

Make-A-Wish®
NEBRASKA

Year-in-Review

A LOOK BACK AT THE WISHES
FROM OUR LAST FISCAL YEAR,
SEPT. 1, 2020 TO AUG. 31, 2021

*I wish to have a
playhouse for me and
my chickens*

Aspen, 7 | North Bend
cancer

wish.org/nebraska

Together, we create life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses.

Brigette Young, President/CEO
Make-A-Wish Nebraska, with
wish kid Harlan

Dear Friends,

For the past two years, the pandemic has taught us the true power of hope. We no longer take for granted what it means to have something to look forward to. We learned that the moment there is tangible joy on the horizon, everything changes.

Despite all the challenges COVID-19 has presented, ***we have never stopped granting wishes.*** We continue to grant non-travel wishes like campers, play structures, hot tubs, puppy wishes, room redos, playhouses, shopping sprees and many more. By granting a child's wish, we are sparking joy that will rejuvenate and help them cope with the stress of fighting a critical illness – and with your continued help, we will create hope for brighter days ahead.

As we look toward the new year, we know that replacing sadness with joy is something we all have the power to do – for children with critical illnesses, and ourselves.

Thank you for helping us create HOPE for a child with a critical illness – and spark JOY for all who support them in their fight.

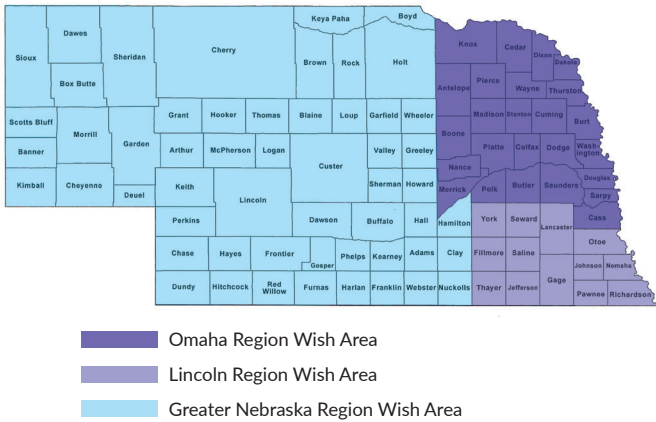
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Brigette Young
President/CEO



Local Reach



Since 1983, more than **2,900 wishes** have been granted.

100% Local – Our mission is delivered across the entire state of Nebraska.

The average cost of a wish is between **\$7,500- \$10,000**.

Every August 31st we reflect back on another incredible fiscal year of granting wishes. With the help and generosity of individuals and companies from across the state, even during these difficult times, we were able to grant **92 unforgettable wishes** to children in Nebraska with critical illnesses this fiscal year.

Make an Impact

DONATION

You can give online, by mail, or by phone. Leave a legacy and impact future generations through planned giving.

IN-KIND

You can create life-changing experiences by donating goods.

VOLUNTEERING

You can help make the wishes of children in our community come true when you become a Make-A-Wish volunteer. Our mission is possible only with the dedication of our volunteers.

DONATE AIRLINE MILES FOR FUTURE WISHES

When wish travel resumes, Make-A-Wish will need more than 2.5 billion miles, or 50,000 round-trip tickets, to grant wishes each year. Donate your miles and help make future wishes come true!

KIDS FOR WISH KIDS®

Kids For Wish Kids® is a Make-A-Wish program that enables students to discover philanthropy by selecting their own fundraising project and managing it from start to finish, with little or no help from their teachers.

REFER A CHILD

We rely on wish referrals from caring individuals to help us reach more kids with critical illnesses every year and grant them a wish that changes lives forever. The eligibility consideration process is initiated when a wish referral inquiry is submitted to the local chapter. Learn more about who is eligible for a wish, who can refer a child and how the referral process works by visiting: www.wish.org/refer-a-child

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Jaxen's Wish Story



I wish to have a play structure

Jaxen, 3 | Eagle
wilms tumor



Hope is essential during a wish kid's most challenging moments. Hope is the one thing Jaxen and his family relied on most throughout his medical journey.

Jaxen's mom always rubbed his belly to help him fall asleep. One night, she felt a lump that she had not felt before. She decided to keep an eye on it. Just four days later, the lump had grown significantly. As a mom, she didn't want to think the worst, but as a nurse, she knew something was not right. A doctor's visit confirmed their worst nightmare – Jaxen had kidney cancer.

