

Packers' Crosby named state Make-a-Wish spokesman

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Green Bay Packers kicker Mason Crosby was named the official spokesman for Make-A-Wish Wisconsin during press conference Friday afternoon. His wife, Molly, is standing next to him. / Patti Zarling/Press-Gazette

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Green Bay Packers kicker Mason Crosby will be the first official spokesman for Make-A-Wish Wisconsin.

Crosby said he wanted to become more actively involved with the nonprofit, which grants wishes to children with life-threatening illnesses, last year, after an area company donated \$32,000 to the donation based on the number of field goals he kicked.

“This is my sixth year with the Packers,” he said at a Lambeau Field press conference on Friday. “And it’s given me the chance to see Make-A-Wish up close. (Children) choose to come see us, and we want to make it as impactful a time as we can.

“We get to meet such amazing people. If we can give a little joy, it’s very special for us.”

Crosby and his wife, Molly, will serve as ambassadors and will help with fundraising efforts, according to Make-A-Wish Wisconsin president and CEO Patti Gorsky.

The Packers also welcomed some Make-A-Wish recipients — Prithvi Tanna, 12, and Noah Salvers, 11 — who spent some time with the team before participating in the afternoon event.

“It’s been great,” said Bhavna Tanna, Prithvi’s mother. “When we had this chance, he wanted to do something with the Packers right away. “We got to visit the lunchroom where all the players eat, and (quarterback) Aaron Rodgers sat right next to him. He was so happy.”

Since the Wisconsin Make-A-Wish chapter was founded in 1984, nearly 4,600 families statewide have had wished fulfilled. Last year, the chapter granted a record-breaking 325 wishes and currently more than 250 Wisconsin children are in the process of having their wishes granted.

The Packers have helped fulfill “dozens and dozens” of wishes over the years, Gorsky said.

“The wishes they do are magical and it means so much to the kids,” she said. She said Crosby and his wife wanted to take their efforts “to the next level” with the organization.

“I think things changed for us when we had our son,” Molly Crosby said. “We are so humbled at your strength.

It's almost embarrassing for us to be up here telling our story, your stories are so powerful.

“This gives tangible value to what he's trying to accomplish on the field, to off the field.”