

## Sean Mars

### Todd Wehr Volunteer Award 2023 Nominated by *Children's Wisconsin*

Sean Mars earned his Bachelor's degree in Computer Science and Psychology from Carroll University with minors in Sociology and Police Science. He started his career programming software applications for multiple industries. He was a police officer for a few years and left this work to start a company and develop software for police and security professionals. This software is now used worldwide.



Sean sold his company in 2017 and now devotes his time to giving back. He volunteers as a youth sports coach and at Children's Wisconsin, where he supports kids undergoing treatment at the MACC Fund Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders. Sean also runs the Mars Family Foundation, which he started after selling his company.

The Mars Family Foundation coaches nonprofits and charities to help them run more efficiently and sustainably. The Foundation develops software, tools and programs to help charities improve their operations and increase community engagement and support.

Through his organization, Sean also created leadership programs to mentor young adults. The Foundation's building has a virtual reality room with a simulator for golf, bowling and other games, where wounded warriors, kids with disabilities and their families can have a break from their daily struggles.

Sean's philanthropic generosity to Children's Wisconsin includes a gift to advance the Mental and Behavioral Health program. He is also a presenting sponsor of the 2023 and 2024 Miracle Marathon, a long-standing annual radiothon where parents, patients and care providers share remarkable stories to help raise critical funds for Children's.