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Wishing Well

Fall 2021

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*I wish to have new
welding tools and supplies*

Noah, 16
brain tumor

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Read about
Noah's wish
on page 2.

A WELD DONE WISH FOR NOAH



Jason Farmer
The Scranton Times
Tribune

Make-A-Wish Regional Manager Maggie O'Brien shows Noah his new welding equipment.



A community forged by strong bonds and one wish

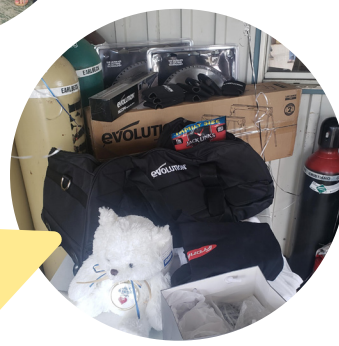
After enduring 33 rounds of radiation and four rounds of chemotherapy, 16-year-old Noah of Montrose, PA, had finally won his battle against his brain tumor. Now, looking towards the future, Noah is focusing on his career path to become a welder.

On the day of his wish, Noah was surprised with a vast array of welding equipment, tools and materials from Cristiano Welding Supply, Earlbeck Gases & Technologies and other local vendors. In addition to all the brand new supplies, this aspiring young metalworker will also be taking classes at Johnson College to master and refine his welding skills.

"We get to celebrate hitting sales goals and other business achievements all the time," said Andrew Hess of Earlbeck Gases & Technologies to WBRE/WYOU. "But it's not often that we get to be a part of something that makes such a huge difference in a child's life."

The smile on Noah's face was priceless as he marveled at all his new welding gear, but what really kept him grinning was watching his community come together to support his wish.

"Really, mostly, I want to say is whoever's going through chemo and everything. Keep fighting! It will soon get better," Noah told WNEP.



Referrer:
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Make-A-Wish® Greater Pennsylvania and West Virginia would like to thank all the community partners who joined forces to transform Noah's life and create such an uplifting day: Johnson College, Cristiano Welding Supply, Earlbeck Gases & Technologies, Fronius International, Evolution Power Tools - USA, Inweld Corporation, Miller Welders, DOG Fabrication & Design/FURICK CUP, Jugz Welding Caps and Defant Metal.



I wish to be a figure skater

Nicole, 7
brain tumor

Spark Joy
CREATE HOPE

Every child deserves a childhood – but children with critical illnesses are often isolated and vulnerable. A child’s joy is a light of hope for all of us. This holiday season, spark joy with a wish – and create hope for brighter days ahead.

Donate at wish.org/greaterpawv

THANK YOU SUBARU

Check out these amazing life-changing donations made by your local Subaru dealerships in 2020.



New Motors Subaru-Erie, PA



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In addition to the Share the Love campaign, all four local dealerships also chose Make-A-Wish® Greater Pennsylvania and West Virginia as their Hometown Charity, raising additional funds on top of all their contributions from the campaign.



WANT TO SHARE THE LOVE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON?

During the 2021 Subaru Share the Love Event, Subaru of America, Inc., will donate \$250 for every new Subaru vehicle sold or leased, starting November through January 2022, to the purchaser's choice of participating charities, including Make-A-Wish.



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Campaign Dates

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December 3
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6 Franklin Center | St. Marys, PA 15857

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December 13-17
Make-A-Wish®

Punxsutawney Regional Office
219 W. Mahoning St.
Punxsutawney, PA 15767

Erie

December 17
Star 104

One Boston Store Place | Erie, PA 16501

Please check back on our event calendar at wish.org/greaterpawv

Pittsburgh

Due to COVID-19, the Pittsburgh Make-A-Wish Office will not be hosting its campaign this year.

Once again, Make-A-Wish is acknowledging its Wishmaker® donors in a reserved full-page ad in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette on Thursday, December, 23. If you have made or have committed to make a Wishmaker donation (\$4,400 or more) in the last year, you/your company will be listed in that ad.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to us at 412.471.9474 or email@greaterpawv.wish.org.

