

# Wish Celebration Volunteer

Together, we create life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses. With the help of generous donors and volunteers, Make-A-Wish Eastern NC has granted more than 4,200 wishes across our chapter. We mark the granting of each wish with a celebration for the wish child at the time of, or just prior to, their wish being granted.

## Position Summary

A wish celebration volunteer will coordinate and execute a wish celebration, typically within the 2 weeks prior to a child's wish being granted. Volunteers work in teams of two, with guidance from Make-A-Wish staff, to ensure a unique and memorable wish delivery experience. Volunteers may select wish celebrations based on their own location, interests, and availability.

## Duties and Responsibilities

- Create a unique wish experience for the wish child by planning and delivering a "send-off" or "presentation" celebration for each wish, as appropriate. Celebrations may be planned for the wish family's home or a nearby venue/restaurant.
- Deliver elements of the wish needed to complete the wish process. This may include goods, services, or itinerary packets. These items are provided by Make-A-Wish staff.
- Solicit in-kind donations for wish celebrations, ensuring Make-A-Wish resources are used wisely.
- Act as a reliable, communicative, and productive member of the "wish team" by working closely with the wish child and their family, a volunteer partner, and Make-A-Wish staff to create the best possible wish experience for the child.

## Desired Qualifications

- Creative thinker and event planner with drive to make each wish celebration unique and memorable.
- Ability to work with people from diverse backgrounds, especially children with critical illnesses.
- Resourceful and self-motivated with a willingness to solicit in-kind donations.
- Strong verbal and written communication skills. This includes ensuring that all photos and communications from the wish family are passed along to the office.
- Commitment to maintaining confidentiality.

## Volunteer Commitment

- Time commitment of 3-8 hours per wish celebration, depending on the type of wish. This includes planning time as well as the wish celebration itself.
- Complete criminal background check every 3 years and Conflict of Interest & Ethics Assurance Statement annually.
- Complete official Make-A-Wish Volunteer training and attend continuing education courses, as offered by Make-A-Wish chapter staff.
- Prioritize health and safety in any interaction with a member of the Make-A-Wish community.

## Examples of Wish Celebrations/ Deliveries

- Wish send-off parties for wishes involving travel.
- Delivery and set-up of "to have" wishes (i.e. room makeovers, electronics/ gaming set-ups, pets).
- Presentations of completed projects (i.e. swimming pools, backyard playsets, golf carts).
- Escorting wish families on LOCAL wishes (shopping sprees, celebrity meet & greets, "to be" wishes).

## Join Our Team of Inspired People Transforming Lives

We are more than a great place to volunteer - our work is life changing. We are an inclusive and diverse group of people who, through a mosaic of backgrounds, thoughts and experiences are united in purposeful work. We are fueled and guided by our values - values that are represented in the inspired people we work with and the transformational work we do every day.

For immediate consideration, please contact Sarah Hughes, Chief Program Officer, at [shughes@eastnc.wish.org](mailto:shughes@eastnc.wish.org).

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