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Rising to the CHALLENGE

t is no lie that wish kid Scott loves to get his heart pumping. Between hobbies like hockey, dirt bike riding, and his current favorite, skiing, Scott has always been an active kid searching for adventure. But at one point, it wasn't so easy for Scott's heart to pump at all. He was born with a heart defect and at just two weeks old, he received a heart transplant.

Now 18, Scott defies odds and takes on every opportunity to challenge himself, putting his whole heart into everything he does. Scott knew he wanted his wish to take him to the peak of happiness – the ski slopes, of course.

This winter, Scott, his parents and his two sisters traveled from their home in Wexford, PA, to Jackson Hole, WY. There, they were welcomed to the Snake River Lodge near the Teton Range. Scott was free to ski as much as he wanted. Naturally, he was the first one on and the last one off the ski lift every day. Thankfully, they had many "bluebird" days, perfect weather for trailing through the mountains.

Because Scott loves a challenge, Make-A-Wish® arranged for him to have a private lesson with the head instructor of the advanced "Steep and Deep" ski camp. The expert guide took him through the ins and outs of the most difficult slopes. "They took him places you don't even think you can ski," Scott's dad said. After he graduates high school, Scott hopes to attend the University of Utah, conveniently located near the mountains so he can continue his passion while pursuing an education.

The best part of the trip, Scott's dad explained, was that Scott was able to enjoy what he loves while also spending valuable time with family. This trip gave Scott and his loved ones a much needed retreat to find hope on the slopes.

Scott, 18, heart transplant Referrer: Diana Johnston Volunteers: Morgan and Maximillian Meese Donor: John Marshall Grady,

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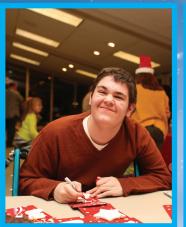
Read more wish stories inside and online at greaterpawv.wish.org.

A look back on Winter 2016

Be sure to check out more photos at greaterpawv.wish.org

Here's a look back on some of the events that happened during the last month of 2016. December was filled with holiday magic, and with the help of our donors, volunteers and community, local children will be able to experience the true power of a wish® during 2017.









Wish kid Grayson enjoying the activities at Lawrence Subaru. Wish kid Shaelyn gives Santa a big hug.

Lawrence Subaru in Hanover, PA

Celebration of WISHES Lawrence Subaru

Last December, Lawrence Subaru in Hanover, PA, celebrated the holiday season with local wish kids and families.

Lawrence Subaru has been a long-time, proud supporter of Make-A-Wish® Greater Pennsylvania and West Virginia. From November 17th, through December 8th, Lawrence Subaru held its first-ever Pack the Outback campaign, a toy drive for children living with life-threatening medical conditions. With the help of the Hanover community and volunteers, the Outback was packed with tons of toys for girls and boys, ages two and up.

The Pack the Outback campaign was followed by Lawrence Subaru's Celebration of Wishes, a party just for wish kids and their families to enjoy. Wish families, along with local businesses, volunteers and Subaru employees participated in holiday festivities and kidfriendly games. We cannot thank Lawrence Subaru enough for all its hard work to spread hope, strength and joy to our wish families.

In addition, we would also like to take this opportunity to send our sincerest thanks to Subaru of America, Inc., for its Share The Love Event, Subaru has been a great partner to Make-A-Wish over the past five years, donating approximately \$10 million towards granting wishes to children.

Sementine's Sweet Dream-Come-True on

National

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Sam 's new bedroom ready to be revealed at the Macy's in Ross Park Mall.

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Samantha, 15, ganglioneuroblastoma Referrer: Jennifer Giordani Volunteers: Cheryl and Bruce Hartle

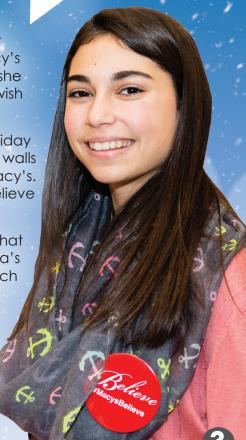
Fifteen-year-old Samantha, of Baden, PA, was asked to attend the celebration event for Macy's National Believe Day. When she arrived at the Macy's in Ross Park Mall, there was a red carpet waiting for her. Macy's employees, decked out in special Santa hats, cheered and clapped as she and her family walked along the aisle. Little did Samantha know, her wish was about to come true and it was just up the escalators.

Samantha was led to the third floor of the Macy's store by a staff of holiday helpers and her custom bedroom was revealed. Inside the two painted walls was a personalized bedroom crafted by the expert visual team at Macy's. When she saw her room design for the first time, Samantha couldn't believe her eyes – it was the dream décor she had been waiting for.