Shortly after his cancer diagnosis, Jaxen endured many medical tests and procedures all leading up to his initial surgery to remove the 2-pound tumor. The ups and downs of his diagnosis were most significant during this time.

Unfortunately, Jaxen experienced some very rare and unfortunate complications following surgery that delayed further treatment. The day prior to receiving his first round of chemotherapy, they noticed his abdomen was extremely distended and he required another surgery to drain excess fluid from his abdomen.

"We have been blessed to have met amazing people through this journey that have cheered for Jaxen, supported us as parents and really been there for us every step of the way," said Jaxen's mom.

One of those special individuals was Jaxen's social worker at Children's Hospital, the place they initially learned he would be eligible for a wish. The one thing Jaxen missed most because of his diagnosis was going to the park. He would constantly ask to go and it always broke his parent's hearts to tell him he couldn't because his immune system was compromised. When he learned a play structure was an option for his wish, he was SUPER excited and his family knew that would be the most awesome wish for him!

"I watch Jaxen's wish reveal video often and enjoy seeing his reaction when he learned that his wish to have a play structure was being granted. I cry every time. He had such a difficult year and had experienced so much fear, so much panic, and so much pain. His first look at his new playground was pure joy and an expression we had not seen on his face in such a long time. I cannot tell you how much it meant to us to see that happiness beaming from his sweet face. Jaxen now has a safe place to play and is enjoying his new playset with his younger brother," said Jaxen's mom.



Layla's Wish Story



I wish to have a hot tub
Layla, 10 | Omaha
neurological disorder

At a young age, Layla was diagnosed with Rett Syndrome, a rare neurological disorder. Due to her illness, Layla has lost purposeful use of her hands and has lost her speech. Walking has become more difficult, and she has seizures. However, despite her illness, Layla, now 10-years-old, continues to do the things she loves including watching Disney® movies, traveling to Colorado with her family, helping her PaPa mow the lawn and washing dishes with her NaNa.

Thanks to the support and recommendation of their friend Diane from HETRA, Layla was referred to Make-A-Wish. When hearing she was receiving a wish, Layla was extremely joyful and had "loads of smiles."

Due to side effects caused by Rett Syndrome, Layla's joints and muscles often become very stiff and rigid. For Layla and her family, they knew a hot tub would be the perfect thing to counteract these side effects.

"Layla uses her Tobii (an eye gaze communication device) to communicate with us. When we asked her to decide between a trip or a hot tub, her face lit up when she saw the hot tub picture. She then repeated HOT TUB HOT TUB

HOT TUB! So hot tub it was," said Allison, Layla's mom. "The hot tub has also doubled as therapeutic physical therapy, especially during Covid."

Wishes are an important part of a child's medical journey and can help improve a child's quality of life and produce better health outcomes. Now more than ever, hope and wishes are essential.

"During the pandemic we have been living our lives as normal as possible. Layla was the healthiest she has been. God gives us hope to keep persevering through all of the new challenges," said Allison "Supporting Make-A-Wish gives children and families opportunities that they wouldn't have had without Make-A-Wish."



Katy's Wish Story



I wish to have a camper

Katy, 16 | Crete
nervous system disorder

Katy was diagnosed with Rett Syndrome at just 6-years-old. Rett Syndrome is a rare genetic disorder that effects joint and muscle movement.

Before her diagnosis, Katy was like any other child. She loved to read, sing and talk. Around the age of 2, Katy started losing certain abilities and her anxiety began increasing. By the age of 5, she had stopped speaking.

Luckily for Katy, she has the best support system right at home. Her mom, Jennifer, and her twin sister Mandy are Katy's biggest advocates and do what they can to help give Katy everything she needs. This includes Katy's wish, which was granted thanks to Mandy referring Katy to Make-A-Wish.

Deciding on a wish is not always an easy feat, but Katy loves being outdoors, camping and spending time with her family in the water. However, due to sensory issues caused by her illness, Katy isn't able to camp in tents anymore and it can be hard for her to be around large groups of people. Katy, Mandy and Jennifer knew that long-term, the best wish for Katy would be a camper she can use to travel and camp in safely.

