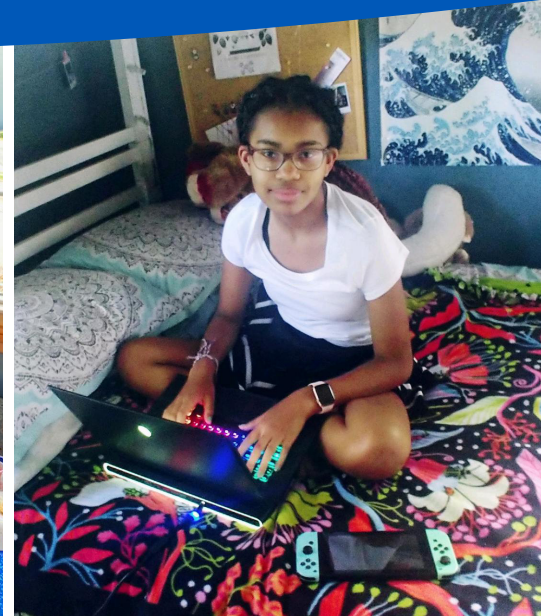




I wish to have an electronics shopping spree

Carrington, 13
cancer
West St. Paul



Carrington's Wish Keeps Her Connected

Carrington's journey has not been easy. She was first diagnosed with cancer at just two and a half years old after her family found a lump on her abdomen. Her grandmother Willa explained, "They were telling us she wouldn't live six months." Despite this, her family searched until they found the right doctor and treatment plan to fight the illness.

Carrington also lost her mother to cancer and her family has experienced other illnesses and setbacks. In 2018, they moved from Michigan to Minnesota to be closer to their extended family for support. **Now 13 years old, Carrington defies expectations and continues to show strength and resilience as she deals with cancer again.**

Carrington finds joy in schoolwork, creating art, gaming and making friends in her new home state. As she and her family were dealing with the new challenges associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, Carrington was surprised when a drone from Make-A-Wish Minnesota volunteers arrived with a special message. **Her wish to have an electronics shopping spree was coming true!**

In August, with everything carefully planned by the team at Make-A-Wish Minnesota, Carrington and her

family were chauffeured in a limo to Best Buy where a personal shopper gave her the star treatment. As part of her wish, she selected a gaming computer and headset, a Nintendo Switch and a printer. After the shopping spree, her celebration continued at Culver's in Eagan where staff hosted a special lunch for Carrington, her family and her best friend Lucy.

Willa said, "**The wish Carrington received is a blessing.** Now she has a laptop that she uses every day and games she's very happy with. She can communicate and keep up with friends and family." To add to the fun, Carrington uses her new electronics gear to work with Lucy on their art business. Together, they paint dog portraits on rocks.

Thank you to Best Buy, Culver's and all our volunteers and the supporters who made Carrington's wish extra special. ★

I want to thank everyone that has helped us at Make-A-Wish. Thank you!

-Willa, Carrington's Grandmother



Mia Broos Hoagberg
Former President & CEO



Lachelle Semanko
Interim CEO & VP of Mission Delivery

What's New at Make-A-Wish Minnesota

We appreciate your support of Make-A-Wish Minnesota, whether through giving, attending events, volunteering or spreading the word with friends and family. Your partnership allowed us to grant 117 incredible wishes over the past year. We exceeded our annual goal and are now working to grant 212 wishes by August 31, 2022.

As we have shared, our President and Chief Executive Officer Mia Broos Hoagberg began her planned retirement at end of August 2021. She showed exceptional vision in leading our team and the Board of Directors, and partnering with Minnesota wish families, volunteers, businesses and community members. We are grateful for Mia's many contributions and wish her all the best in retirement!

The search for our next CEO is underway. Until our new CEO is announced, Lachelle Semanko, VP of Mission Delivery is serving as Interim CEO. She brings more than 21 years of experience at Make-A-Wish Minnesota and a deep commitment to granting memorable and meaningful wishes for children statewide. ★



NEW RESEARCH STUDY

We are conducting a short research study this fall to learn more about our supporters. **If you see a survey in your email inbox, please take a few minutes to share your thoughts!** Your input will help us create more engaging communications, better events and more opportunities to help grant wishes statewide. We want to thank Make-A-Wish Board member Derek Nicoll and UnitedHealth Group for making this project possible!