All throughout the room, Samantha found stylish, personalized accents that made her feel right at home. Elegant frames displayed some of Samantha's favorite photos of her family, friends, and of course, her fetching pup. Each special touch in her bedroom's design was a sweet surprise to Samantha.

After the big reveal, the Macy's design team and a Make-A-Wish coordinator brought the design home to Samantha, setting up furniture and decorations to create her dashing den. Now, the place where most conjure up their wildest dreams is exactly where Samantha had hers come true.

To see more photos from Samantha's wish, visit: greaterpawv.wish.org



Wishes Come True

Izabella, 5 →
Uncontrolled
seizure disorder
Montrose, PA
I wish to have
a playset.

Jace, 5 V Cardiac condition Mineral Wells, WV I wish to go to LEGOLAND®.



Kennedy, 11 ↓
Hypoplastic left heart syndrome
Monroeville, PA
I wish to go to the Walt
Disney World® Resort.



"We had a whirlwind week that was truly out of this world, and Kennedy had an amazing time."

-Kennedy's Mom

Jaaziel, 14 ♥
Hodgkin lymphoma
Waynesboro, PA
I wish to have an English
bulldog puppy.



Joanna, 5 ←
Cardiac condition
Center Valley, PA
I wish to go to
the Aulani Resort.



Samantha, 10 ↑
Cardiac condition
St. Marys, WV
I wish to have horseback riding lessons.

Analise, 4 →
Medulloblastoma
Erie, PA
I wish to go to
the Walt Disney
World® Resort.

Rebecca, 10 ¥ Leukemia Wilkes Barre, PA I wish to have a

I wish to have a camper with bunk beds.





Not only did this trip mark a turning point in Ethan's life, but it was also his birthday. And what better way to celebrate than playing the latest Nintendo games on a 15-foot gaming screen. It was a moment that Ethan and his family would never forget.

Ethan, 4 →
Neuroblastoma
Pittsburgh, PA
I wish to go to the
Nintendo World Store.

Volunteers:

Jaclyn Carenbauer and Amanda Filsinger



More Wishes Come True



Lyllian, 12 Cystic fibrosis
Susquehanna, PA
I wish to meet YouTube Stars,
Rhett & Link.

Eden, 5 ↓ Leukemia Kenna, WV I wish to pet dolphins.



Jacob, 15 ←
Burkitt's lymphoma
Sinking Springs, PA
I wish to meet the Pittsburgh Steelers.



Skylar, 8 1
Lung disease
Dallas, PA
I wish to have a hot tub.

Jackson, 6 →
Kidney disease
York, PA
I wish to meet all
my favorite
Disney characters.



DaJaun, 3 🛧 Uncontrolled seizure disorder Aliquippa, PA I wish to go on a shopping spree. (with the employees of JCPenney)





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Events Make it Happen



Chi Omega Annual White Carnation Ball ←

On Sept. 9, 2016, Chi Omega of West Virginia University held its annual White Carnation Ball at the Lakeview Resort in Morgantown, WV.

22nd Annual Wish Upon A Star Dinner Dance →

Wish kid Joey attended this year's event to talk about his wish experience and how it has impacted his life. Joey's wish to go to Hawaii was granted in 2014.



Make-A-Wish Holiday Party ↑

This fundraiser was organized by volunteers Judy Green, Brock Stein and Vicki Hill, on Dec. 12, 2016, in Orwigsburg, PA.

South Hills Lincoln **∀**

Last year, employees at South Hills Lincoln made a generous donation to Make-A-Wish.





Leap in the Lake \uparrow

This annual event was held by the Lake Wynonah Civic Association and took place on New Year's Day at Lake Wynonah Lodge in Auburn, PA. Throngs of people took to the chilling plunge to benefit Make-A-Wish.

North Hills High School miniTHON↓

North Hills High School hosted a 12-hour dance marathon held by the student council and service club to help grant wishes.

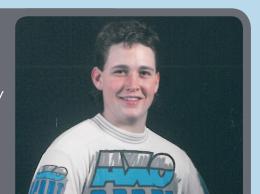


Newry Truck Convoy €

The 16th Annual Make-A-Wish Truck Convoy was held at Leighty's Flea Market in Newry, PA, on Sept. 10, 2016. Although not all members were present, the committee pictured here presented over \$26,000 to Make-A-Wish.

Todd Manko Memorial Ride →

This year, the Manko family raised money to grant a wish to a local child in honor of their son, Todd.





Lights, Camera, Wishes



Penn-Trafford District Dodgeball Tournament ↑ Students pose with Stella! the Star during

their tournament to help grant wishes.



Boo & Brew Bash ↑

Make-A-Wish supporters, 21 and over, had a spooktacular time at the Boo & Brew Bash, held in Downtown Pittsburgh last October.



GE Bids for Kids ←

On Feb. 19, 2017, wish kid Faith and her family attended the 22nd Annual GE Bid's for Kids charity event in Erie, PA.



