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# WISHES GRANTED



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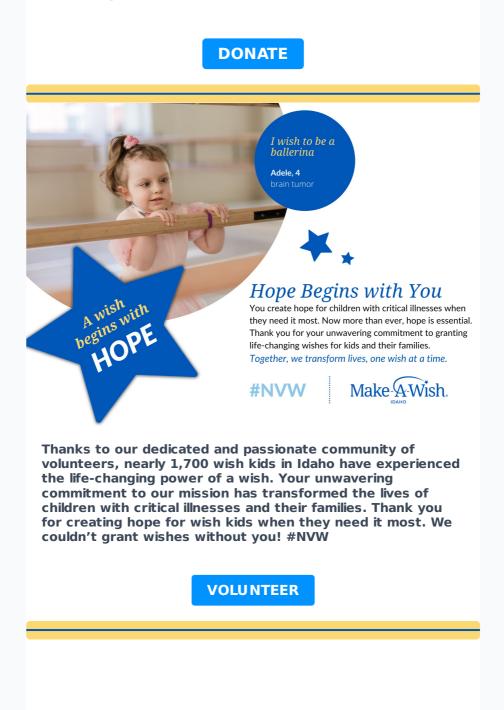


Twelve-year-old Ethan always wanted a dog. He's an active kid who enjoys football and soccer. Due to his illness, Ethan hasn't been able to play sports, and due to the pandemic, there are fewer sports to play. Ethan and his family have been stuck at home during the past year, so Ethan wished for a dog to keep him company.

While in treatment, Ethan scoured the Internet for his wish pup. When he returned home, the goldendoodle that he selected was waiting for him. Ethan's sister named the puppy Roki (pronounced Rocky but spelled to reflect the family's Bosnian heritage). Ethan has been very consistent about training Roki, studying numerous dog-training videos online. Roki already knows his name, when to sit and how to the use the doggie door. Not only is Roki well-behaved, he's also affectionate and cuddly.

Ethan is only a fraction of his way through his treatment, but he's been feeling better lately. He exercises most days so he can be ready to play sports again once the illness is behind him. And now he has Roki by his side to buoy his spirits.

"I think the timing of getting a dog was perfect," said Ethan's mom, Mirsada. "We can't go out very much, so having a dog now is just perfect. Every day Ethan says, 'I can't believe I have a dog.'"





Breanne Simplot is the Director of Customer and Sales Service at the J.R. Simplot Company, an international food and agricultural company. She is an Idaho native who loves being an auntie to her three nieces and one nephew and adventuring with her teacup yorkie, Zoey. When she's not working, she can be found doing almost anything outdoors including hiking, paddleboarding, hunting, and running. Cooking is one of her creative outlets, and she loves to host her family and friends. Lastly, just like many of the Make-A-Wish® kids, she can't wait until we can all return to traveling so she can continue to explore the world and visit friends.

"I am thrilled to be a part of such a wonderful organization that makes dreams come true for children. We all can use a little magic to help get us through, and that is exactly what Make-A-Wish does for children. I have been extremely fortunate in my life, and it has always been one of my life purposes to give back to those who have been less fortunate. I have had several friends and family members who have had to take advantage of assistance so that their loved ones can continue fighting. Make-A-Wish is such a valuable organization as it provides quality time with loved ones, more smiles, dreams coming true, and the gift of hope."



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 and 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: <u>http://site.wish.org/walkforwishes2021</u>. We currently have more than 140 wishes that are waiting and participation in Walk For Wishes will help us make dreams come true for Idaho wish kids.



### Serving Up Wishes Tuesday, October 19



Now in its 19th year, Serving Up Wishes is a unique fundraiser that partners Make-A-Wish Idaho with Boise State University to make wishes come true for Idaho children. Approximately 80 Boise State University student-athletes, representing every NCAA and Boise State-sponsored men's and women's sport, take part in this high-energy, fun-filled night of nonstop entertainment.

During the evening, Bose State student-athletes showcase their many talents to the delight of the event guests. The evening includes a sit-down dinner, live auction and a presentation from a wish child and/or their family that highlights their special experience.

#### **Download Ticket Information**

For more information call Helene Peterson at 208-440-0588.

