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Wishing Well

Fall 2019

*I wish to have a
shopping spree*

Alexis, 17
cystic fibrosis





ALEXIS' FASHION FANTASY

Alexis, 17
cystic fibrosis
Jefferson Township, PA

When Alexis was a little girl, her favorite thing to do was play dress up. "I love fashion," she said. "I used to change three times a day."

Now 18, Alexis still feels the best when she is strutting in style. For her, this means more than just looking good – it's about feeling good. For as long as she can remember, Alexis has been battling cystic fibrosis, a disease that primarily affects her lung function. Between hospitalizations, doctors' visits and medications, Alexis' illness had taken over much of her life.

Thanks to Make-A-Wish® Greater Pennsylvania and West Virginia, Alexis had the chance to experience something beyond the struggles of her illness and finally received the special treatment that she deserves. This year, she had her wish granted to go on a shopping spree and had so much fun picking out her new fashion finds.

"I went with my mom, sister and grandma," Alexis said. "It was a really nice girls' trip."

Her favorite thing she bought? "Everything," she said. "I can't pick."

She bought clothes and accessories from some of her favorite designers like Kate Spade and Tory Burch and even bought a pair of Vans to match every outfit.

"I got these two Kate Spade book bags that I have not taken off since I got them," Alexis said. "I love them because I can keep my medicine in them, and it is so easy to carry."

Alexis was especially excited to enhance her wardrobe before she heads to Westchester University in the fall, where she will be studying business management. Because of her wish, she has finally found a sense of control over her life again and an excitement for her next adventure.

"It feels great. Now I have shoes for college. I have bags and clothes. I feel a lot more prepared," she said. "It was a totally amazing experience."



Referrer: Darling Santos
Volunteers: Vicki Silva and
Kathleen Thomas

Waffles & Wishes



Erie, PA

On April 29, local wish families, Make-A-Wish® volunteers and donors gathered together at the Ambassador Banquet & Conference Center in Erie, PA. Every year, the Erie community comes together to have breakfast and talk about the life-changing impact a wish can have on a child's mental and physical well-being. This year's event raised a grand total of \$41,063.

Pictured above is wish kid Carly and her mom chatting with Kim Lupichuk (right), a wish mom and the event MC, on stage. What Carly didn't realize is that her wish was about to be granted.

To see what Carly wished for, turn to page 5.



Morgantown, WV

On August 22, the first-ever Waffles and Wishes event took place at Atria's in Morgantown, WV. Along with a delicious breakfast, eight-year-old wish kid Jayden was revealed that his wish to go to the Florida theme parks was soon to be granted. This event brought in more than \$24,000.

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- **Make-A-Wish office - 109 N. Findley Street:** December 16 - 20, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- **Make-A-Wish office:** December 16, 7 - 9 a.m.
- **Punxy Pizza:** December 17, 7-9 a.m., 5 - 7 p.m.
- **Laska's Pizza:** December 18, 7 - 9 a.m.
- **Mulberry Square:** December 18, 3 - 4 p.m.
- **Punxsutawney High School:** December 19, 7 - 8 a.m.
- **Punxsutawney Middle School:** December 19, 8 - 9 a.m.
- **Shop 'N Save:** December 20, 7 - 9 a.m.

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Wishes Come True

“Living with a blood disorder has proven to be difficult, but this trip has shown me so much hope for the future. We recognize the time, love and dedication that was put into this trip and couldn't thank you more for the memories you gave to us.”

-Marie, wish kid

I wish to go to Hawaii

Marie, 17 →
blood disorder
Bethlehem, PA



I wish to have a Goldendoodle puppy

Eddie, 6 ←
genetic disorder
Pittsburgh, PA



I wish to have a play house

Case, 6 →
blood disorder
Corry, PA



I wish to have a bedroom makeover

Sophie, 3 ←
genetic disorder
Hanover Township, PA



I wish to go to Atlantis Paradise Island

Simon, 17 →
nervous system disorder
Erie, PA



I wish to go on an adaptive ski trip

Lilias, 17 ↓
nervous system disorder
Hanover, PA



I wish to meet Mickey Mouse

Jay, 3 ↓
brain tumor
Sharon, PA



Great Galloping WISHES

Saddle up and enjoy the ride with these hoof-stompin' wishes!