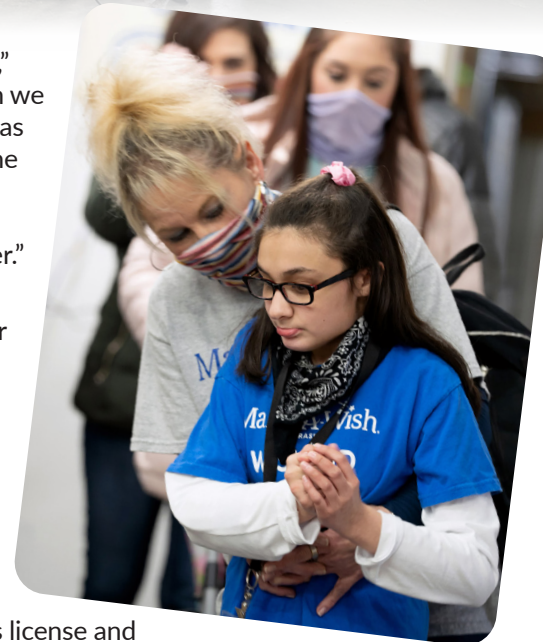
In March, Katy's wish became a reality when her new camper was revealed at Bish's RV in Lincoln!

"She already loves it," Jennifer said. "When we got home and she was in her own house, she was looking out the kitchen window and smiling at her camper."

Katy's wish has provided her and her family with hope, joy and endless adventures.

"Make-a-Wish has been wonderful," Jennifer said.

"Katy doesn't get those milestones like getting a driver's license and things, so this was about her and it was really neat how they made that happen."



Carson's Wish Story

Carson was born with a tumor on his brainstem. It wasn't until he was three years old that his family and doctors discovered the tumor. After three brain surgeries, a cranial expansion, spinal cord surgery, placement of a vagal nerve stimulator to try to stop seizure activity and a resulting neurological disorder, Carson's family knew they had been blessed with a true warrior.

Due to his illness, Carson has minimal communication, he can't read or write, and needs help getting dressed. He often feels deflated when he needs assistance on things. However, what gives him the most joy is having a companion by his side. By grooming, feeding, and taking care of his new dog, Lena, Carson feels loved and happy.

"When Make-A-Wish came out to our house to ask him about his wish, we were curious what he'd pick," said Brooke, Carson's mom. "With limited communication, we were showing him pictures of different things. Sporting events, vacation spots, and he abruptly stopped us and mumbled 'Dog, I want dog.' Clear as day, we all understood him, and he was grinning from ear to ear."

Carson has 3 younger brothers that are very into sports, racing, and doing things Carson cannot. Carson's parents felt that if they had given him a dog themselves, Carson would have felt that it was a family dog, not his. With Lena, Carson doesn't dwell on what he can't do, he focusses on what he CAN do.

"After Carson's wish was granted, we have seen a significant change in him. He has some light in his life, and something to look forward to," said Brooke. "Every single day, Carson's dog motivates him to get out of bed in the morning, maximizes his quality

of life, puts a smile on his face, and on days he can't get out of bed, he's not as miserable because his companion is by his side. This all happened because of Make-A-Wish!"

According to his parents, Carson's happiness sets the tone for the entire family because when Carson is having bad days, the whole family feels it. Often times, his siblings feel left out on these bad days because all the attention is devoted to helping Carson. Lena has impacted Carson and his family by giving them joy and strength.

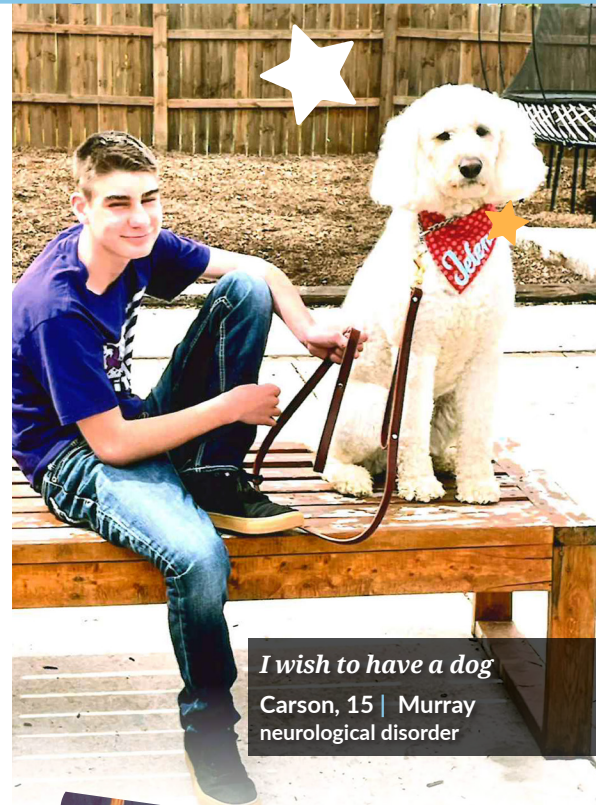
"Carson's siblings adore him and they love seeing him thrive and want to play with him. Last year during

