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## A Wish To Work With Animals



Make-A-Wish.

I wish to have tuition at Penn Foster Cynthia, 19







Cynthia loves animals and has always displayed a certain knack for veterinary medicine. Her family owns an old Labrador retriever who suffered from joint problems. After doing a bit of research, Cynthia concocted a medicinal ointment for the family pet. Although their dog came away from the treatment confused and greasy, the pep had returned to his step.

In 2018, Cynthia was diagnosed with cancer. Thinking the worst was over in 2021, she planned to go to college in Colorado. Those plans were sidelined by her illness. The doctors felt it was best if she sat out of college for another year. That's when she made her wish.

"Over these past couple of chaotic years, I have reached a decision of what I would like my wish to be. Through many obstacles and unexpected turns of my health, my dream of working with animals has stayed strong. Animals have always brought me peace and comfort through my journey of dealing with cancer. It would be a dream come true to have college tuition paid for to become a Veterinary Technician and Technologist," Cynthia wrote to Make-A-Wish® Idaho.

Cynthia enrolled online at Penn Foster where she will receive a Vet Tech A.S. degree, and the wish will cover the entire cost of tuition.

Help Us Grant Wishes Like Cynthia's



Synora struggles with a nervous system disorder that requires constant monitoring, and she has already undergone several surgeries during her childhood. Although she looks outwardly healthy, her illness has filled her life with instability and uncertainty.

Despite the challenges she faces, she stays optimistic. Synora enjoys art, music, and loves to sing. She also likes riding her bike, skiing, and camping. Her family describes her as a strong, adventurous, and positive girl.

Synora wished to go to Disney World where she could

experience the world-class attractions and meet the whimsical Disney characters, but one of the most important things that she requested was to "stay in a hotel for five days."

In February 2022, Synora and her family traveled to Orlando, Florida where they stayed at Give Kids the World (a hotel but better) for five days and also visited Disney World, Epcot Center, Hollywood Studios, and more. Synora's family told Make-A-Wish Idaho that their trip to Disney World may have been one of the best days of their lives!

Help Us Grant Wishes Like Synora's



Last year's Wish Heroes campaign was so successful and so much fun that we're doing it again!

Being a Wish Hero is easy. Each individual is tasked with raising \$1,000. Although not every Wish Hero will accomplish this goal, Make-A-Wish Idaho is incredibly grateful for the support of anyone who would like to try.

Every dollar matters and helps us grant heartfelt wishes. Wish Heroes will receive a personalized fundraising page that they can use to raise money on social media, via email or with a personal site. The fundraising webpage is mobile-friendly and easy to use. Wish Heroes can also receive support from Make-A-Wish Idaho staff.

Make-A-Wish Idaho is also looking for Idaho-based companies to become corporate Wish Heroes. Companies that become corporate Wish Heroes will receive special recognition from Make-A-Wish Idaho on social media, email and elsewhere!

Become a Hero



Join us for the annual Wishes In Flight telethon on April 6. The telethon kicks off on CBS 2 at 6 a.m. and continues until 10:30 p.m. This year's telethon will again be a hybrid event where we will accept both cash and airline miles. Please call us at 208-345-9474 on that day to donate.

If you can't make the telethon or would like to help wish kids today, you can donate airline miles here:

**Donate Airline Miles** 



Start a brand-new Make-A-Wish Idaho tradition by attending the first-ever Walk For Wishes Idaho Falls. The Walk will take place on May 21 at Russ Freeman Park located at 1290 Science Center Dr. in Idaho Falls. Registration starts a 9 a.m. and the walk kicks off at 10 a.m.

The Walk for Wishes Idaho Falls celebrates the wishes that have been granted in Idaho while raising funds to grant future wishes. There is no registration fee, but we ask participants to raise \$100 to help us grant wishes for Idaho kids.

We're so excited to see all our old friends in eastern Idaho and make new ones at the inagural Walk For Wishes Idaho Falls

Sign Up for the Walk



Registration for the 8th Annual Walk for Wishes is now open!

The Walk for Wishes Boise will be held in conjunction with Music on the Water on Friday, June 3. Registration starts at 5:00 p.m. with the walk kicking off at 6 p.m. sharp at Esther Simplot Park.

