PA	\$130,475	14. Orange County Fire Authority CA	\$90,959
5. Chicago Fire Department IL	\$126,634	15. Anchorage Fire Department AK	\$89,438
6. Professional Fire Fighters of Eastern MO	\$109,302	16. Cleveland Division of Fire OH	\$86,293
7. Professional Firefighters of Palm Beach County FL	\$106,550	17. Midland Fire Department TX	\$82,796
8. Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department FL	\$103,530	18. South Metro Fire Rescue CO	\$80,975
9. Corpus Christi Fire Department TX	\$102,632	19. Montgomery Fire and Rescue AL	\$78,690
10. Oklahoma City Fire Department OK	\$99,947	20. Tulsa Fire Department OK	\$76,488

Top 15 States*



Spotlight

In 2023, Monty Nye joined the MDA team as a Fire Fighter and Government Relations Specialist. He will work with departments all over the country to fight ordinances that prevent Fill the Boot. Monty worked for Meridian Township Fire Department for almost 24 years and has been an MDA Liaison for 20 years.



The Impact of Fill the Boot

MDA is the #1 voluntary health organization in the United States for people living with muscular dystrophy, ALS, and related neuromuscular diseases.

Research



Over the next decade, researchers in the neuromuscular disease field will be focusing on developing new drugs and translating those discoveries into clinical applications, which means testing these drugs to see how well they work in real-life medical settings.

20+

treatments approved by the FDA for neuromuscular disease in the past five years

\$1B+

invested in research since 1950

1ST

gene therapy approved for Duchenne muscular dystrophy

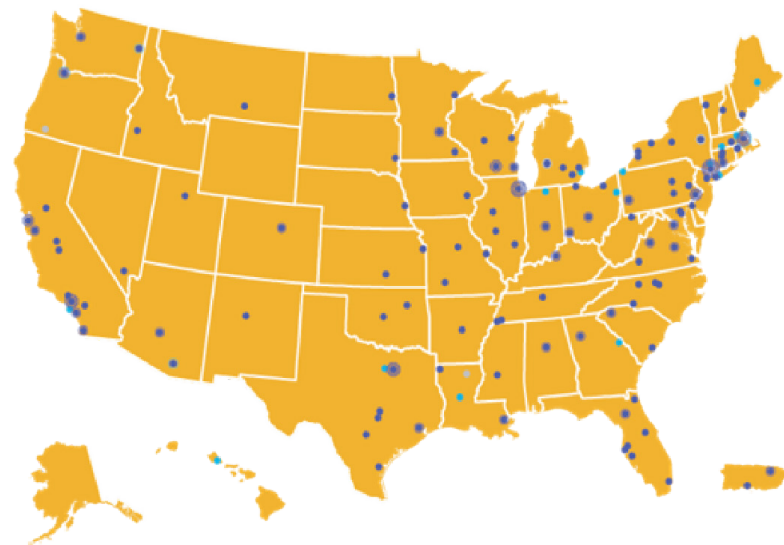
\$125M

invested in development of gene therapy in last 20 years

MDA Care Centers



MDA Care Centers operate with a multidisciplinary approach that includes the expertise of physicians, nurses, genetic counselors, and other healthcare professionals.



Locations

● Care Center ● Multiple Care Centers ● Care Affiliate

70,000+

individuals receiving care each year

150+

MDA Care Centers

47

designated MDA/ALS Care Centers

Advocacy



MDA's Advocacy team and its grassroots network are dedicated to ensuring key decision makers pass laws and policies that benefit people with neuromuscular diseases.

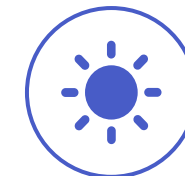
Advocacy Priorities

Adding Duchenne muscular dystrophy to the Newborn Screening Panel

Making air travel more accessible for individuals with disabilities



MDA Summer Camp



MDA Summer Camp is a magical place of complete inclusion, empowerment, exploration, and growth for kids and young adults living with neuromuscular diseases. In 2023:

22

in-person camps and 2 virtual camp sessions

815

in-person and virtual campers

14

fire fighters volunteered as counselors



Fill the Boot Online Toolkit

We've put together a toolkit of resources to help you plan a safe and effective Fill the Boot.

Visit mda.org/fire to learn about:

- History and tradition of Fill the Boot
- How to utilize cashless options
- Event planning checklist
- Department communication examples
- Handling permits, ordinances, and insurance issues
- Safety planning
- Deposit instructions
- Storefront collection resources
- ALS resources for fire fighters
- Social media guides, press releases, media kick off materials
- And more

MDA Summer Camp

Volunteering at MDA Summer Camp is pure magic. As a volunteer, you are part of a place of complete inclusion, empowerment, exploration, and growth. Camp offers a fundamental experience that fosters independence, confidence, and well-being for kids, young adults, and volunteers alike. As a volunteer, you will also take on the role of 24-hour caregiver, friend, and confidence-builder. Volunteering at camp could become your easiest decision and your 'best week of the year.' Connect with your MDA Contact to learn more and apply!

Advocacy

We need your help. MDA advocates are actively engaged in every state across the nation, and in almost every U.S. Congressional district. Every MDA advocate is essential to progress, and everyone is welcome. We hope that you will join us in making a difference today.

Ready to Get Involved?

Email filltheboot@mdausa.org to be connected with your MDA Contact. They will be able to answer all of your questions regarding Fill the Boot, the MDA community, and more.

