

*I wish to go to
Disneyland*

Josiah, 3
cancer



Make-A-Wish[®]
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2018
Annual Report





Dear Friend,

The stories and outcomes within our 2018 annual report prove the impact our mission makes year over year. Last year we were honored to grant the wishes of 73 Maine kids - an increase in total wishes granted from the previous year, matched by an increase in revenue raised thanks to our passionate and dedicated supporters.

Highlights of the past year included the granting of our 1,400th wish in September when Aubree had tea with the Princesses at The Walt Disney World Resort; the relocation of our chapter office to a bright, welcoming and accessible space in Scarborough; and a record-breaking Fantasy Auction where our generous supporters

contributed in one magical evening the funds to grant 35 wishes!!

Throughout the year we were inspired by wish families who chose to “Wish It Forward” and make contributions to ensure that other families felt the impact of a wish as they did. In addition, dozens of community organizations and partners across the state gave of their time and effort to host various events which support the ripple effect of our mission.

Our partners in the medical field continued to share with us how they - the physicians, nurses and all those involved in the care of our wish kids have seen the power of a wish. It starts long before the wish experience and lasts long after. There is a visible impact on their patients and families and wishes are truly uplifting for everyone involved.

The Make-A-Wish Maine Board of Directors continued to generously guide our chapter in developing strategic initiatives and establishing goals to further our vision to grant the wish of every eligible child. And our dedicated staff partnered with our network of committed volunteers throughout the state to reach those goals and create magical, unforgettable wish experiences.

From our staff, volunteers and leaders to our medical partners and donors, you all form the community that makes wishes come true. We thank all of you, our Make-A-Wish Maine community, for continuing to make a difference in the lives of children dealing with critical illnesses.

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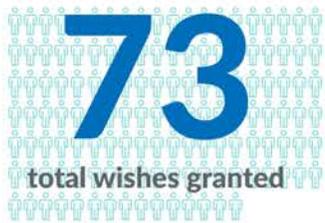
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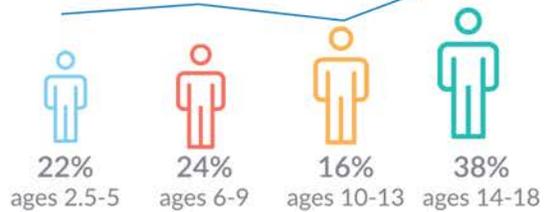
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Together, last year, we sparked imagination and delivered strength to 73 Maine children dealing with critical illnesses.



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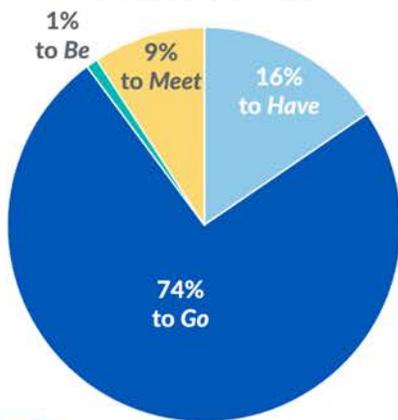


WISHES BY MONTH

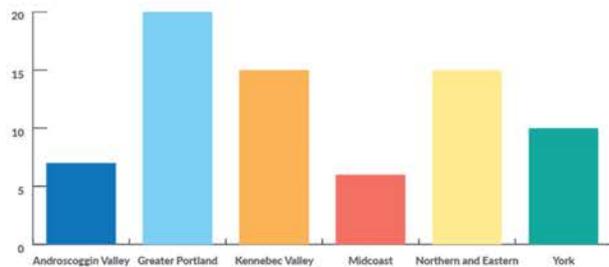


On average, together in Maine we grant a wish every **5 Days**

WISH TYPES



WISHES BY REGION



Events & Volunteering

260 community guests celebrated 25 years of granting wishes at the Fantasy Auction

260

259 volunteers selflessly gave their time & energy to grant wishes in all 16 counties of Maine

259

Students from 10 schools and universities raised funds to create hope and joy for wish kids

10

67

67 external events were hosted throughout the state of Maine to help create life-changing wishes for children battling critical illnesses

Walk for Wishes inspired 400 walkers to be wish warriors across 5 events to empower wish kids

400

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★ CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF WISHES ★

Fantasy Auction 2018

This year's Fantasy Auction took place on June 15th at the Samoset Resort in Rockport. The spectacular event celebrated the renewed strength and hope created by a wish granted while raising funds to grant more wishes. Thanks to the generosity of partners, donors, and competitive bidding by over 250 attendees, \$250,000 was raised, making this the most successful Auction in 25 years.

