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## Make-A-Wish® Eastern North Carolina Grants 4,000<sup>th</sup> Local Wish

*16-year-old boy fighting leukemia receives wish for backyard sport court; the 4,000<sup>th</sup> granted by the local organization.*

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** (March 5, 2021) – 16-year-old Luke from Wake County received his wish from Make-A-Wish Eastern North Carolina, marking the 4,000<sup>th</sup> wish granted locally by the organization. Luke has ALL, Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia, and wished to have a sport court in his backyard. Sports are an important part of his life and this custom created court will enable Luke to enjoy playing a variety of sports safely in his yard. His wish was made possible thanks to generous support from Wake Forest-based business **Carolina Sport Court**, who brought together several business partners to build this one-of-a-kind sport court including donations and discounts.

This wish is celebrated as part of 4,000 life-changing wishes granted to children in eastern North Carolina as the chapter celebrates their 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year. Through this, Make-A-Wish Eastern North Carolina aims to recognize the wishes previously granted as well as build support for the wishes currently waiting, a number that is growing due to COVID-19. Wishes can improve a child's quality of life and produce better health outcomes as well as empower children with critical illnesses to believe the impossible, is possible. More than ever before, wish children need the support of community and the hope, strength, and joy of a wish come true.

View an exclusive video produced by Brian Donovan, etc. Media in Wilmington NC, on our [YouTube Channel](#).

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To learn more about wish granting and the opportunities to be involved, please visit [wish.org/eastnc](http://wish.org/eastnc)



**Make-A-Wish® Eastern North Carolina** creates life-changing wishes for children with critical illness. We serve all medically eligible children who reside in the 49 counties east of the Orange / Alamance county line. Our chapter operates solely through generous donations of individuals, corporations, and foundations. With the help of more than 350 volunteers, including our Board of Directors, Make-A-Wish Eastern North Carolina has granted more than 4,000 wishes since its inception in 1986. More information is available on our chapter website at [wish.org/eastnc](http://wish.org/eastnc). You can also follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [LinkedIn](#).