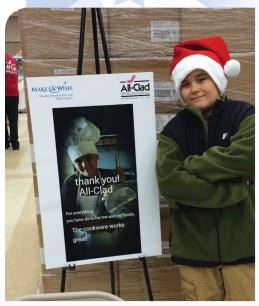
On November 19, 2016, guests gathered at the Mountaineer Racetrack, Casino and Resort to celebrate Make-A-Wish at the annual gala held in Morgantown, WV.

This year's gala theme was Lights, Camera, Wishes. The ballroom was filled with red and black tables with filmstrip runners and consisted of a wine tasting, dinner, live entertainment and numerous auctions.

Once guests were seated, the Caseyettes of the Casey Sisters Dance Academy provided pre-dinner entertainment. During dinner, Regional Manager Leandra Clovis spoke about the mission of Make-A-Wish, and local wish kid, Joey, gave a speech about his wish to attend the NCAA Championship basketball game. After dinner, guests danced to their favorite songs, perused the silent auction items and took part in a live auction featuring sports tickets, jewelry and more.

Fundraising for Make-A-Wish®











Want to help make wishes come true, too? Visit greaterpawv.wish.org/fundraising to find out how!

Back in December 2016, All-Clad Metalcrafters in Canonsburg, PA, held its annual Factory Sale. More than \$14,000 was raised from raffles and product sales to help fund wishes for local children living with life-threatening medical conditions.

During this year's sale, wish kid Cody joined in on the fun and brought some of his famous monkey bread for the employees of All-Clad to sample. Cody also fundraises for Make-A-Wish® by holding a bake sale each year. For Cody, this event was full circle, since only last summer his wish to go to the Walt Disney World® Resort was revealed at the All-Clad factory. We can not thank All-Clad enough for its support.

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania helped spread the magic to seven-year-old Abigail of Warren, PA, on February 11, 2017, during the halftime show of the women's basketball game.

Abigail, who is diagnosed with an uncontrolled seizure disorder, had wished to go to the sunny beaches of Hawaii; however, she was not expecting to be called to the center of the court for a special surprise. Students, staff and faculty came to Abigail bearing gifts for her wish trip that she found out would be happening soon.

Instead of worrying about doctor's appointments and check-ups, now Abigail and her family can focus on the fun and excitement their trip has to offer by making great memories and spending quality time together as a family.

Edinboro University Reveals

Abigail's Fun in the Sun Wish





Want to get your school involved in making wishes come true? Visit greaterpawv.wish.org/student-fundraising or call 800-676-9474.







Annabelle's Adventure

On February 23, 2017, Make-A-Wish® Greater Pennsylvania and West Virginia teamed up with Eldridge Communications, TCC, Verizon Authorized Retailer and Culture of Good to take wish kid Annabelle and her family on an adventure throughout Pittsburgh -- via the Culture of Good bus -- that ultimately led to the reveal of Annabelle's most heartfelt wish, a Disney Cruise Line® cruise.

Revealed

It was an amazing day full of magical surprises for Annabelle and her family, with each surprise providing Annabelle with a new clue of her wish that will soon be granted.

Read more about Annabelle's big wish reveal online on our blog, from Make-A-Wish Development Coordinator Shannon O'Halloran.

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The Light Up A Child's Life® campaign has been making the lives of children with life-threatening medical conditions a little bit brighter for the past 28 years. The courageous stories of our wish kids motivate both our volunteers and donors alike. By granting wishes, everyday people can make a difference in a child's life. To view video footage of the broadcasts, please visit livestream.com and search for Make-A-Wish TV.

A special thanks to the following stations and personnel who helped make wishes come true...

- Tony Renda, Sr., owner of Renda Broadcasting
- WISH 99.7 FM in Pittsburgh, PA; its dedicated staff, including Ron Antill, Jordan Kline and Cris Winter.
- Our Pittsburgh broadcast sites: Fifth Avenue Place, The Galleria at Mt. Lebanon, One Oxford Centre and The Mall at Robinson
- WRTS Star 104 in Erie, PA; General Manager Michael Malpiedi, DJs Jessica Curry, Tim Murphy, Kyle Hendricks and Ted Hallowell.
- WDSN Sunny 106 in DuBois, PA; its owner Jay Philippone, station staff and Clearfield County volunteers.
- 98.9 WQKY-FM in St. Marys, PA; Station Manager John Salter, Gary Mitchell and volunteer Linda Facchine.
- WPXZ-FM 104.1 in Punxsutawney, PA; Station Manager John Barnes, station staff and Jefferson County volunteers.
- 100.1 WCLG Rock-FM in Morgantown, WV; Station Managers Rob Henline & Big Ric, DJs Alex O'Neal, Dave McClung, Jeff
 Miller, Ashley Stevens, Eli Tancin, Aaron New and sales department staff Brock Bolyard, Vicki Hendrix and Tessa Kuroski.