Highlights included a performance by wish kid Katherine's jazz trio, the Extension Chords, a presentation by wish kid turned wish granting volunteer, Ben Carter, and a special reunion for wish kid Sawyer, aka Sonic Spiderboy, and his friends, sidekick Sgt. Miller and Slugger the Sea Dog.

Awards were given in celebration of achievements throughout the year. Uncle Andy's Summer Block Party and the Portland Sea Dogs both received the Community Spirit Award, which recognizes organizations or individuals outside of Make-A-Wish who significantly contribute to our cause, and 15-year-old, Chase Walker who organized Wings 4 Wishes was honored with the Brendan Batson Award in recognition of young people who give their time and energy in support of Make-A-Wish.

With an original goal to raise enough funds to grant 25 wishes, in celebration of Make-A-Wish Maine's 25 years, the total took us well over the top. As a result of this event, we will be able to grant 35 life-changing wishes to children in Maine with critical illnesses.





George Goes Under The Sea

I Wish To Go to Walt Disney World

George, 8
rare genetic disorder

“It was a magical, eye-opening, and life-changing trip for the boys and us as a family.”
-Tobey, George’s Mom



8-year-old George loves anything and everything Disney, especially Ariel and the Disney villains. His bedroom is even Disney themed, with a big castle on the wall. So, when it came time for George, who was born with a rare genetic disorder, to choose a wish it was a quick and very obvious decision: Go to Walt Disney World.

In typical Make-A-Wish fashion, from beginning to end, the wish process was truly a magical experience for George’s family.

For George’s parents, life had always been about caring for George and his older brother Jasper, who is autistic. George’s family had never been on a vacation together as so much time had been dedicated to keeping the kids healthy. The experience of going to Walt Disney World was life-changing as they got to spend time together as a family, experiencing the magic of Disney World without having to worry about any health matters. “They pulled out all the stops from beginning to end!” said Tobey, George’s mom.

For the weeks leading up to the trip, George’s wish granters would deliver fun gifts like luggage and beach apparel. His wish granters even made a very special countdown chain that had a fact about Disney on each day. “We hadn’t even left for the trip yet and were being totally pampered,” Tobey said.

After being whisked away to Florida, they were immersed in the wonderful world of Disney. George’s highlight of the trip was meeting Ariel and hanging out with her in Ariel’s Grotto. George and Jasper loved spending time in the Magic Kingdom riding It’s A Small World and visiting the Haunted Mansion.

For Tobey, the highlight of the trip was feeling like a normal family. Staying at Give Kids the World and the special treatment they received from everybody involved in the wish provided the family with “a really inclusive and wonderful feeling.”

Walt Disney World was truly the perfect fit and dream come true for not only George, but his family as well.

Wishes Granted in 2018

September 2017 - August 2018

Androscoggin

Anonymous, 15, to meet the judges of her favorite show
Anonymous, 6, to go to Hawaii
Avalyn, 12, to go to a big waterpark/amusement park
Ronald, 9, to go to LEGOLAND

Aroostook

Addison, 18, to go to Hawaii
Alyssa, 19, to meet the cast of her favorite show
Makenna, 6, to go to Walt Disney World
Skylar, 12, to meet the Cake Boss

