

Jerry & Becky Jendusa and Family
Evan P. Helfaer Donor Award
Nominated by *Make-a-Wish Wisconsin*

Jerry & Becky Jendusa and their five children are pillars of philanthropy in Southeast Wisconsin. They are long-time supporters of Make-A-Wish® Wisconsin and Children's Wisconsin, making a significant impact on children and families and inspiring philanthropy throughout our community.



Jerry and Becky always involve their children in their giving as they work to instill the value of philanthropy and service learning in their kids. During COVID, the Jendusas made a \$1 million gift to Make-A-Wish Wisconsin and used their gift as a match for other donors to help fill a funding gap experienced due to COVID. The Jendusas have donated more than \$1,200,000 over the past nine years to Make-A-Wish Wisconsin, equating to over 240 wishes granted.

In January 2020, the Jendusa family gave a transformational gift of \$1 million to Children's Wisconsin for mental and behavioral health initiatives over a five-year period, plus \$50,000 for pediatric cancer research through the MACC Fund Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders at Children's Wisconsin.

The Jendusas have supported fundraisers for Children's Wisconsin and Make-A-Wish Wisconsin, including an annual golf outing that for over a decade, raised over \$750,000 for Children's Wisconsin. They also support Mukwonago for Wishes, which has raised more than \$400,000.