remote learning, Carson had zero motivation to try and learn some activities of daily living," said Brooke. "Now doing remote learning, he just smiles, and takes his dog everywhere with him. One example that always makes us smile; he loves ice cream so he gets himself a bowl, and says 'Leeeeeeenaaaaa iiiiiiice cream?' So they'll sit down together while Carson enjoys his ice cream."

Thanks to the support of the local community, Carson has found his FUREVER friend.

"We are forever grateful for Make-A-Wish, the donors, sponsors, and fundraising events. These incredible acts of kindness impact the lives of children, gives them hope, minimizes the constant worrying, pain, depression, feeling like an outcast, and makes days not seem so rough," said Brooke. "Who does not enjoy seeing a child smile and not linger about their disability? From the bottom of our hearts, thank you so much! You have made Carson's dream come true by having his very own dog, a very special one at that."

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I wish to have a dog
Carson, 15 | Murray
neurological disorder

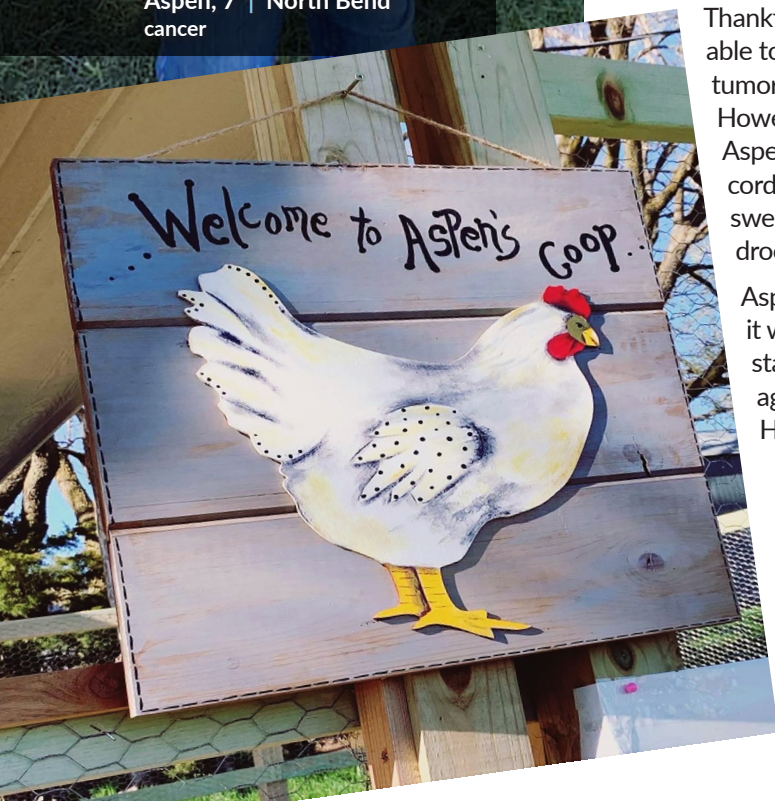


Aspen's Wish Story



I wish to have a playhouse for me and my chickens

Aspen, 7 | North Bend cancer



On April 12, 2019, Aspen and her parents heard the four words no parent ever wants to hear: your child has cancer.

Early in 2019 Aspen's parents noticed a lump on Aspen's neck. She had a cold at the time so they figured it was a side effect of that. Then in March 2019, the lump was a little more noticeable. Aspen had an appointment with her local physician who had her get an ultrasound. After the ultrasound, her doctor referred Aspen to an ENT in Omaha.

At the appointment, the doctor shared that the lump they saw on the outside was also seen on the inside. Aspen was then sent to Children's Hospital for a scan that same day. After the results of the scan came back, Aspen was sent for a biopsy, but unfortunately, those results came back inconclusive. The ENT doctor coordinated with a head and neck oncologist and surgery was scheduled for April 10, 2019 at Children's Hospital to remove the mass, which had grown to the size of a large baked potato.