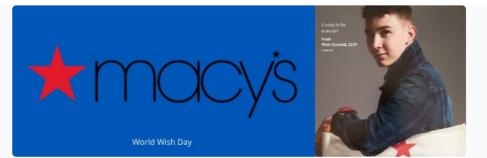


April 29, 2021 is World Wish Day, the 41st anniversary of the Make-A-Wish Foundation. This year also marks the 35th anniversary of Make-A-Wish Idaho. During the last three and a half decades, Make-A-Wish Idaho has granted nearly 1,700 wishes to local children with critical illnesses.

Now more than ever, Make-A-Wish Idaho remains committed to creating hope for wish kids and their families, despite the unprecedented number of wishes that are waiting. Make-A-Wish Idaho has been granting heartfelt wishes quickly and safely at a steady pace throughout the pandemic with a focus on "to have" and "to be" wishes.

This year, we'll be granting a very special wish on April 29 to celebrate the anniversary and to show the world the power of a wish. Tune into our social media on World Wish Day to learn more.

WATCH VIDEO



Macy's is helping us celebrate #WorldWishDay (April 29) throughout the entire month of April!

Customers can round up their in-store purchase (up to \$.99) or donate online at <u>macys.com</u> to help create hope for a child battling a critical illness like wish kid Hank who modeled for Macy's as part of his wish.



Good news: Spring Break is NOT cancelled.

We're having great adventures, right where we live. Join Make-A-Wish Idaho and Sugar & Kiki for a DIY vacation, complete with postcards reporting all the fun to your loved ones.

This project benefits Make-A-Wish, so that kids with critical illnesses can have amazing adventures, too.

Spring Break Adventure Postcard Packs include 7 postcards and 7 stamps. \$7 of your purchase goes to Make-A-Wish Idaho. Get yours at <u>https://www.sugarandkiki.com/shop/adventure</u>



The Wish Heroes Campaign celebrates the 35 years of Make-A-Wish® Idaho supporters helping to grant life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses. The campaign is based on the power of a selected group of individuals - Wish Heroes - sharing why wishes matter and raising funds for Make-A-Wish Idaho during the campaign timeframe. Each Wish Hero strives to raise \$1,225 during the campaign. Please know that Make-A-Wish Idaho is incredibly grateful for your support of wish kids regardless of the amount you raise. Every dollar matters.

#### WHAT DOES A WISH HERO DO?

As a Wish Hero, you share the reasons why you support Make-A-Wish Idaho with your network. You tell your story and invite your friends to donate and help more wish kids and families experience the life-changing power of a wish.

#### HOW MUCH DOES A WISH HERO RAISE?

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#### HOW DOES A WISH HERO SHARE THEIR MESSAGE AND COLLECT DONATIONS?

Through a personalized online fundraising page, each Wish Hero shares their story and mobilizes friends, family members and/or colleagues to donate to help ensure local wishes are granted for years to come. When you register to join the campaign, you receive a personal fundraising page. Your personal fundraising page is a webpage that your contacts visit to read your story and donate. The page is mobile-friendly and very easy to use. (There's even a fundraising app to make your experience simple!)

#### **BE A WISH HERO**



# Donating a Car Is Fast and Free

Do you have an old car? Do you hate the thought of selling it online or want to avoid the hassle of trading it in?

Now, there is an easier way! You can donate your old car to Wheels for Wishes, and the proceeds from its sale will go to help wish kids right here in Idaho. Plus, it's tax deductible!

Simply go to <u>Wheelsforshes.org</u> and fill out the form, and they will come get your car and tow your vehicle away for free. There's no hassle for you, and your donation will help a local child wih a critical illness. You can also donate boats, motorcycles, RVs and more!

#### **DONATE YOUR CAR TODAY!**



## Monthly Giving

Did you know you can make a monthly gift to Make-A-Wish Idaho? It's so simple to do! Your monthly gift will ensure that a wish kid's wish comes true! A monthly gift can be set up automatically on our website and will provide a life-changing wish for a child with a critical illness. To ensure that your contribution goes directly to wish kids in Idaho, be sure to choose the "local" option, and choose Make-A-Wish Idaho.

#### **Give Monthly**

Over one hundred and forty kids are waiting for their wishes to be granted— in Coeur d'Alene, Rexburg, Nampa and communities throughout the state! Thank you for giving the gift of a wish!



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