RENEWED PARTNERSHIP

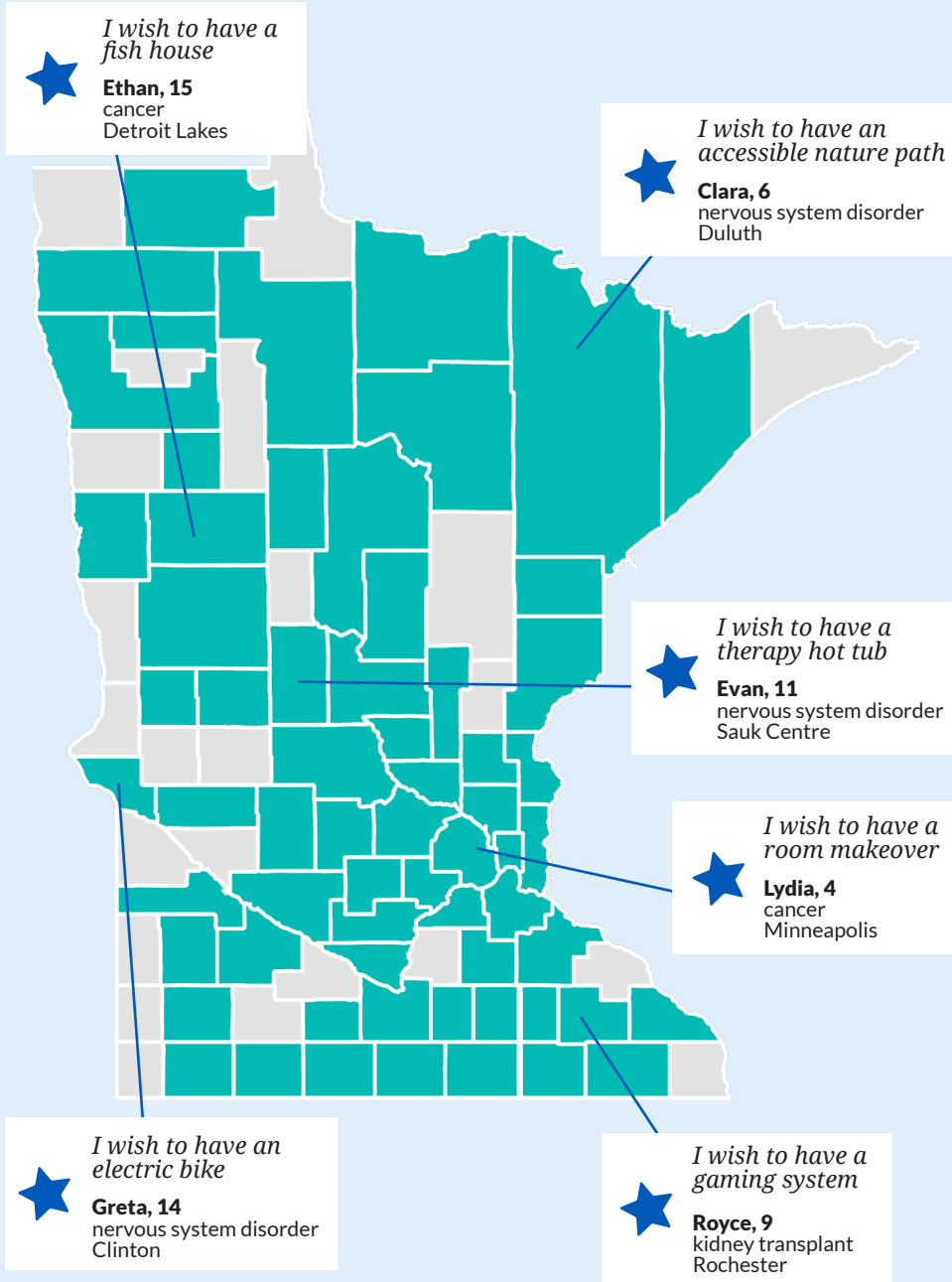
We are thrilled to share that Sun Country Airlines is continuing its generous partnership with Make-A-Wish Minnesota for another three years to help grant wishes for children with critical illnesses statewide. Sun Country has been our valued partner since 2006. Its support has included an annual holiday event for wish kids and a donation of 2,589 flights for Minnesota wish families since 2019.

Upcoming Minnesota Wishes


Did you know we grant wishes across the entire state of Minnesota?

In the coming year we are working to grant 212 wishes. We are currently planning wishes for kids in 64 Minnesota counties.*

Below we have highlighted a few upcoming wishes around the state.



Email us at info@mn.wish.org to get involved with wishes in your area, or to help connect us with your local chambers, clubs, or councils to help fund wishes.

*  Denotes counties where wishes are currently being planned. Wishes are subject to change and new wishes are referred every week.

Meet the new faces of Make-A-Wish Minnesota

Join us in welcoming our newest team members!



Teresa Hyde
Volunteer Services Coordinator
Wish mom



Pete Johnson
Giving Officer, Corporate Relations
Former wish kid



Lindsey Kumlien
Senior Giving Officer



Elizabeth Rohrer
Events Manager
Former wish kid



Gabby Santiago
Volunteer Services Manager



Kristen Seaquist
Donor Database Administrator

Wish News

Save the Date

Mark your calendar for these upcoming opportunities to support Minnesota wishes. Visit mn.wish.org/events to learn more and check back often for new events.

Sign up for our email newsletter by emailing info@mn.wish.org to receive updates directly in your inbox.



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2021

Join thousands of Minnesotans on this annual day of giving. Your generous support on this day can help us unlock matching grants and cash prizes from GiveMN, increasing the impact of your gifts. Give at givemn.org/wishmn.

Wish Ball

SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2022

Join us for our annual black tie fundraising gala for an evening filled with extraordinary entertainment and heartwarming stories to support Minnesota wish kids.

GRANT WISHES BY DONATING A VEHICLE



Did you know that you can donate a car, boat, motorcycle, camper or even an airplane to Make-A-Wish Minnesota? Your vehicle donations support wishes and are tax-deductible! It is an easy process with free towing. Call 866.480.9474 or visit mnwish.careasy.org/home to learn more.



NOVEMBER 3-5, 2021

Tune in to myTalk 107.1 FM as the radio hosts learn to operate heavy construction equipment - all to raise money for local charities including Make-A-Wish Minnesota!



**NOVEMBER 1 THROUGH
DECEMBER 24, 2021**

Write a letter to Santa, in stores or online and help bring joy to the lives of children with critical illnesses. For every letter received Macy's will donate \$1, up to \$1M to Make-A-Wish! Check our website in November to get started.

WALK FOR WISHES®

SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2022

We invite you to celebrate the power of a wish with your family and friends while raising funds for future wishes of children with critical illnesses.

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