Thankfully, the doctors were able to remove the entire tumor from Aspen's neck. However, following surgery Aspen was left with vocal cord paralysis, the inability to sweat on her left side and a droopy left eye.

Aspen's medical team felt it was necessary that she start eating and drinking again following surgery. However, due to the large

tumor pressing against Aspen's vocal cords for so long, they were extremely stretched out. When Aspen tried eating or drinking she would aspirate. Three days after Aspen's first surgery another medical team was put in place to put a filler in Aspen's vocal cords, lavash her lungs, and to put in a feeding tube.

"Cancer found a mighty fierce opponent in Aspen. She spent two weeks in Children's Hospital being poked, prodded, having tests, doing physical, occupational and speech therapy. The therapists quickly fell in love with her spunky personality," said Kris, Aspen's mom. "This personality served her well. She was then transferred to Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital where she spent another two weeks with intense inpatient therapy. She experienced hives, more pokes, tests, fevers, and sleepless nights. With her determined attitude Aspen quickly made friends with the therapists at Madonna too."

As Aspen continued therapy, she slowly started regaining control of her speech and the ability to eat. Aspen set a goal that she wanted to start Kindergarten being able to eat what she wanted with no feeding tube. After 137 days, Aspen's feeding tube was removed the day after she started kindergarten.

It should be noted that Aspen loves chickens. Her sister Ashley started a social media petition when Aspen was hospitalized to have people send her stuffed



chickens and other animals. She even used the hashtag #OneToughChick. Aspen's hospital room quickly became FULL of stuffed chickens. As Aspen continued to go through treatment, her sister Andrea started buying her real chickens. At one point, Aspen had over 80 real chickens and birds!

When Aspen found out she would be receiving a wish she knew right away that she wanted a space where she and her chickens could play together. That is why Aspen wished for a playhouse with an attached chicken coop so her chickens could roam around safely. Her wish not only came true, but her entire town rallied around her on her wish day.

"Words cannot describe the awesomeness. Aspen walked out of

her grade school to all of the students standing outside chanting 'Aspen, Aspen, Aspen.' It was like the tunnel walk at UNL for the football team. Goosebumps, tears, and laughter," said

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Kris. "Our tiny little town of North Bend has a population of 1,213. But on her wish day, Aspen was made to feel like royalty of the town. She was escorted home in a fire truck with the state patrol and sheriff's department leading the way. We got home with

blindfolds on, stepped off the fire truck and on the count of three took off our blindfolds. Aspen's playhouse/ chicken coop, complete with flower boxes, chalkboard wall, and more, was unveiled. But do you know what gave me more goosebumps? We had a

traffic jam on our gravel road and our property was FULL of people there to support our little girl!"

Aspen's wish proves that when the stars align and communities come together, anything is possible.

"Thank you to everyone who supports Make-A-Wish and their mission," said Kris. "Allowing sick children to close their eyes and make a wish is an indescribable experience."

Melodie's Wish Story



I wish to give tumbling mats to my cheerleading team
Melodie, 17 | Grand Island cancer



For 17-year-old Melodie, cheerleading has been a passion of hers for a long time.

Melodie, who has been battling cancer, decided to use her wish to help others. In Melodie's case, she decided to help her high school cheer squad by purchasing tumbling mats for the team.

"I've been wanting cheer mats since my freshman year," Melodie said.

Since her freshman year though, life has changed for Melodie and her family. It all started when Melodie noticed a nodule on her neck, which felt like an extension of her jawline. Originally, Melodie and her mom thought it was a swollen lymph node, but it didn't go away. After a biopsy was done, Melodie and her family received the news no one ever wants to hear—it is cancer.

Melodie eventually went to the Mayo Clinic to have the tumor removed from her neck. The surgery was not simple.

"It was supposed to be three hours, but it took five hours because my cancer had

nerve involvement. It was wrapped around the nerve, so they had to take a nerve graft from my ear lobe to my face," Melodie said.

Melodie's condition was so complex that doctor's recommended that she undergo radiation treatment to ensure all the cancer was removed. Radiation, although effective, is not always ideal as it can cause burns and sores. Although it has helped Melodie, she still remains proactive and goes to routine check-ups to ensure everything is okay.

