

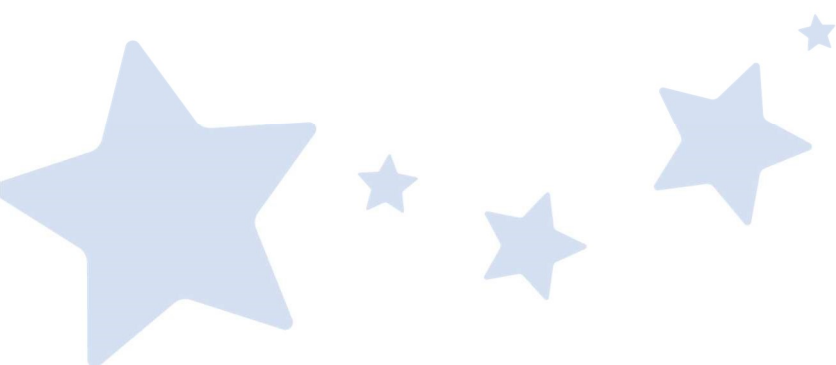


*I wish to have  
hair extensions*

**Karen, 15**  
lymphoma

# Wish Inspiration Guide

2020-2021



**Make-A-Wish®**  
HUDSON VALLEY

## Welcome Wish Child & Family!

Just over 40 years ago, an eight-year-old boy wished to be a police officer. This simple wish was the inspiration for the creation of the Make-A-Wish® Foundation and the motivation for the hundreds of thousands of wishes that followed. The power of a wish extends beyond a moment. When a child learns they can have a wish come true, they begin a journey that replaces fear with confidence, sadness with joy, and anxiety with optimism. We are excited to explore wish options with you and hope these ideas inspire you to search for the perfect wish. **Wishes are not limited to what is described in the next few pages.** The possibilities are only as limited as your imagination.

## Wishes “To Be”

A wish “to be” sparked the idea of the Make-A-Wish Foundation 40 years ago when a young boy wished to be a police officer for a day. Whether trying out a potential profession or spending the day as a prince or princess, wishes “to be” have become a popular way for any wish child to express their creativity. Spend a day as a supermodel, enjoying a full makeover, fashion show, or photoshoot. You can fulfill your dream of being a superhero, fighting crime and saving your city. You can use your imagination to fuel the day of your dreams. Our wish granters will work to create an experience of a lifetime within social distancing guidelines. Popular “to be” wishes have included, but are not limited to:

Police Officer  
Firefighter  
Astronaut  
Photographer  
Paleontologist  
Racecar Driver

Musician  
Model  
Superhero  
Doctor  
YouTuber  
Actor



*I wish to be a  
paleontologist*

**Frankie, 9**  
congenital heart disease



## Wishes “To Go”

As you know, we are unable to grant many of our “to go” wishes due to the pandemic. We are currently not granting international wishes or cruise wishes, and domestic travel wishes are on hold. There are still many other creative ideas of “to go” wishes that can be granted at this time.

**Local Staycations** – Spend time with loved ones in a nearby “home away from home.” There are so many cool things to do without traveling far from home. Have you thought about what excites you – do you want to be pampered, to have a relaxing experience? Are you an adrenaline junkie who craves excitement? Let us create a wish that will provide a fun-filled experience for you and your family. An option for a vacation close to home would be to pick an indoor waterpark destination like Great Wolf Lodge, Rocking Horse Ranch, Kartrite, or the Kalahari Resort.



**At-Home Family Fun Experience** - Bring your dream vacation right to your home! For an at-home wish experience, you can have everything delivered to their front door for an exciting vacation, all while remaining in the comfort and safety of their own home. Let us plan meal deliveries, stream videos to your living room, and send board games, craft kits, ingredients for a family ice cream sundae party, house cleaning service, and self-pampering essentials such as nail, hair, and face products to their home.

## Wishes “To Meet”



**Virtual Celebrity Wishes** – What would it be like for you to do a video chat with your favorite celebrity, whether they be a sports star, actor, singer, Youtuber, or another celebrity of your choice? What questions would you want to ask them, and what would you want to talk about? Now more than ever, our celebrity participants are committed to providing an exceptional virtual interaction.

## To Have Wishes

**Party Wishes** – Want to celebrate a birthday or milestone? Our wish granters can help you plan the perfect party, even if the party can't happen yet because of state restrictions! Start brainstorming! What will the invites look like, and who will you invite? What will the décor look like? What time of day will the event take place? What will be the desired menu? What will guests wear? As a reminder, strict social distancing guidelines must be adhered to.