The walk is approximately one mile in length, and the

course stretches around Quinn's Pond. Make sure to dress appropriately for the weather.

The Walk for Wishes Boise celebrates wishes that have been granted in Idaho, while raising funds for future wishes. You can sign up at <u>Idaho.wish.org</u> today as a sponsor, walk team, or volunteer. There is no registration fee; though Make-A-Wish Idaho asks participants to raise \$100 or more to help grant wishes for Idaho wish kids.

Anyone who signs up for the walk by March 31 will be entered to win a \$25.00 Dutch Brothers gift card.

We'll see you in June!

Sign Up for the Walk



Idaho Gives - a program of the Idaho Nonprofit Center and powered by ICCU - is designed to bring the state together, raising money and awareness for Idaho nonprofits. Due to the increased need of support to the nonprofit sector, because of COVID-19, the online giving period has been extended!

Donations will be collected from May 2 - May 5, but you can visit our page early.

Visit Our Idaho Glves Page



If you have appreciated capital assets you've held for more than a year, such as stocks, there may be advantages to donating those directly to Make-A-Wish Idaho instead of selling them and paying tax first and then donating the net proceeds.

By donating appreciated assets directly to a not-forprofit: **1. You allow the organization to receive the full pretax value of those appreciated assets.** 

2. You may avoid long-term capital gains taxes you might otherwise owe.

3. You may be able to deduct the full value of those assets on your tax return as a charitable gift.

For example: Suppose you sell \$1,000 worth of stock that you've held for more than a year to donate the proceeds to a charitable organization. After paying any capital gains taxes, you'd be left with less than \$1,000 to give to the charity. But if you were to donate that same \$1,000 of appreciated stock directly to Make-A-Wish Idaho:

 The organization can usually sell the stock and receive the full \$1,000, tax-free.
You could potentially deduct the full \$1,000 value of your donation on your tax return.

To download the securities donation form, click here. For more information, please contact Janie Best at 208.297.6822 or jbest@idaho.wish.org

## Transform Lives with an IRA

You can turn the required distribution from your IRA into a gift that creates life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses. If you are 70 % or older, you can contribute up to \$100,000 from your IRA tax-free (\$200,000 for qualifying married couples)

It's really quite simple:

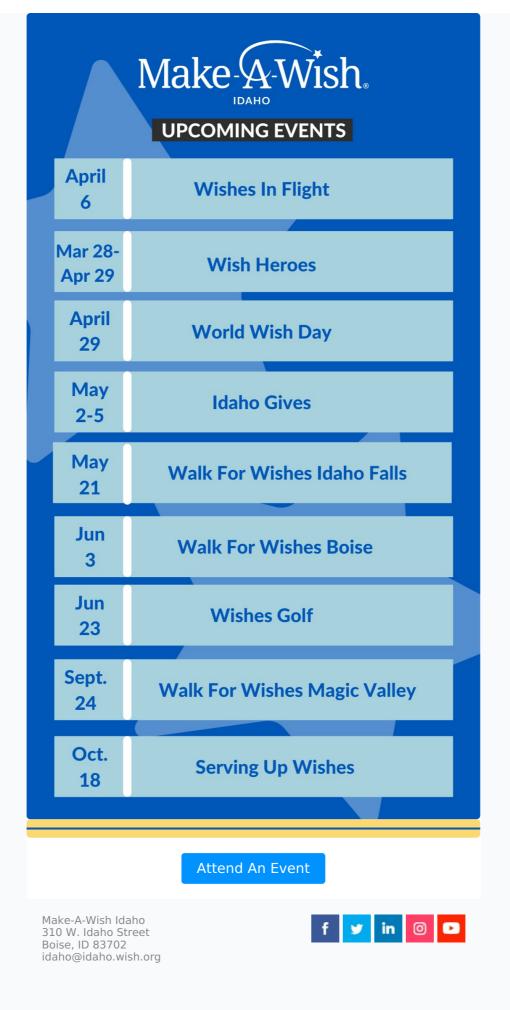
- 1. Contact the administrator of your IRA.
- 2. Indicate you wish the distribution from your IRA to be sent directly to Make-A-Wisb® Idaho.
- 3. When the distribution arrives, we will provide you with an acknowledgement for your tax records.

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