Pictured here are **Dream**Makers for Make-AWish coordinators Walt
Sipe and Donna Heinde.
Standing in the center is
Make-A-Wish Punxsutawney
Regional Manager Lindsey
Herzing accepting their
donation.





Pictured here is Ron Antill from WISH 99.7, Stella! the Star, Make-A-Wish President and CEO Judith Stone, McKamish, Inc., representative Naley McKamish, and McKamish, Inc., President and CEO David McKamish. **McKamish, Inc.**, has been a proud supporter of Make-A-Wish since 1989.



Damian Ferek from **STICK Tattoo Company** visited Make-A-Wish Northen
West Virginia Regional Manager Leandra
Clovis (in the back with Make-A-Wish
sign) to support the campaign at Peace,
Love and Little Donuts in Morgantown.



Wish kid Jake and his mom, Meagan, join Make-A-Wish Development Coordinator Shannon O'Halloran for the campaign. Last year, they held a golf outing in honor of Jake with all proceeds benefiting Make-A-Wish.



WISH 99.7 Radio Host Cris Winters and Make-A-Wish Development Coordinator Samara Silverstein show off their fabulous bracelets with **Grace Wirth**. Grace has raised money for wishes by selling her handmade bracelets at events like Light Up Night in Sewickley.



Pictured here are Make-A-Wish Board Member Jamie Lutheran and Cycletique employee Deanna Bucy with Make-A-Wish Volunteer Coordinator Amanda Filsinger. Jamie's wife, Lisa, is the owner of **Cycletique** in Bethel Park, PA. In November, Make-A-Wish was the beneficiary of Cycletique's Grand Opening Week of Wishes event.

Pictured here with Judith
Stone and Ron Antill is CEO
of Berkshire Hathaway
HomeServices The
Preferred Realty Ron
Croushore and President
of Berkshire Hathaway
HomeServices The Preferred
Realty Jim Saxon.





Pictured here is Ron Antill, MBM Contracting Director of Marketing Missy Powell, Stella! the Star, MBM Contracting Director of Business Development Andrea Lepore and Judith Stone. **MBM Contracting** has been a strong supporter of Make-A-Wish since 1995.



Pictured here is **wish kid Andrew** with his parents, Yarka and Donald, and Make-A-Wish Director of Development Stephanie Pugliese. In 2015, Andrew was granted his wish to meet the Pittsburgh Steelers.



Wish kid Larkin smiles ear-to-ear while on the air with 100.1 WCLG. Larkin was surprised live on the radio as they revealed that she would be receiving her wish to go to Hawaii.



Make-A-Wish Erie Regional Assistant Michelle Hoffman, meets **wish kid Chloe**, who wished to go to Italy last month. Next to Chloe are her parents, Melanie and Chris.



Pictured are Eddie Walsh from the **Sandy Club**, Mike Mowrey from **IP&S Club** and George Murray from the **Olympic Athletic Club of DuBois** with Lindsey Herzing. The clubs collectively donated to help grant wishes of local children.

Wish kids Tiahna and Trey join Shannon O'Halloran for the campaign. In 2010, both siblings had their wishes granted. Tiahna wished to go to Orlando theme parks and Trey wished to have a brand new piano.



Pictured here at the Millcreek Mall in Erie, PA, is wish kid Avery standing next to a photo of herself from

her wish trip in 2010.



Wish kid Conor poses with Star 104 DJ Kyle Hendricks after presenting his donation to Make-A-Wish. For his 13th birthday, Conor raised funds to help grant wishes for kids just like him.



Pictured here are donors **Alex Pritchard** and the **Associates of Gateway Health Plan** with Make-A-Wish Marketing/Communications Manager Dana Antkowiak. Last year, Alex heard our campaign on the radio and was inspired to help raise funds to grant a wish. Gateway Health Plan has also shown its support to Make-A-Wish by joining in on the broadcast.



PNC Treasury Management Associates Maggie Thomas, Felicia Leksono, David Enick and Mark Vizza join Director of Development Stephanie Pugliese, President and CEO Judith Stone and 99.7 radio host Ron Antill.



Pictured here is Jordan Kline from Wish 99.7, Barbara Law from **Coldwell Banker Real Estate**, and Liz Simison, Make-A-Wish Communications Assistant.



Students from the **Shenango High School Peer Leadership club** join Communications
Assistant Liz Simison to reveal their total funds raised.
Shenango High School is now in its 6th year of supporting Make-A-Wish

Thanks to Our Donors

The next newsletter will be sent in Fall 2017, but the donor list on our web site – greaterpawv.wish.org – is always upto-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 \$3,900 and above for the months of September through December 2016. 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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