Wishes Come True

I wish to have a shopping spree

Hunter, 9 →
genetic disorder
New Martinsville, WV



I wish to have an "under the sea" bedroom makeover

Ella, 7 ←
cancer
Freeport, PA



I wish to have a bounce castle

Iker, 5 ↓
blood disorder
Chambersburg, PA



I wish to have a Goldendoodle puppy

Isabella, 15 ↑
brain tumor
Moundsville, WV

Wishes that keep on Giving

Wishes are not only transformative for wish kids, but also their whole community. A wish can give a child the power to make a big impact on the lives of their neighbors, friends and even complete strangers. Giving wishes offer the opportunity to spread joy and foster hope for everyone, and can continue to help more people in the future. Check out a few of our most recent wishes to give back:

I wish to have a mobile pet food pantry

Avery, 14 | cancer | Corry, PA



On May 4, the Make-A-Wish Erie regional office hosted its Virtual Waffles & Wishes event, presented by The Plastek Group and UPMC Health Plan. This year's wish reveal was live streamed by WQLN and featured 14-year-old Avery of Corry, PA. Avery loves animals and has always had strong connection to all of her pets, even during her cancer treatments. Wanting to give back to her furry friends, Avery wished for a mobile pet food pantry.

"A lot of people don't have enough money to feed their animals and the animals don't get the care they need, so I figured I would help as many animals as I can with my mobile pet food pantry."

-Avery, Wish kid

I wish to give my preschool new supplies

Nora, 4 | leukemia | Apollo, PA

It's a bird... It's a plane...It's Super Nora.

Four-year-old Nora of Apollo, PA, was granted her very generous wish to redecorate her preschool. Art supplies, toys, books and so much more were given to her school to help kickoff the upcoming school year for all of her classmates and for future students to come.



I wish to give my team new uniforms

Garrett, 17 | cancer | Sarver, PA

After being diagnosed with cancer, 17-year-old Garrett wished to design new uniforms for his high school football team. He spent countless hours collaborating with Nike Football to make his vision come to life. On the day of his wish, Garrett was with his team, coaches and family for a special reveal of his brand new uniforms. However, what Garrett didn't expect was his favorite Pittsburgh Steeler, Ben Roethlisberger, to be there for the big reveal. It was a moment that Garrett and his teammates would never forget.

"I wanted to do something to be able to give back and show my gratitude to my teammates, coaches and the community that have given so much to me and supported me and my family so immensely."

-Garrett, Wish kid



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Libby & Daisy

*I wish to have a
Labradoodle puppy*

Libby, 16 ↑
brain tumor
Pittsburgh, PA

*I wish to have my
Jeep restored*

Garrett, 17 ↓
cancer
Union City, PA



We'd heard that when wishes are granted, the wish—in this case "Daisy"—had the potential to be transformational for the kids on the receiving end. This is true beyond what we could have ever imagined. Libby has been a different person. She's extremely motivated, HAPPY, and we're seeing dramatic improvements across the board.

-Libby's brother



I wish to have a "He" shed

Kyle, 10 ↑
lymphoma
Imler, PA

I wish to be a zookeeper at the Pittsburgh Zoo and Aquarium

Emily, 14 ↓
lymphoma
Dover, PA



I wish to have a birthday bash

Elias, 4 ↑
leukemia
Monongahela, PA



Events Make it Happen



Families, Flowers & Photos

On May 22, Kate Buckley, owner of Kate Buckley Photography, hosted Families, Flowers & Photos—a photo op event to raise money for wishes. Pictured here is wish kid Giulia, her uncle Jim and their dog, Marley.



Applebee's Neighborhood Bar & Grill-Sayre, PA

Since 2015, Applebee's Neighborhood Bar & Grill in Sayre, PA, has been supporting wishes in Bradford County. Throughout March and April, funds were raised with in-store raffles and tote bag sales. Pictured here is Make-A-Wish Volunteer Jeanne Gamble, Make-A-Wish Regional Manager Maggie O'Brien and Applebee's General Manager Mike Crummernauer with their donation.



Edward Jones-Region 156

Pictured here are representatives of Edward Jones Region 156 with Make-A-Wish Regional Manager Jo Beth Smith (second from left). Since 2018, Edward Jones has been a proud supporter of wishes.