Cumberland

Addison, 10, to have a screened-in playhouse with an adaptive swing set
Anonymous, 11, to go to Walt Disney World
Anonymous, 16, to have a gaming setup
Anonymous, 19, to go on a shopping spree for truck parts
Anonymous, 5, to go to Walt Disney World
Aubrey, 5, to go to Walt Disney World
Ava, 12, to go to Hawaii
Brady, 12, to go to Walt Disney World
Harrison, 16, to go to LEGO HQ in Denmark
Hudson, 6, to go to Walt Disney World
Kanh, 20, to be a professional photographer at a Boston sporting event
Kiley, 8, to go to Walt Disney World
Madison, 4, to go to Walt Disney World
Mason, 4, to go to Walt Disney World
Nolan, 12, to go to Bora Bora
Seth, 19, to go on a Disney cruise
Shayla, 13, to go to the San Diego Zoo
Skylar, 9, to go to Universal Studios
Sophia, 5, to go to Hawaii
Vivienne, 5, to go to Walt Disney World

Franklin

Trent, 6, to ride trains in the Grand Canyon

Hancock

Brock, 10, to go on an Orlando adventure
Dekota, 13, to go on a Disney cruise
George, 8, to go to Walt Disney World
Wyatt, 8, to go to Diggerland

Kennebec

Adrian, 6, to have a service dog
Anonymous, 16, to have a gaming system
Anonymous, 12, to go to Walt Disney World
Anonymous, 13, to have a custom gaming system

Anonymous, 15, to have a custom gaming system
Brady, 12, to go to Walt Disney World
David, 6, to go to Walt Disney World
David, 17, to have a computer/recording studio equipment
Gabriel, 14, to go to Florida theme parks
Nataliel, 6, to go to Walt Disney World
Pierce, 11, to meet the New England Patriots

Knox

Ezekiel, 18, to have a custom built computer
Cooper, 7, to have a yellow UTV

Lincoln

Alice, 14, to have a She Shed
Aaliyah, 6, to go to Walt Disney World
Madison, 11, to go to Walt Disney World

Oxford

Brady, 4, to go to Thomasland & Great Wolf Lodge
Jacob, 4, to go to Walt Disney World
Nathaniel, 8, to have a sensory shed

Penobscot

Anonymous, 16, to have a club house
Chloe, 5, to go to Walt Disney World
Ella, 5, to go to Walt Disney World
Sienna, 17, to see Hamilton on Broadway

Piscataquis

Anonymous, 5, to go to Walt Disney World
Anonymous, 14, to go to Walt Disney World

Sagadahoc

Lillian, 5, to have a princess party

Somerset

Anonymous, 11, to have a man cave
Anonymous, 11, to have a cabin
Matthew, 18, to have an ATV

Waldo

Brad, 17, to have a dirt bike

York

Anonymous, 15, to go fishing in Alaska
Anonymous, 5, to go to Walt Disney World
Bryce, 7, to have a sport court
Ethan, 10, to go to Atlantis
Josiah, 3, to go to Disneyland
Katherine, 6, to have a pop-up camper
Kyle, 13, to go to Walt Disney World
Nicole, 16, to go to Japan
Owen, 8, to go to the Wizarding World of Harry Potter
Shea, 13, to go to the San Diego Zoo



How Alyssa's Wish Changed Her Life

I wish to be an Animator for Adventure Time

Alyssa, 16
heart transplant

*"This wish honestly changed the course of my entire future."
-Alyssa, Wish Kid*

★ Almost five years ago Alyssa, who needed a heart transplant, had her wish granted by Make-A-Wish Maine. Today, she explains how her wish experience changed the course of her life and made a lasting impact.

Growing up, Alyssa always had a passion for drawing and dreamed of becoming an animator. However, getting to that dream has taken some work. A typical high school student, Alyssa was looking at colleges, spending time with friends and family, and planning her future. When she was then referred to Make-A-Wish Maine in 2012 while she was in the hospital awaiting her heart transplant.

"Before my transplant I was constantly exhausted, and unable to do much physical exertion," Alyssa explained. In 2013 she received her new heart, but it wasn't a quick recovery. Still, every day Alyssa made great progress, as her heart got stronger, so did her spirit.

Having paused her dreams of being an animator and attending Wentworth Institute of

Technology in Boston, when Alyssa was ready to make her wish choice, it was no surprise that she wished to be an animator for one of her favorite childhood shows, "Adventure Time."