I wish to have a horse

Carly, 12
cystic fibrosis
Waterford, PA



During the Waffles & Wishes event in Erie, PA, 12-year-old Carly was granted her wish to have a horse. Carly had previously been training with Emmy the horse during her spare time. What she didn't know is that Emmy would be trotting into the banquet hall at the breakfast event. It was a complete surprise to Carly when she found out that Emmy would be her wish horse.

Referrer: Lori Dahlkemper
Donor: Duran's Down Home Days
Volunteers: Lynzie Nebel and Pam Roueche

I wish to have a horse

Harley, 5
cancer
Huntingdon, PA

After being diagnosed with cancer, five-year-old Harley started taking therapeutic horseback riding lessons to help her cope with both her diagnosis and chemotherapy treatments. Therapeutic riding helped improve Harley's overall emotional health so much that she wanted to continue that positivity by asking for a horse of her own, who she named Lilly.

Referrer: Jennifer Hoffmaster
Donor: Brandon Denochick Memorial Race
Volunteers: Kelly Culp, Michelle Houser and Krista Reihart



If you know of a child in need of a wish, refer them at greaterpawv.wish.org/refer

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I wish to go to Alaska

Elliet, 8 ↑
gastrointestinal disorder
South Charleston, WV



I wish to go to the Nickelodeon Hotel and Resort

Maurice, 17 →
nervous system disorder
Williamsport, PA

I wish to go to Sanibel Island, FL

Cara, 16 ←
nervous system disorder
Wexford, PA

I wish to go deep sea fishing

Justin, 17 ↓
cancer
Midland, PA



“During Elliot's trip to Alaska, she gained confidence within herself and knows that she can take on anything. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for granting Elliot's wish.”

-Elliet's Family



Credit: Amber South Public Opinion

I wish to have a pirate ship play set

Dontae, 3 ←
lung disease
Chambersburg, PA



I wish to have a shopping spree

Julianna, 17 →
cancer
Erie, PA



I wish to have a swimming pool

Roman, 5 ←
genetic disorder
Canonsburg, PA



I wish to go to the Walt Disney World® Resort

Mason, 4 ↓
nervous system disorder
Hanover, PA



I wish to have a play set

Anna, 4 ←
nervous system disorder
Brookville, PA



Events Make it Happen



Kanawha Valley Chapter of the WV Credit Union League Golf Outing

This marks the 11th year that the Kanawha Valley Chapter of the WV Credit Union held its annual golf tournament. The event took place at the Edgewood Country Club in Kanawha County, WV. Pictured here is the league presenting wish kid Thomas (in the white T-shirt) with a gift on the green.



Gianfranco's Fashion Show

Pictured here are students from Aiken Elementary at wish kid Gianfranco's Fashion Show. The students were dressed by Old Navy and introduced by Miss Teen Pittsburgh.

Fast Times at Fastenal Community Open House

On August 10, Fastenal held its inaugural Community Day Open House in Jessup, PA. The event featured vendors, raffle baskets and the Villa Capri Cruisers Car Club, Inc. Together, they raised enough funds to grant two wishes in the Mid Valley area.



29th Annual Blackwood Arts Pipe Organ Concert

This past summer, more than 100 guests attended the pipe organ concert in Harrisville, PA. This year's featured performer was Pierre Fracalanza, an acclaimed organist from Livonia, Michigan.



28th Annual Moms for Make-A-Wish® Softball Tournament

It was a week-long tournament of softball and wishes at the Minersville Little League Field in Minersville, PA. In addition to softball, attendees were invited to participate in raffles, prizes and a home run derby. Since 1991, Moms for Make-A-Wish Softball has supported local wishes for kids with critical illnesses.



