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## A Beautiful Ballerina



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*I wish to be a ballerina*

Adele, 4  
brain tumor



Adele is a four-year-old battling a brain tumor. She's spent many uncomfortable hours enduring medical procedures, sitting in doctor's offices, undergoing physical therapy and at the hospital. Adele wanted an experience that was fun and just for her. She wished to feel free from the burdens of her illness.

Adele loves watching ballerinas; the way they glide and move with such elegance and how they seem to transcend the shackles of gravity and take flight. It's why she wished to be a ballerina for a day, and it was important to her that the experience didn't feel like physical therapy.

On the day of her wish, she arrived in a stately limousine at Ballet Idaho, the state's premier ballet company. Adele was given gifts and presented with her very own tutu, a ballerina's signature uniform designed to create the illusion of weightlessness.

The instructors took Adele under their wings, teaching her delicate movements, the refined feet positions and the noble plié. Adele smiled as she danced beautifully. She really had become a ballerina!

"Ballet Idaho so much enjoyed being a part of something so meaningful in helping to grant Adele's wish to become a ballerina! What a heartening experience to watch Adele at the ballet barre high up on her toes, following the instructor, as she moved her arms like the White Swan," said Emily Wallace, the Academy Director at Ballet Idaho.

"Ballet Idaho exists to enrich the lives of our community members through dance and education, but Adele enriched our lives with her visit to our studio. It was an incredible honor and gift for our team to meet this wonderful girl and spend some time with her. We are grateful to Make-A-Wish® Idaho for the tremendous work they do in our community, and for giving Ballet Idaho a chance to share the art we love with Adele," said Laura Mulkey, Executive Director of Ballet Idaho.

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# TANYAN DAVIES-WALL

WISH GRANTER IN  
IDAHO FALLS

## PERSONAL PROFILE

**Occupation:**  
Realtor

**Family:**  
Husband: Eric Wall

Eric is the owner of Construction Solutions Company and has helped with multiple wishes involving construction. (Many of his subcontractors have also helped with wishes!)

## WISH GRANTER PROFILE

**Years Granting Wishes:** 10+

**Wishes Granted:** 5



## Q & A

### What would your wish be?

I would donate the money that would be spent on my wish to help grant other wishes.

### The favorite wish you've granted?

Austin's wish to go to Disneyland. He had cancer.

### Favorite wish-granting memory?

We had a send off party for Austin. He made a comment that just broke my heart. My feet hurt. It wasn't complaining, just a statement. I think he thought that all little boys feet hurt like his.

He had a fantastic trip and I got to go visit with them when they returned and he told me all about it. I am still friends with his parents on Facebook and check in on him every once in a while, but he is like 15 now and doing fabulous!!

### What was your inspiration to grant wishes?

My inspiration was just getting to donate my time to such a fabulous cause. I know what a HUGE difference Make-A-Wish is for the sick kiddo and their family. To know that for a short time they can have something to look forward to and take their mind off the worry and stress is such a great thing to be a part of.

### Final thoughts?

I am so thankful for the opportunity to be a wish granter and to be a part of the Regional Council. I love volunteering and getting to help others. It brings me great joy and happiness. I am happy to spread the word about Make-A-Wish to anyone and everyone because it has such a special place in my heart.

# VOLUNTEER



## Board Spotlight: Nick Schlekeway



Hello, my name is Nick Schlekeway, and I am thrilled to be a member of the Board of Directors for Make-A-Wish Idaho. I was born in a small town outside of Boise, Idaho. In my youth, I spent an enormous amount of time outside keeping up with my two older siblings, riding (and crashing) my bike and trying to stay out of trouble with a substantial failure rate.

A hard worker and a family man, my father instilled in me the value of a day's work, just as his father instilled the same in him. My mother is a multi-generational native to Boise, which basically makes her a unicorn. As rare as that is, her heart of gold is much rarer. My mother taught me the meaning of true love. Like all parents, they made a ton of mistakes and as a parent I can only hope to do as well as they did.

Maybe it came from being the youngest and struggling to keep up; maybe it came from my lungs wracked with asthma; maybe it came from a sense of being looked down on or disregarded; maybe it came from my stumbling gait or pudginess, or from a childhood of poverty. Whatever it was, I was determined to do the best I could with what I had. I was good at math, and I could work hard. That was enough. I discovered pretty early that success at just about anything is basically a function of hard work and math, given that consistent, strenuous effort over time yields results.

I have seen a lot of victories, which is really nice because it helps to juxtapose the absurd number of times I have lost. Personally and professionally (which are the same, of course), I have the same mission in this life. I am still here to maximize my potential and to do my best with what I was given in the short time I have to do it in. I have a desire to make an impact through giving my gifts and talents to other people. The Bible says, "To whom much is given, much shall be required."

I started a lot further behind than some but a lot further ahead than many. On my path to climb as high as possible before the end of the journey, I feel a responsibility to share what I can of my experiences and my wisdom in the hope that someone else may benefit.

