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# Wishing Well

*I wish to go see  
Hamilton on  
Broadway*

**Ivy, 12**  
autoimmune disorder



# IVY TAKES THE STAGE

*When 12-year-old Ivy learned she was qualified to receive a wish, she was not going to throw away her shot to see the musical of her favorite soundtrack, "Hamilton."*

"She had been listening to the soundtrack for about a year," Ivy's mom said. "She really enjoys the music and the story."

Ivy's mom said that she listens to "Hamilton" music when she's hanging out in her room, doing dishes, in the car – pretty much anytime, all the time. It's something that helps her get through the harder days.

"She is just a wonderful little person who has been through some things that are traumatic," Ivy's mom said.

Ivy is diagnosed with an autoimmune disorder that often leads to flare-ups, putting her in the hospital for treatment. She could be doing well one day, and then suffering the next.

That's why it meant so much to her to see her daughter's wish come true.

Ivy and her whole family traveled to the city that never sleeps to catch the live Broadway production of "Hamilton," the musical based on the story of American Founding Father Alexander Hamilton. Ivy's eyes were beaming with excitement from the moment they walked into the Richard Rodgers Theatre.

"During the show, we kept looking at her and she was just grinning," Ivy's mom said. "It was really nice to see something make her so happy."

And that excitement only continued.

After taking in the show, singing along to all the songs, and admiring the production and costumes, Ivy was invited backstage to meet some of the cast members. She chatted with the actors, posed for pictures and even sang a song with them.

"It was magical," Ivy's mom said. "You can do anything in New York. This trip opened her up to so many different experiences and so many different cultures."

Ivy said that this is an experience she will never forget.

"It makes me so happy that someone would grant my wish," Ivy said. "We all had a lot of fun."

Ivy still listens to the soundtrack all the time, but now, it isn't just music she plays in her bedroom. It's a life-changing experience she plays back in her head, always remembering her wish that came true in the big city. It reminds Ivy that she isn't always limited by her illness, and there are endless possibilities for her to explore.

Ivy with the cast!



**Ivy, 12**  
autoimmune disorder  
Pittsburgh, PA

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# Wishes Come True



*I wish to have a shopping spree*  
**Phoebe, 11** ↑  
kidney disease  
Allentown, PA



*I wish to go to Longboat Key, FL*  
**Delilah, 3** ←  
heart condition  
Weirton, WV



*I wish to go snorkeling*  
**Jersiyah, 6** →  
liver disorder  
Chambersburg, PA

*I wish to go deep sea fishing in the Gulf of Mexico*  
**David, 12** ↓  
leukemia  
Saint Marys, PA



*I wish to go to the Walt Disney World® Resort*  
**Charlee, 6** ↑  
cystic fibrosis  
Edinboro, PA

*I wish to have a Goldendoodle puppy*  
**Madison, 9** ←  
nervous system disorder  
Harrison City, PA

# Backyard Getaways

Some wishes are only a few steps outside the back door. Check out these amazing backyard makeover and play set wishes.



*I wish to have an outdoor play set*

**JaMar, 5**  
nervous system disorder  
Pittsburgh, PA



*I wish to have a princess castle play set*

**Isabelle, 6**  
lymphoma  
East Berlin, PA



*I wish to have a backyard makeover*

**Maxwell, 7**  
neurological disorder  
Monroeville, PA



*I wish to have a pirate ship play set*

**Daxton, 2 ½**  
nervous system disorder  
Cross Lanes, WV

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*I wish to go to the  
Walt Disney World® Resort*

**Lacqueeta, 9** ↑  
blood disorder  
Pittsburgh, PA



*I wish to go to the ICU World  
Cheerleading Competition*

**Elizabeth, 14** ↑  
cancer  
Mountain Top, PA



*I wish to go on  
a cruise*

**Ana, 5** →  
congenital heart disease  
Harpers Ferry, WV



“It was a dream come true for my daughter. This was her very first trip since we moved to the States. She was very excited and enjoyed every moment of her wish.”