Edward Jones

During their summer conference, representatives from Edward Jones Region 156 presented a donation to Make-A-Wish Southern West Virginia Regional Manager Jo Beth Smith (second from right).

Comic Art Auction for Make-A-Wish

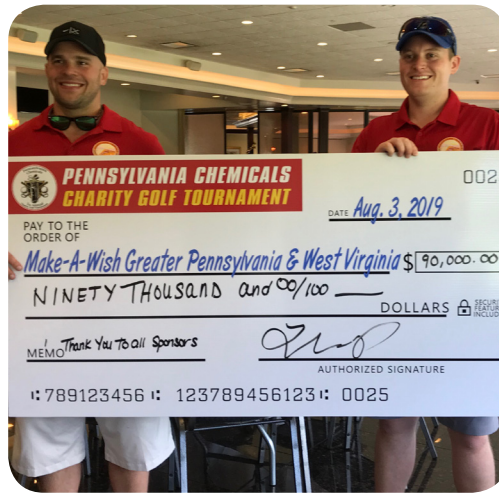
In July, Wizard World was held at the David Lawrence Convention Center in Downtown Pittsburgh. At the event, Comics World hosted a live auction of artwork and pieces autographed by Stan Lee.





16th Annual Buddy Wagoner and "Stretch" Spencer Memorial Run

More than 150 riders and 84 motorcycles participated in fundraising for wish kids in Dubois, PA. Pictured here are committee members with Make-A-Wish volunteer Mary London (third from right).



2nd Annual Pennsylvania Chemicals Charity Golf Tournament

Last August, Pennsylvania Chemicals hosted its 2nd Annual Charity Golf Tournament at Shadow Lakes in Aliquippa, PA. More than 150 golfers and guests came in support of wishes. Pictured here are Pennsylvania Chemicals representatives Chris Iammarino and Stephen Hammerle presenting a donation.

7th Annual Brandon Denochick Memorial Race

Every year, the Denochick family and Clearfield community come together in memory of wish kid Brandon to raise funds for wishes. Pictured here is Make-A-Wish Punxsutawney Regional Manager Lindsey Herzing (left) with Shelly and Ashley Denochick.



Truck Convoy for Wishes

The Gettysburg, PA, community gathered to support the Truck Convoy for Wishes. The weekend's events also included the Jerry Gordon Memorial Golf Tournament and Amy's Wish Motorcycle Convoy Kick-off Ride. We thank event organizer Sherri Keller and her team for their support and dedication to Make-A-Wish.

16th Annual Grapevine—A Wine Tasting Event

Nearly 300 guests attended the 16th Annual Grapevine presented by North Hills Toyota. Pictured here is Make-A-Wish President and CEO Judith Stone (second from left) with Make-A-Wish Board Members.



Walk For Wishes® Southern West Virginia

On August 3, the first-ever Walk For Wishes® in Southern West Virginia was held at Coonskin Park Amphitheater. Pictured here is the top fundraising team, Sole Mates, with Stella! the Star.



Goldfish Swim School's End of Summer Bash

This September, wish kids and families were invited to make a splash at the Goldfish Swim School in McMurray, PA. This event featured raffles and auctions, with proceeds going towards wishes. Pictured here is Stella! the Star with Bubbles the Goldfish.



LeAnn Starnier's Annual Live Auction

Pictured here is LeAnn Starnier and her team working together to support local wishes. LeAnn's team has raised money through candy sales, jam sales, vendor fairs and their largest event, the annual live auction.

Thanks to Our Donors

The next newsletter will be sent in Spring 2020, but the donor list on our website – 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.

The following lists cash and in-kind donations, totaling \$4,400 and above for the months of January through August 2019. Tribute honorees totaling \$500 or more are also listed. We extend our deepest appreciation to all of you. Should you discover an error or omission, please call us at 412.471.9474.

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