"I chose to visit Cartoon Network because when I was younger being an animator was always a dream of mine, but it wasn't really something I was able to explore. Northern Maine doesn't have much in the way of funding for arts programs, so I wasn't really given the opportunity to hone my skills as an artist. While I was accepted into the software engineering program at Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston. I used my wish kind of like a last chance to see what it would be like to be an animator."

During her wish trip in Southern California, Alyssa, her family, and her best friend Emily received a full tour of the Cartoon Network. They watched unreleased cartoons ahead of the network showing, met many of the voices of her favorite characters while observing the recording process, and even met the lead producer who walked them through each step of

the animating process. “My dad appreciated seeing how excited I got meeting people I was only able to read about and going somewhere I wouldn’t have been able to otherwise,” Alyssa said. The entire Cartoon Network staff wanted to make Alyssa’s visit as amazing and memorable as possible.

“It was really eye-opening for me. I view the experience much more as an adult would, than a child. I loved the work environment and how the employees interacted with me and each other, and I realized that it was something I really wanted to be a part of. It helped me realize that I absolutely did not want to be a software engineer, and despite the fact that I was due to start the engineering program in the fall, I should drop out and apply to an animation program.”

Now at age 22, Alyssa is currently attending Savannah College of Art and Design for Animation with a minor in Character Technical Direction.



Alyssa now as a sophomore in college

“It absolutely has impacted my life. Had it not been for my wish, I would have continued with the engineering program that I was accepted into, and I can guarantee that I would be very unhappy working in a corporate 9-5 desk job.”



Alyssa working on a storyboard at the Cartoon Network

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Our fundraising efforts, fiscal practices, and business operations are all designed to support a single purpose: to grant wishes that change lives. Whether you make a one-time gift, set up a monthly donation or establish a matching gifts program at your workplace, you are essential to helping share the power of a wish®.

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Portland Tug Boat Parade of Lights
Richards Family Car Show
The Fogcutters Super Fantastic Xmas Extravaganza

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Greely Middle School Hat Day
Orono Student Nurses Association Trick or Trot





Addison's Atrium

I wish to have a playhouse with an adaptive swing-set

Addison, 10
genetic disorder

10-year-old Addison was in the hospital when one of her doctors and her mom, Tammy, decided to refer Addison to Make-A-Wish. Tammy had heard about Make-A-Wish from a couple of Addison's friends but was hesitant to refer her. In the fall of 2017, Tammy decided it was time and that "Addison deserved some happiness." Little did Tammy know how much happiness Addison's wish would not only bring Addison, but the whole family.

Due to her condition, it was difficult for Addison to spend time outside with her family. So, when she was presented with the opportunity to wish, Addison wished for a screened in adaptive gazebo, so she could enjoy the outdoors while still having the comforts of the inside. "We have a really nice yard, yet nobody goes outside" said Tammy. They wanted to create a space where the family could

"It was a big life moment for her. It meant a lot to us. One of those pinnacles in life that we will always remember." - Tammy, Addison's Mom

be together and build lasting memories in the years to come. Make-A-Wish pulled out all the stops; equipped with a ramp for easy access and a swing, the gazebo is a backyard paradise, designed to maximize the family's yard with a safe, accessible surface for Addison.

With help from Maine Turf and Greenery and Aligned Wireless Services, the land was cleared, and the gazebo was completed at the end of the summer. Friends, family, nurses, and doctors gathered for the ultimate wish reveal where the spotlight was all on Addison.

Addison's wish granters revealed a beautiful hand painted sign which read, "Addison's Atrium" to welcome all visitors to the gazebo.

The whole family can't wait to enjoy "Addison's Atrium" all summer long for many years to come.

Financials

Make-A-Wish Maine is 100% donor dependent and relies on individuals, corporations, grants, foundations and local fundraising to maintain its annual budget of more than \$1.5 million. Because Make-A-Wish is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, donations to the organization are tax deductible.

Our most recent audited financial statements are available on our website at www.maine.wish.org.