LeAnn Starner's Annual Make-A-Wish® Fundraiser

LeAnn Starner's Annual Make-A-Wish Fundraiser was held on August 14, 2021, at Cedar Lake Campground in Dover, PA. For more than 13 years, LeAnn and her hard-working committee have hosted multiple fundraisers. From candy sales and online auctions to spaghetti dinners and chicken BBQ, all of it leads up to LeAnn's final large outdoor summer music festival, where everyone celebrates a job well done.



Steel City Harley-Davidson Ride for a Wish

On June 19, Steel City Harley-Davidson hosted its Ride for a Wish in Washington, PA. The event included live music from the Bill Ali Band, a buffet style lunch, auction and raffles. Pictured here is Kimberly Sweder from the HarbisonWalker International Foundation presenting a donation to Make-A-Wish Development Director Stephanie Pugliese.



18th Annual Grapevine

In August, Make-A-Wish held its 18th Annual Grapevine: A Wine Tasting Event. This spectacular, signature event was presented by North Hills Toyota and took place at Eddie Merlot's in Downtown Pittsburgh, PA. The evening included a variety of wines, delicious hors d'oeuvres, a mystery wine sale and silent auction. Thanks to this year's attendees, sponsors, the host committee and board members, the event funded 17 wishes.



Birdies for a Cause

Once again, the Upper St. Clair Boys Golf Teams hosted its Birdies for a Cause tournament to spread awareness and help raise funds for local charities, like Make-A-Wish. The funds are raised through donations or pledges for every birdie earned. Pictured here is Make-A-Wish Development Coordinator Jake Seavy with the USC Varsity Golf Team members as they present their donation.



9th Annual Brandon Denochick Memorial Race

In May, the Denochick family hosted their 9th Annual memorial race in honor of Brandon Denochick in Morrisdale, PA. Pictured here is Make-A-Wish Regional Manager Lacy Bair with Shelly, Greg, Tyler and Ashley Denochick, presenting their donation.



Kurt Weiss Scholarship Reception

Every year, Pittsburgh Pirates Charities and Make-A-Wish® partner together to award scholarships to wish kids pursuing secondary education. This year, we have awarded 45 wish kids with monetary gifts to continue their academic career. We would like to congratulate the wish kid class of 2021 for their hard work, dedication and perseverance.



Make-A-Swish for Make-A-Wish®

The DuBois Dream held its Make-A-Swish for Make-A-Wish® event to help raise money for wishes. The team and its staff sold tickets for basketball shots, and participants were entered into a drawing to win prizes for every hoop made. Pictured here are Dreamy and Albert Varacallo, team owner, and Lacy Bair, Make-A-Wish Regional Manager.



Danielle Mitchell Memorial Poker Run

Last summer, the Annual Danielle Mitchell Memorial Poker Run was held in Cambridge Springs, PA. The day included a scenic motorcycle ride and raffle to win prizes, with all the proceeds benefiting wishes. Pictured here are event organizer Tom Glenn, Make-A-Wish V.P. of Development Jan Stork and event organizer Kim Mitchell-Glenn presenting their donation.

Spring Fling

Last March, the Spring Fling online auction was held to help fund wishes. Pictured here is Franklin County Make-A-Wish Volunteer Carrie Forrester with baskets she created for the auction. She donated more than 30 themed baskets by asking local businesses, consultants, friends and family to help give back.



Concert at J&D Winery

The Giacometti family gathered at J&D Cellars Winery in Eighty Four, PA, to celebrate Make-A-Wish with a chance auction and acoustic music. Together, they raised funds to help grant more local wishes in their area.



Wheels, Wings & Wishes

The annual Wheels, Wings & Wishes, held on June 13, at Moon Township Park, brought the community together to enjoy a large car show, food trucks, vendors, chance auction and live musical entertainment. This amazing event raised enough to grant nearly seven wishes.



Franklin County Truck Convoy

On August 21, the Franklin County Convoy celebrated its 10th anniversary of granting wishes at Cumberland Valley Antique Show Grounds in Chambersburg, PA. This event included live music, vendors, raffles, auctions and family-friendly games. Pictured here is event organizer Staci Hall driving a barrel train on the fair grounds.