"Hopefully we won't need any more surgeries in the future... [The doctors] routinely check her lungs, because that's where if it were to come back, it would travel to. They don't call it 'remission' anymore. Nobody's ever clear," said Jenn, Melodie's mom.

Melodie's medical journey has changed her view of the world and has enhanced her emotional maturity.

"I feel like I'm more in tune with everybody ... more compassionate because I don't know what they're going through," Melodie said. "My type of cancer you can't really see unless my neck is cramping really bad. You can only see that one part

but it's very, very uncomfortable. I am compassionate to others because I don't know what they're going through. They could be going through stuff at home or mental instability, and I wouldn't know."

That compassion helped Melodie's decision to use her wish for her cheerleading team. She put her team's safety and needs before her own. In July, right before school started, Melodie surprised her cheerleading team with the new tumbling mats.

Melodie's selfless wish will help future cheerleading squads at her school and will make a lasting impact for years to come.



Loc's Wish Story



In October 2020, 16-year-old Loc was diagnosed with Osteosarcoma, a pediatric bone cancer. In a sudden instant, Loc's world changed and doctor's visits and treatments became a part of his normal routine.

Loc is currently a senior in high school and is active on his school debate team. Being on the team and going to tournaments with his teammates is something he always looks forward to throughout the year. He also loves learning and his favorite subjects in school are math and science. Due to his illness though, Loc had to miss school a lot, and he and his parents traveled up to UNMC in Omaha from Lincoln a lot.

When Loc learned he would be receiving a wish, he knew he wanted a room redo because he wanted a space that was his—a place that was

a true extension of his interests and personality.

"Having my wish be a room makeover was important because I never actively tried to make a room that is fun or unique. I used to treat my room as a place where I just go to sleep and wake up from every day," said Loc.

"Now, my room just feels like a little something more and represents who I am as a person."

At the end of August, Loc was surprised by his whole school rallying around him and sending him off in a limo to check out his new room makeover!

For wish kids and their families, a wish is more than just a moment in time, a wish has a lasting impact for years to come.

"I would say that my wish has ignited a new sense of hope for myself and my family by giving us the inspiration

I wish to have a room redo

Loc, 16 | Lincoln cancer



that anything can happen, and it's just a matter of how we position our attitudes toward making an impact on not just our family, but to those around us," said Loc.



2021 FISCAL YEAR WISHES

Zane 4, Omaha	congenital heart disease	I wish to have a camper
Keegan, 12, Omaha	rare disease	I wish to have a camper
Josiah, 6, Omaha	nervous system disorder	I wish to go to Mahoney State Park
Adyn, 12, Kearney	brain tumor	I wish to have a smart TV with Disney+ and soft blankets
Blakely, 5, Howells	genetic disorder	I wish to have a camper
Carmenella, 5, Omaha	wilms tumor	I wish to have a play structure
Kinzlee, 7, Clarks	leukemia	I wish to have a play structure
Zamari, 4, North Platte	congenital heart disease	I wish to have a camper
Jaxen, 4, Eagle	wilms tumor	I wish to have a play structure
Walker, 8, Gering	leukemia	I wish to have a camper
Jaden, 18, Bellevue	kidney failure	I wish to have a gaming computer

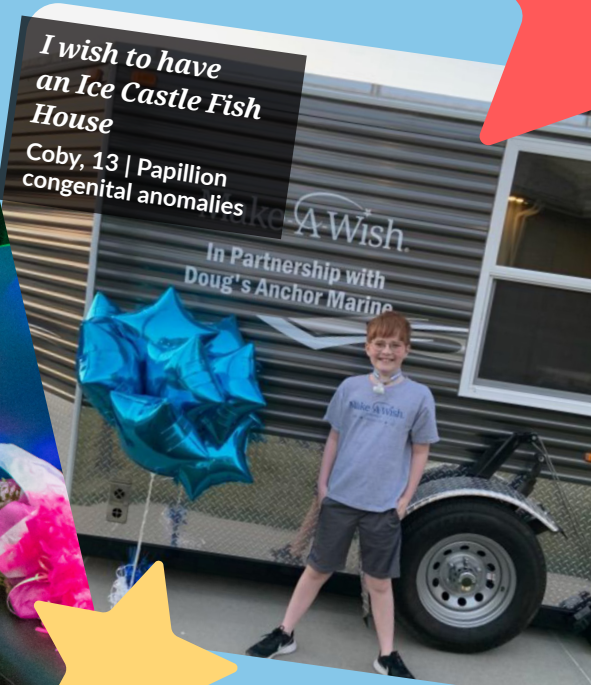
Brayden, 9, Omaha	nervous system disorder	I wish to have a shopping spree
Layla, 10, Omaha	neurological disorder	I wish to have a hot tub
Harley, 13, Imperial	leukemia	I wish to have a camper
Kainen, 10, Omaha	genetic disorder	I wish to have an art studio
Daymen, 18, Dodge	leukemia	I wish to have a shopping spree
Joshua, 9, Riverdale	gastrointestinal disorder	I wish to have a camper
Judith, 18, Omaha	kidney failure	I wish to have a college scholarship
Itza, 16, Grand Island	leukemia	I wish to have a play structure
Roscoe, 18, Marquette	nervous system disorder	I wish to have a surround sound system
Isaac, 9, Omaha	brain tumor	I wish to have a PlayStation 5 with TV and games
Katy, 16, Crete	nervous system disorder	I wish to have a camper