-Lacqueeta's Mom



*I wish to have a Birthday Bash*

**Alexander, 4** ↑  
neuromuscular disorder  
Morgantown, WV

*I wish to have an adaptive bike*

**Alexa, 12** ←  
genetic disorder  
Brockport, PA



*I wish to have a shopping spree*

**Zachery, 11** →  
brain tumor  
Huntington, WV



*I wish to go snorkeling*

**Michael, 16** ↗  
leukemia  
Elkview, WV

*I wish to meet T.J. Watt*

**Drake, 15** ↓  
nervous system disorder  
Nu Mine, PA

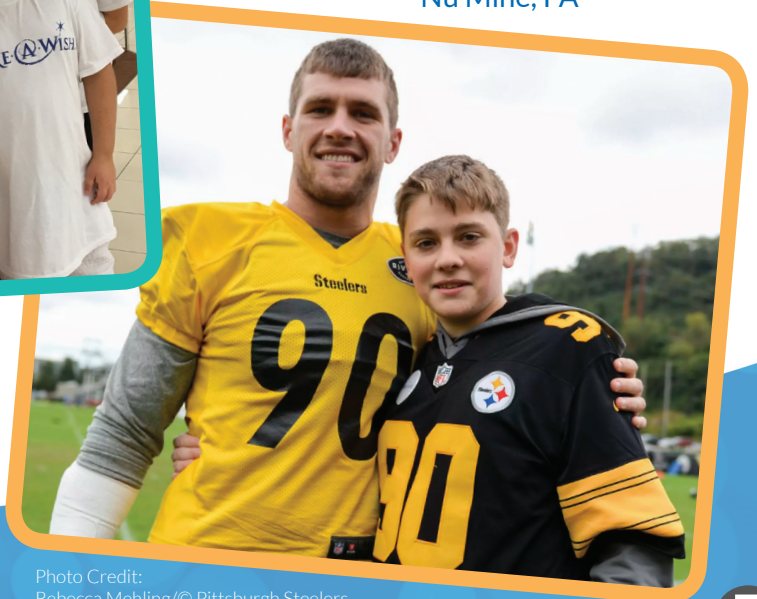


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# Events Make it Happen



## Pickin' for Wishes

In August, the 6th Annual Pickin' for Wishes Bluegrass Festival Committee presented a check to Regional Manager Lindsey Herzing (center, front row). This family-friendly festival located in Loretto, PA, features bluegrass bands, food, vendors, basket raffles, kid's activities and more.



## Walk For Wishes®

In October, Walk For Wishes® was held at the WVU Recreational Center in Morgantown, WV. Runners, walkers and wish families enjoyed a 5K race, along with a wish reveal and family fun activities.

## Moms for Make-A-Wish® Softball Tournament

This year marked the 27th Annual Moms for Make-A-Wish Softball Tournament at the Minersville Little League Field. Together, local teams have been raising funds for Make-A-Wish since 1991. Pictured here is the Psychos Softball team holding their Division A trophy.



## 6th Annual Brandon Denochick Memorial Race

This past July, the local Morrisdale community came together in support of the 6th Annual Brandon Denochick Memorial Race. Pictured here are Lindsey Herzing with Shelly, Ashley and Tyler Denochick.



## Standard Bank

Pictured here are Standard Bank employees Vanessa Saxton, Kelly Simile, Make-A-Wish Director of Development Stephanie Pugliese and Jayme Kromer. Throughout the year, Standard Bank has hosted several fundraisers in support of local wishes.



## Friedman Electric 6th Annual Golf Tournament

This past summer, Friedman Electric hosted its 6th Annual Golf Tournament at the Blue Ridge Trail Golf Club in Mountain Top, PA. Thanks to their efforts, this event raised funds for four local wishes.



## Waffles and Wishes

On April 25, 2018, the 5th Annual Waffles & Wishes was held once again at the Ambassador & Banquet Conference Center in Erie, PA. This year, eight-year-old Gianna celebrated her wish to have a swimming pool.



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# Revving Up to Grant More Wishes

Check out this year's local convoys that helped raise funds for local wishes!



## 17th Annual Truck Convoy for Wishes

Wish families took to the road at the 17th Annual Truck Convoy for Wishes on May 6, 2018, at the Battlefield Harley-Davidson in Gettysburg, PA.



## Bedford County Convoy of Diesel Dreams

On September 15th, the Bedford County Convoy of Diesel Dreams held its truck convoy in support of wish granting. Attendees enjoyed food, fun and festivities during the event.



## Trucks for Smiles

Trucks for Smiles hosted by W.W. Friedline, Inc., was held at Jennerstown Speedway on June 9, 2018. More than 100 trucks participated and many wish kids got their chance to ride in a big rig.



## Franklin County Truck Convoy

This past August, the community of Chambersburg, PA, came together for the 7th Annual Franklin County Truck Convoy. The event features a variety of trucks, cars, tractors, motorcycles and pickups.



## Boo to You: A Musical Revue

Sixteen-year-old wish kid and event organizer Zoe Wagner, along with her friends and family, made a float for the Williamsport Mummers Parade to promote their third annual musical fundraiser, "Boo to You: A Musical Revue."



## LeAnn Starner's 19th Annual Fundraiser and Live Auction

On July 21, 2018, LeAnn Starner held her 19th Annual Fundraiser and Live Auction in Dover, PA. Pictured here is LeAnn with wish kid Connor. Connor was granted his wish to go to the Florida theme parks.



## Wheels, Wings and Wishes

The 4th Annual Wheels, Wings & Wishes, held in memory of wish kid Carli Dundas, took place this past summer on June 24, 2018, in Moon Township. The fundraiser included hundreds of classic cars on display, a large chance auction, live music and great food.



## Boo & Brew Bash

This past October, Make-A-Wish and North Hills Toyota kicked-off its 8th Annual Boo & Brew Bash, a Halloween-themed bar crawl in support of local wishes. The evening included craft beers and specialty cocktails from five Downtown Pittsburgh locations along with snacks, live music, raffles and a spooktacular costume contest. Photo Credit: Bailey Mudrick

For more information on these events, visit: [greaterpaww.wish.org/news-and-events](http://greaterpaww.wish.org/news-and-events)

# Thanks to Our Donors

The next newsletter will be sent in Spring 2019, but the donor list on our website – [greaterpawv.wish.org](http://greaterpawv.wish.org) – is always up-to-date. In the meantime, don't forget to send us your email address for news and events. We will keep your address private.

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