Ride for a Wish

The Southwestern Pennsylvania Bikers for Justice, located in Washington County, held its first-ever Ride for a Wish on August 7. More than 50 motorcycles and other vehicles enjoyed a beautiful route through the countryside with a party following the ride at Geary Farm in McDonald, PA.



20th Annual Truck Convoy for WISHES

Gettysburg, PA

Revving up for 20 YEARS

On May 2, 2021, the 20th Annual Truck Convoy for Wishes event was held at Battlefield Harley-Davidson in Gettysburg, PA. With 138 trucks participating, this event raised enough to grant almost 33 local wishes. The celebratory weekend also included the Convoy Kickoff Golf Tournament and the 12th Annual Convoy Kickoff Motorcycle Ride in memory of wish kid Amy Miller.

The Truck Convoy for Wishes weekend of events was organized by Sherri Keller, with a team of volunteers, sponsors, drivers and companies supporting her efforts.

The Top 10 drivers of this year's convoy:

1. The Employees of R.H. Crawford for the kids
2. E.K. Services Inc. - In honor of the Wish kids
3. Chad Altland - Jefferson Fire Company
4. York Excavating - In memory of Bev Kottmeyer
5. Danny McCleary - S & H Express
6. Conewago Enterprises Employees
7. Brad Fair - York Springs Fire Company
8. H & H Excavating Employees
9. Dwayne Keene - Heidlersburg Fire Co.
10. Kevin Johns - KBS



Convoy Kickoff Golf



Sherri Keller



Convoy Kickoff Ride



York Excavating



APM Dakota Jumper



R.H. Crawford



Hillandale Gettysburg, LP





Brookside Bombshells

Celebrating 30 Years of Granting Wishes

From July 30 through August 7, Moms for Make-A-Wish® Softball took to Schuylkill Haven Island Park for its 30th Anniversary tournament. This milestone event featured basket raffles, home run derby, live entertainment and wish kid guests.

On the opening night, wish kid Grace threw the first pitch to kick off the celebration, as the local police took on the firehouse. Since 1991, Moms for Make-A-Wish Softball has helped fund wishes, while also bringing its community together for fun on the ball field. We would like to thank all of our participating teams: Abrams Angels, Bat Intentions, Brookside Bombshells, Blue Mountain Chiropractic, Buddy's Babes, Complete Chaos, Mad Batters, New Minersville Firehouse Bikers, Psychos, Sadowski's Thunder Chickens, Twisted Sluggers and Werner Lady Lumber.



Wish Kid Grace



New Minersville Firehouse Bikers



Mad Batters

Fundraising Champs



Werner Lady Lumber



Complete Chaos

Division A Champs



Sadowski's Thunder Chickens



Abrams Angels





Make-A-Wish®

TRAILBLAZE CHALLENGE®

From August 13-15, 2021, the first-ever Trailblaze Challenge® for Make-A-Wish® Greater Pennsylvania and West Virginia was held at the North County Trail in Clarion, PA.

This year's challenge was 23.4 miles of lush forest views, clear water streams and natural wildlife. At the event, 14 hikers and more than 25 volunteers took to the scenic trail, with one main goal in mind — to help grant wishes for local wish kids.

Together, these dedicated hikers and volunteers raised more than \$52,000 for wishes. That's enough to grant nearly 12 wishes.

If you are interested in participating in our next Trailblaze Challenge in August 2022, please contact Jake Seavy at jseavy2@greaterpawv.wish.org.

This event is open to all hikers of all levels.

Thanks to Our Donors

The next newsletter will be sent in Spring 2022 but the donor list on our website – wish.org/greaterpawv – is always up-to-date. In the meantime, don't forget to send us your email address for news and events. We will keep your address private.

The following lists cash and in-kind donations, totaling \$4,400 and above for the months of January through August 2021. Tribute honorees totaling \$500 or more are also listed. We extend our deepest appreciation to all of you. Should you discover an error or omission, please call us at 412.471.9474.

Whenever you donate online, please be sure to go through wish.org/greaterpawv. If you do, we will receive 100% of your donation – less a nominal administration fee. If you go directly to our national organization's website, we will only receive 80%.

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R.K. Mellon Family Foundation

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36th Annual Make-A-Wish Golf Outing
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