**Record a Song**– There is a lot of prep work involved in recording a song, but we can help provide the equipment you will need to record their own music at home!



### Hot Tubs & Pools

Granting hot tub and above-ground pool wishes are very popular and provide fun for the whole family. These wishes can be particularly important in providing therapeutic relief for many of our wish kids. We cover required costs for installation.

### Patio Makeover

We can turn any patio into the outdoor living space of your dreams! We provide furniture to ensure this area of your house is the perfect place for your family to relax and have fun.

### Education Wishes

Make-A-Wish can help further your education with a wish! Whether through an online class or help with tuition payments to your school, you can keep growing your desire to learn.

### Animal Wishes

If your wish is to have a new best friend, Make-A-Wish Hudson Valley can help find the perfect new companion for you and your family. Make-A-Wish Hudson Valley will work with local shelters or breeders to find the perfect furry friend for your family!



## Shopping Sprees

Shop 'til you drop... right on your couch! Skip the lines and crowds and get the best deals in town with an online shopping spree. In-person shopping sprees may be possible on a case-by-case basis. Whether shopping for new clothes, shoes, toys, makeup, jewelry, or electronics, you can visit all your favorite stores from the safety of their home!



**Musical Instruments** – Make-A-Wish has fulfilled many wishes for musical instruments from saxophones to drum sets and all the required gear in between.



**Room Makeover**– Right now, you can begin the creation of a wonderful room-to-be! Let us know your wish list including furniture, new mattress and box spring, new bedding, new curtains, new rugs, new décor, new TV, or even a special sitting nook for art supplies, books, or makeup essentials, and we will work with you to design the perfect room!

## Playhouses & Playsets

We can help you choose the perfect playhouse or playset for your backyard! Your Wish Coordinator will share different models and features that are available to our wish kids, and they will help you better customize your playset or playhouse. After that, you can leave the rest to us!



*I wish to have an outdoor man cave*

**Gavin, 11**  
cancer





*I wish to have a custom gaming computer*

**Adell, 16**  
cancer

**Gaming Computer** – Do you have a special design in mind for your dream gaming computer? Send us your wish list, and we will work with a Make-A-Wish approved vendor to build and deliver the computer right to your door!

**Computer (Laptop/iPad)** – A computer can help you stay connected with friends and family and assist with ongoing schoolwork and virtual learning.

**Home “Office”** – Let us set up a perfect working environment that is designed for work, fun, or leisure activities. With an office makeover, Make-A-Wish Hudson Valley can set up a space with a computer, office furniture, printer, and internet service (when applicable).

**Home Entertainment** – With a wish for a home entertainment center, Make-A-Wish Hudson Valley can arrange a TV streaming service, video game console, and comfy furniture for a relaxing escape where you and your family can enjoy the best in entertainment and togetherness.

**Headset Technology** – Travel to your favorite places, virtually! You can enjoy exciting alternate environments with a virtual reality headset and games!

## *I wish to have a Barbie Power Wheels car*

Jenifer, 5  
brain cancer



**Riding Toys** – Have you ever dreamed of racing your siblings or friends in your own driveway? We can provide Power Wheels toys or electric toys, as well as a Make-A-Wish approved ATV or dirt bikes for children with a driver's license.

**Sporting Equipment** – Any requested sporting equipment can be easily researched, planned, and delivered right to your door!



### **Adaptive Equipment**

There is no need to wait on providing equipment that can bring a child joy right now! Everything from adaptive bikes to swings, wheelchairs, communication equipment, and more can provide additional mobility and accessibility to a child who needs it. Best of all, we can arrange for the equipment to arrive directly to your family's home!

### **Camping Trailer Wishes**

These wishes are the perfect opportunity for your family to create wonderful memories together by exploring the outdoors. Please note that Make-A-Wish is not able to provide RVs or 5<sup>th</sup> Wheel Trailers.

## **Wishes “To Give”**

Our wish kids are generous and thoughtful and often want to explore creative ways to give back to our community. If you would like to wish to support a cause, we can make a donation to that organization in your honor. We can also help provide supplies for the service projects.



## Other Ideas?

Do you have something else in mind that would make your wish perfect for you? Although we are currently restricted on the types of wishes we can grant due to health and safety concerns related to COVID-19 (such as wishes involving travel or exposure to large crowds), we want to make sure we are granting the right wish for you. Work with your wish granting volunteers to curate your ideal wish experience. Developing a great wish takes creativity and imagination—what does your dream wish look like to you?



*I wish to be a chef*

**Joshua, 14**  
congenital heart disease