Ways To Help

Form a Walk Team
Year End Gifts

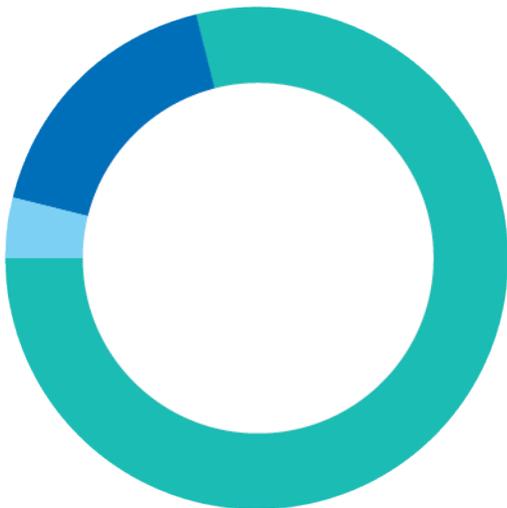
Donate Airline Miles
Adopt-A-Wish

Legacy of Wishes
Host an Event

For more information on any of the above ways to help, please visit maine.wish.org

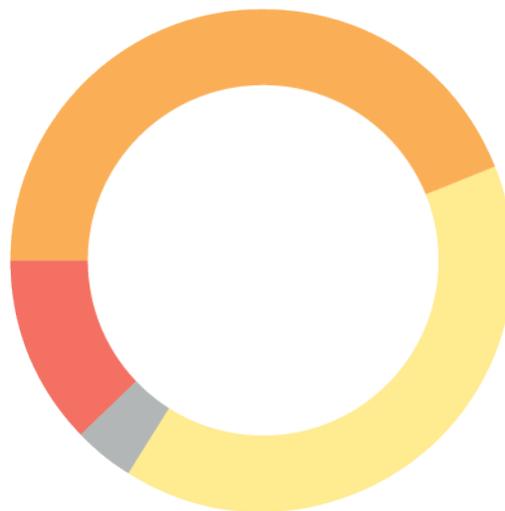


Revenue Sources:



Management & General: **4%**
Fundraising: **17%**
Program (Wish Granting)*: **78%**

Expenses:



Grants: **4%**
Corporate Support: **12%**
Events: **40%**
Individual Support: **44%**

*The Better Business Bureau's standards for charity accountability require that charitable organizations spend at least 65% of their total expenses on program activities.

More Than Medicine

A wish has a transformational impact on quality of life

Make-A-Wish Maine grants the wish of a local child every five days. Since 1992, more than 1,500 wishes have been granted.

Wishes often represent pivotal moments in children's lives, a time that reminds them of what they are fighting for.

The consensus is overwhelmingly positive. Physicians believe that wishes and the entire wish process have a powerful and essential effect on the well-being of children with critical illnesses.

As doctors work to diagnose and treat critical illnesses, many include a wish as part of the child's medical treatment plan. *A wish brings healing beyond medicine.*

I wish to have a pop-up camper

Katie, 4
cancer



Medical Impact Of A Wish

"It's an unsaid power that wish experiences give kids. These kids are living longer, they're living better, they're having more fun in their life. And it all started with one experience ... their wish."

- Anup Patel, MD, Nationwide Children's Hospital



89%

of surveyed nurses, doctors and medical professionals believe wishes can positively influence physical health*



97%

of adult former wish kids report improved mental and emotional health as a result of their wish experience*



91%

of parents felt an increased sense of empowerment and improved ability to cope with the illness and situation*

* Wish Impact Study Results - Second Phase. (2011).

2018 Active Wish Granting Volunteers

Volunteers bring our mission to life. From Aroostook to York County and everywhere in between, wish granting volunteers visit with children and families to determine their greatest wish, and then go to great lengths to ensure that the reality of a child's wish surpasses their wildest dreams. Volunteers are also an indispensable part of our fundraising: organizing walks, bake sales, auctions, and numerous other events that they create on their own. Make-A-Wish® Maine exists due to the work of hundreds of volunteers statewide.

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Dayna Ankermann
Angela Arnold
Marcia Auriemma
Cathy Baillargeon
Ellen Baldwin
Theresa Bartick
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Heather Beaulieu
Mark Beauregard
Tracy Beauregard
Danielle Beckwith
Penny Belanger
Connie Bilodeau
Rachel Blanchard
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Courtney Moulton
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*I wish to go to
Bora Bora*

Nolan, 12
cancer

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