I wish to have an art studio
Kainen, 10 | Omaha genetic disorder



I wish to have a sweet 16 party
Addison, 16 | Lincoln genetic disorder



I wish to have an Ice Castle Fish House
Coby, 13 | Papillion congenital anomalies



Gage, 18, Lincoln	cystic fibrosis	I wish to have a shopping spree
Coby, 13, Papillion	congenital anomalies	I wish to have an Ice Castle Fish House
Macilynn, 9, Omaha	nervous system disorder	I wish to have a camper
Victor, 18, McCook	germ cell tumor	I wish to go snowboarding in Aspen
Harlan, 3, Omaha	congenital heart disease	I wish to have a treehouse
Cameron, 9, Lincoln	neuromuscular disorder	I wish to have 3 remote control cars
Paishence, 4, Gothenburg	brain tumor	I wish to have a shopping spree
Evan, 17, Fremont	cancer	I wish to have a shopping spree
Emmett, 8, Lincoln	kidney failure	I wish to have a camper
Carson, 15, Murray	neurological disorder	I wish to have a dog
Tristyn, 15, Nebraska City	genetic disorder	I wish to have a camper

James, 8, Omaha	congenital heart disorder	I wish to have a camper
Aspen, 7, North Bend	cancer	I wish to have a playhouse for me and my chickens
Zane 4, Omaha	congenital heart disease	I wish to have a camper
Ayden, 15, Plattsmouth	lymphoma	I wish to have a camper
Mackenzie, 16, Lincoln	nervous system disorder	I wish to have an Australian Shepard
Ender, 9, Omaha	genetic disorder	I wish to have a camper
Olivia, 16, McCook	leukemia	I wish to have a virtual shopping spree
Maggie, 8, Lincoln	leukemia	I wish to have a ninja warrior play structure
Addison, 16, Lincoln	genetic disorder	I wish to have a sweet 16 party
Lilly, 9, Schuyler	cancer	I wish to have a virtual shopping spree
Colton, 5, Lincoln	leukemia	I wish to have a camper
Cameron, 18, Omaha	cancer	I wish to have a shopping spree



I wish to have an Australian Shepard
 Mackenzie, 16 | Lincoln
 nervous system disorder



I wish to have a ninja warrior play structure
 Maggie, 8 | Lincoln
 leukemia



I wish to have a camper
 James, 8 | Omaha
 congenital heart disorder

2021 FISCAL YEAR WISHES

Madeleine, 6, Bellevue	lymphoma	I wish to ride a unicorn
Brenton, 3, Imperial	nervous system disorder	I wish to have a cabin experience
Ethan, 6, Carter Lake	tumor	I wish to have a PlayStation 5 with TV and games
Melodie, 17, Grand Island	cancer	I wish to give tumbling mats to my cheerleading team
Ebbin, 15, Plattsmouth	cancer	I wish to have a camper
Rory, 3, Norfolk	brain tumor	I wish to have a camper
Ian, 9, South Sioux City	leukemia	I wish to have a boys gaming cave
Tessa, 4, Bennington	leukemia	I wish to have a camper
Dalton, 18, Fullerton	kidney disease	I wish to have a camper
Camden, 11, Omaha	wilms tumor	I wish to have a gaming system
Evelyn, 5, Seward	leukemia	I wish to go to the Black Hills

