**Make-A-Wish “At-A-Glance”**

 **What is Make-A-Wish?**

Make-A-Wish creates life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses. A wish can help children build the physical and emotional strength they need to fight a critical illness. The experience can be a game-changer that brings joy and a sense of normalcy back into a family’s life. Our belief in the power and impact of a wish is what guides us and inspires us to grant the wish of every eligible child.

Children who are eligible for a wish are not necessarily terminal. Make-A-Wish grants the wishes of children with critical illnesses. The majority of wish kids go on to manage, and even overcome, their illness.

**By the Numbers:**

* Since the founding in 1980, Make-A-Wish has granted more than **350,000 wishes** for children with critical illnesses in the U.S.
* Last year, Make-A-Wish granted **more than 9,500 wishes** throughout the U.S. and its territories; **more than 14600 wishes since the pandemic bega**n.
* Make-A-Wish has **59 chapters** serving every community in the U.S.
* **More than 24,000 volunteers across** the U.S. and its territories help Make-A-Wish grant thousands of wishes each year.

 **What’s Make-A-Wish Doing Today?**

1. Make-A-Wish grants more than 25 wishes every day for children with critical illnesses throughout the U.S. (Ex. puppy wishes, room redecorations, virtual shopping sprees, backyard playsets, etc.)
2. With certain types of wishes resuming after having to be temporarily postponed, Make-A-Wish is working hard to safely grant the wishes that are waiting in an expedited manner.
3. Make-Wish is pursuing new and creative ways to bring experiences of hope to wish kids today – and into the future.

**Why Help Make-A-Wish?**

* Hope is essential, especially for children with critical illnesses who are some of the most vulnerable among us.
* Children who are eligible for a wish are not necessarily terminal. Make-A-Wish grants the wishes of children with critical illnesses. The majority of wish kids go on to manage, and even overcome, their illness.
* Research shows that a wish can give a child the hope they need to fight their illness.
* In these challenging times, Make-A-Wish remains committed to finding ways to deliver hope for today—and tomorrow.

**How Can you Help?**

* Wishes are only possible because of the generous individual and corporate donations.
* You can help grant more wishes by encouraging the public to donate to help grant more and better wishes.
* You can mention or link to wish.org to help your audience learn more and find out how to donate.

 **Terminology:**

* Name: “Make-A-Wish”
	+ Capitalize the first letter of each word
	+ Include hyphens between each word
	+ No need to put “Foundation” at the end
* “Critical illnesses” versus “terminal illnesses”

**Social Media Tags**

* **Facebook** – @MakeAWish
* **Instagram** - @MakeAWishAmerica
* **Twitter** - @MakeAWish
* **Youtube -** <https://www.youtube.com/MakeAWish>