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**WISHES IN  
FLIGHT**  
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We are thrilled to announce that we were able to raise 1,279,315 miles and more than \$112,000. This will allow 25 children to travel (when it's safe) for their wish as well help grant 17 wishes. We are deeply grateful for the generous support of KBOI Channel 2 for helping make Wishes In Flight such a success.



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Walk for Wishes Boise will be held Friday, June 4, 2021 at Esther Simplot Park in Boise, Idaho. This year's walk will be held in conjunction with Music on the Water, a music festival taking place on June 4 & 5.

Powered by wish kids and families, volunteers, donors, corporate sponsors, and friends, Walk For Wishes is a fundraiser that celebrates the wishes that have already been granted, while raising funds for future wishes. Invite relatives, friends, neighbors, and co-workers to register for The 7th Annual Walk for Wishes.

There is no registration fee for this event. However, we ask that each walker raise \$100 for Idaho wish kids. Each participant that raises \$100 or more will receive a commemorative Walk for Wishes T-shirt!

To register, visit: <http://site.wish.org/walkforwishes2021>. We

currently have more than 160 wishes that are waiting and participation in Walk For Wishes will help us make dreams come true for Idaho wish kids.



This summer we are going to have a Wish Heroes Campaign in honor of Make-A-Wish Idaho's 35th anniversary. We are asking members of the Make-A-Wish Idaho community to be a Wish Hero. Each individual Wish Hero will ask 35 people for \$35 dollars to support Make-A-Wish Idaho's 35th Anniversary. In doing so each Wish Hero will raise \$1,225 to support Make-A-Wish Idaho. The dates of the campaign will be June 1 - July 4.

People who commit to being Wish Heroes agree to share with others why they are passionate about Make-A-Wish Idaho. They share why wishes matter and ask for friends, family and their communities to join them in raising funds for wishes that are waiting.

**Benefits:**

1. You will bring hope, strength and joy to an Idaho wish child suffering from a critical illness.
2. If you raise \$1000 or more you will receive a t-shirt that identifies you as a Wish Hero.
3. You will receive a yard sign that says "A Wish Hero Lives Here."

Please let Helene Peterson, [hpeterson@idaho.wish.org](mailto:hpeterson@idaho.wish.org), know if you are interested in being a Wish Hero to create hope for more kids and families in our community.



Make-A-Wish Idaho is joining forces with Jersey Mike's Subs in Idaho for the 11th Annual March "Month of Giving" campaign to fund local charities. During the month of March, customers can make a donation to Make-A-Wish Idaho at participating Jersey Mike's restaurants.

The campaign will culminate with Jersey Mike's "Day of Giving" on Wednesday, March 31, when local Jersey Mike's restaurants will give 100 percent of the day's sales - not just profit - to Make-A-Wish Idaho.

Throughout March, customers can make donations through the Jersey Mike's mobile app or onsite. On Day of Giving, Jersey Mike's will offer free delivery through the Jersey Mike's app. Since Month of Giving began in 2011, Jersey Mike's has raised more than \$32 million for local charities.

[Find a Jersey Mike's in Idaho.](#)



## STOCK DONATIONS

### Donate Stocks or Other Assets

If you have appreciated capital assets you've held for more than a year, such as stocks, there may be advantages to donating those directly to Make-A-Wish Idaho instead of selling them and paying tax first and then donating the net proceeds.

**By donating appreciated assets directly to a not-for-profit:**

1. You allow the organization to receive the full pretax value of those appreciated assets.
2. You may avoid long-term capital gains taxes you might otherwise owe.
3. You may be able to deduct the full value of those assets on your tax return as a charitable gift.

**For example:** Suppose you sell \$1,000 worth of stock that you've held for more than a year to donate the proceeds to a charitable organization. After paying any capital gains taxes, you'd be left with less than \$1,000 to give to the charity.

**But if you were to donate that same \$1,000 of appreciated stock directly to Make-A-Wish Idaho:**

1. The organization can usually sell the stock and receive the full \$1,000, tax-free.
2. You could potentially deduct the full \$1,000 value of your donation on your tax return.

To download the securities donation form, [click here](#). For more information, please contact Janie Best at 208.297.6822 or [jbest@idaho.wish.org](mailto:jbest@idaho.wish.org)

### Transform Lives with an IRA

You can turn the required distribution from your IRA into a gift that creates life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses. If you are 70 ½ or older, you can contribute up to \$100,000 from your IRA tax-free (\$200,000 for qualifying married couples)


*It's really quite simple:*

1. Contact the administrator of your IRA.
2. Indicate you wish the distribution from your IRA to be sent directly to Make-A-Wish® Idaho.
3. When the distribution arrives, we will provide you with an acknowledgement for your tax records.

*To learn more, contact your tax professional or the administrator of your IRA and a member of the Make-A-Wish Idaho staff.*

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off to Saturn in a  
red rocket ship*

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