Reece, 18, Omaha	cancer	I wish to have a pontoon boat
Alex, 16, Omaha	leukemia	I wish to go to Colorado
Sei, 15, Omaha	renal failure	I wish to have a shopping spree
Jack, 3, Lincoln	wilms tumor	I wish to have a backyard waterpark
Nina, 18, Hastings	nervous system disorder	I wish to meet my favorite Avenger
Zion, 5, Crete	rare disease	I wish to have a bulldog
Paislee, 3, Omaha	nervous system disorder	I wish to have a shopping spree
Megan, 17, Cook	nervous system disorder	I wish to have a dog
Evelyn, 7, Omaha	genetic disorder	I wish to have a camper
Loc, 16, Lincoln	cancer	I wish to have a room re-do
Bentley, 4, Omaha	leukemia	I wish to have a special behind-the-scenes tour of the zoo



I wish to ride a unicorn
 Madeleine, 6 | Bellevue
 lymphoma



I wish to meet my favorite Avenger
 Nina, 18 | Hastings
 nervous system disorder



I wish to have a shopping spree
 Gage, 18 | Lincoln
 cystic fibrosis

DONOR SPOTLIGHTS

CHI OMEGA



Since 2001, Make-A-Wish has proudly partnered with Chi Omega Sorority to fundraise, collaborate, and help them engage with their local Make-A-Wish chapters. Nationally, Chi Omega has raised more than \$26 million to provide children with life-changing wishes and to help them through their toughest times. With over one million hours volunteered nationally, Chi Omega has provided meaningful service toward our foundation and we continue to be inspired by their commitment to support our mission. Locally, Make-A-Wish Nebraska is proud to partner with the Chi Omega Kappa Chapter at the University of Nebraska—Lincoln and the Chi Omega Zeta Delta Chapter at the University of Nebraska—Omaha. These two chapters



have raised over \$250,000 combined through annual fundraisers such as Wing Fling, Wish Weeks, Candygram Sales and more! We look forward to continuing our partnership and are excited to celebrate them as part of our donor spotlight.

WILLARD SORORITY



Willard Sorority at Nebraska Wesleyan University, has been supporting Make-A-Wish Nebraska since the early 80's. Every fall semester, the women of Willard come together to host a fun night of food, pictures, and rocking to support Make-A-Wish Nebraska. Rock-A-Thon is an annual event where the Willards take turns rocking in rocking chairs for 24-hours straight. This event brings the Greek community together and since its inception, has raised over \$50,000 for local wishes!

In addition to Rock-A-Thon, Willards have volunteered at Make-A-Wish in a variety of roles; internships, creating posters for wish kids, helping with registration and set-up at Wish Ball, participating in our annual Wish Family Party, the reverse car parade and volunteering during wish reveals.

We are extremely grateful for all the support the Willards have shown our organization and most importantly, our wish kids.

This newsletter is dedicated to the memory of our wish kids who have passed away since our last publication

John Paul, 12, Omaha
genetic disorder
I wish to have a player piano
(Wish Year 2020)

Jace, 9, Fremont
cancer
I wish to go to a beach in Florida
(Wish Year 2016)

Autumn, 6, O'Neill
nervous system disorder
I wish to have an outdoor space with shade and a swing
(Wish Year 2019)

Sydney, 4, Ceresco
neuromuscular disorder
I wish to have a hot tub
(Wish Year 2020)

Markeva, 22, Omaha
kidney disorder
I wish to go to Hawaii
(Wish Year 2017)

Katherine, 33, Lincoln
genetic disorder
I wish to go to New York and see a Broadway Play
(Wish Year 2002)

Listed are wish kids we have been made aware of, we apologize for any unintentional omissions.

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To refer a child:

Visit www.wish.org/nebraska

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Together, we create life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses.

Events



Visit wish.org/nebraska to learn more

KFRX Wheel of Wishes

December 3, 2021 | Lincoln

Classic Rock 105.9 Radiothon

December 17, 2021 | Omaha

Wish Ball

February 19, 2022 | Lincoln

Blue Jean Ball

April 2, 2022 | Omaha

Wine, Whiskey and Wishes

May 12, 2022 | Omaha

Truck Center Companies Golf Tournament

June 10, 2022 | Omaha

Evening of Wishes Gala

August 18, 2022 | Kearney