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#### **An All-American Road Trip**





I wish to go on an RV road trip to Yellowstone National Park

Ryder, 10 lymphoma







It all started when Ryder toppled off of a fence and landed smack on his belly, an accident that could easily happen to any active kiddo, but later that day when he woke up from a nap in extreme pain, his parents rushed him to the hospital. Ryder's intestine had ruptured. The doctors also found a grapefruitsized tumor.

His parents describe the accident as "a blessing" because it revealed the deadly illness which could have otherwise gone undetected until it was too late. Ryder was airlifted to Salt Lake City that day.

After months of grueling treatment and long, boring drives to Utah, he was declared cancer-free in November 2020.

Ryder, tired of taking dull, lengthy trips to the hospital, wished for a road trip of a different sort. He wished to go to Yellowstone National Park over the Fourth of July weekend in a luxurious RV.

On his trip, he witnessed the breathtaking, annual fireworks show and presided over the West Yellowstone parade as its grand marshal. Ryder, an avid fisherman, also experienced a world-class, quided fishing trip, savored the numerous natural sites and delighted in plenty of fun V.I.P. treatment.

HELP US GRANT WISHES LIKE THIS ONE



# VOLUNTEER

#### **PERSONAL PROFILE**

#### **Occupation:**

**Epic Shine Member** 

#### **Family:**

Wife: Deanna Conley

Kids: 2 — Alex and Andrea

#### VOLUNTEER PROFILE

**Years Granting Wishes:** 6

Wishes Granted: 8

#### Q & A

#### What's your role with MAW Idaho?

I help raise money and donate to send kids on wish trips.

#### **Favorite Make-A-Wish memory?**

In 1999, my son went on a wish trip to Disney World.

#### What was your inspiration to help?

I know firsthand what a difference a wish trip makes for the child and the entire family. It brings hope and healing!!





## Board Spotlight: Alexandra Geary



I am so honored to be a part of the Make-A-Wish® Foundation, serving our community and the great state of Idaho. My husband and I moved to Boise in June 2020 and as soon as we were settled in, felt it was our duty to become more involved with the city and state we love.

After learning more about the many ways Make-A-Wish Idaho gives back to the families across the state, I knew this foundation reflected my core values. I believe it is important to be in service to the communities, children and families that make this state such a wonderful place to live. It is through this commitment to the youth and future of our community that makes Make-A-Wish Idaho such an important and special place to offer my time and support.



Walk for Wishes Twin Falls will be held Saturday, September 25, 2021 at the Twin Falls Visitor's Center.

Powered by wish kids and families, volunteers, donors, corporate sponsors, and friends, Walk For Wishes Magic Valley 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 6th 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/WFWmagicvalley2021. We currently have more than 140 wishes that are waiting

and participation in Walk For Wishes will help us make wishes come true for Idaho wish kids.

Walk With Us



#### Your Will: It's More Than Legalese

It's one of the most important legal documents you'll ever create; a will dictates how you want your assets distributed after you're gone. But beyond legalities, a will is a reflection of your life.

A well-planned will relieves family members from having to guess your final wishes, and it ensures they are taken care of in the manner you specify. Your will can also provide you with peace of mind for the future by knowing your loved ones are taken care of.

With the uncertainty the last year has brought, many people are finding themselves thinking about the future. If you don't yet have a will in place, consider what one can do for you:

- Name a guardian for minor children
- Make financial arrangements for family members
- Provide for a pet
- Direct the division of your property (so the state does not)
- Choose the executor of your estate
- Provide for a charitable organization

#### **Extend Your Support**

In addition to caring for loved ones, you can also use your will to extend your legacy by using it to provide for an organization like Make-A-Wish Idaho. This simple gift doesn't require you to part with assets today but will have a lasting impact on Make-A-Wish Idaho and the children (and families) we serve.

#### **Use Your Will to Grant Wishes**

If you are interested in including a gift to Make-A-Wish Idaho in your will, please contact us at <a href="mailto:jbest@idaho.wish.org">jbest@idaho.wish.org</a>. We are happy to provide you with language your attorney can use to make your gift or add a gift to your existing document.



### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

| JULY<br>31   | Farm Bureau Golf Tournament at Jackpot, NV |
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| JULY<br>31   | Guns VS. Hoses Softball Game in Pocatello  |
| AUG          | Make-A-Wish Days                           |
| 6+7          | at Epic Shine                              |
| AUG          | TitleOne Eastern Idaho                     |
| 10           | Golf Tournament                            |
| AUG          | 20th Annual TitleOne                       |
| 11           | Charity Classic                            |
| AUG<br>19-21 | The Albertsons Boise Open                  |
| SEPT         | Elevation Labs                             |
| 21           | Golf Tournament                            |
| SEPT         | Walk For Wishes                            |
| 25           | Twin Falls                                 |
| OCT<br>19    | Serving Up Wishes                          |

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