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WISH KID ADDISON'S
*Tropical
Escape* 

*I wish to
go to Hawaii*



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Since 2004, Wishful Thinking has showcased the hope, strength and joy found in every wish story. From the medical professionals who refer a child, to the trained volunteers from across Wisconsin who aid us, to the donors whose gifts fuel our mission, it takes an entire community to make a wish come true for a child with a critical illness.

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As we are early into this new year, many of us reflect on where we've been and imagine where the year will take us. You and the entire wish-granting community made 2022 happier and more hopeful for kids like Addison (page 8). Every single wish we granted changed lives. Now let's change lives for the better in 2023.

We know this thanks to research data from the 2022 Wish Impact study. A large majority of wish families and medical providers shared that a wish was a necessary part of the child's medical treatment journey. Perhaps the most overwhelming feedback came from pediatric doctors. More than 90% of the doctors surveyed said they witnessed their patients overcoming sadness, hopelessness, anxiety and depression after their wish.

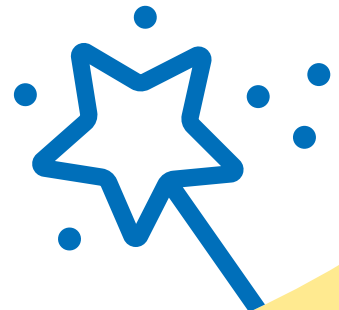
Sebastian (page 11), Michael (page 12) and Cormac (page 14) are just a few of the many Wisconsin children who experienced a transformative wish this past year. **This kind of hope, strength and joy can only be found in a wish, and wishes are only granted thanks to your support.**

With you by our side, 2023 will be transformational for even more children and their families. Thank you!

Warmest wishes,

Craig Faust
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Bid on a big assortment of silent auction items to help make wishes come true.

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Help a travel wish take flight by donating your unused airline miles: wish.org/wisconsin/miles.

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AWARDS AND HONORS

Every year, at our annual Board Hail & Farewell dinner, we honor volunteer leaders who have made a significant difference as a Make-A-Wish volunteer over the course of many years.

This year, we were thrilled to present the **Todd Lappin Volunteer Leadership Award** to two deserving individuals.



Ellen Stark

For more than 20 years **Ellen Stark** has been a Make-A-Wish Wisconsin champion. She has volunteered in almost every capacity possible with Make-A-Wish. The role closest to her heart is serving as a wish granter, having granted 67 wishes and counting.



Joyce Kilgore-Carlin

Joyce Kilgore-Carlin, a social worker at UW Health American Family Children's Hospital in Madison, has been giving kids battling critical illnesses hope, strength and joy for more than 15 years. She has built Make-A-Wish into her professional life on a daily basis.

Congratulations Ellen and Joyce, and thank you for the example of generosity and hope you provide for us all.



Rich Thompson
ABC Supply

We were also delighted to present the **Marilyn Mueller Donor Award** to **ABC Supply Co. Inc.**, the largest wholesale distributor of roofing in the United States, and one of the nation's largest wholesale distributors of a wide assortment of exterior building products.

ABC Supply, located in Beloit, has become a proud partner to both Make-A-Wish Wisconsin and to Make-A-Wish® America through their commitment as a national corporate partner, donating significantly to chapters across the country. Rich Thompson, Director of Marketing & New

Business Development who also serves as a Make-A-Wish Wisconsin Board Director, accepted the award on behalf of the company. Congratulations ABC Supply, and thank you for all you do to give kids in our community hope and joy through a wish come true.

WISH NIGHT®

In 1994, Les Weil and Jodi Peck put forth extraordinary effort to create Make-A-Wish Wisconsin's first-ever gala. The event was founded in memory of their daughter Kelly Weil, who had recently passed away after a long battle with bone cancer. Now 30 years later, Wish Night has grown into an annual highlight of the fundraising calendar.

You can participate in the event by bidding on a big assortment of fantastic silent auction items. The silent auction will open 1-2 weeks before the event, so be on the lookout at wish-night.com.



WELCOME, NEW STAFF

We are pleased to welcome several new members to our Make-A-Wish Wisconsin team who will be working to make more wishes come true in the years to come.



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MARCH 5 @ TYROL BASIN
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TUBING FOR WISHES



Come join the fun while tubing for wishes! Spend the afternoon on the tubing hill and stay warm in the chalet with hot chocolate, cookies, cocktails (adult and kiddie versions!), a raffle and more. For tickets and details, visit tubing23.givesmart.com



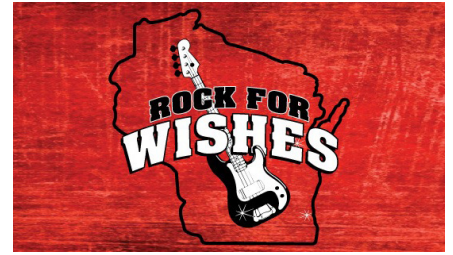
MARCH 2023

JERSEY MIKE'S MONTH OF GIVING

Join Make-A-Wish and Jersey Mike's to help make wishes come true. Throughout the month of March, customers are encouraged to make donations to Make-A-Wish through the Jersey Mike's mobile app or on-site at each participating location. The campaign culminates with the nationwide Day of Giving, on Wednesday, March 29, when these local Jersey Mike's owners and operators will donate their resources and every single dollar that comes in to Make-A-Wish.

APRIL 1 @ TANNERS GRILL & BAR
KIMBERLY, WI

ROCK FOR WISHES



Enjoy music for a cause at the 15th annual all ages Rock for Wishes. Tickets are \$10 per person for a full night of live music, raffle, silent auction and more. Doors open at 2 p.m. Check out the Rock for Wishes Facebook page at facebook.com/rockforwishes for the impressive 8 band line-up and more details!



WISH-A-THON

30 plus wishes funded over two days and 24 hours!

The 2022 Wish-A-Thon, presented by Kesslers Diamonds on iHeartMedia in December was a big success, raising over \$208,000, which will result in more than 30 wishes for kids battling critical illnesses.

Thank you to our wish families who shared their stories, volunteers and all of the on-air talent and iHeart staff on 95.7 BIG FM, 97.3 The Game, Z104, Fox Sports 1070, 1310 WIBA-AM, 92.1 REWIND and U100.9.

Also thank to your sponsors, including Baird, Carmex, Habush Habush & Rottier and Rheem, and of course, thank you to everyone who became a Kesslers Diamond Club member or Wish Club member or made a donation.



MAKE-A-WISH HITS THE ICE

On January 27, the Milwaukee Admirals hosted their annual Make-A-Wish night, providing complimentary tickets for wish families and Make-A-Wish supporters. Over 1,300 Make-A-Wish supporters came out for the game as the Admirals took on the Rockford Icehogs.

Craig Faust, the Board Chair for Make-A-Wish Wisconsin took the ice as one of the Human Hockey Pucks, representing Make-A-Wish. Thank you to everyone who attended and the Milwaukee Admirals for all of their support.



The 2nd annual **Skating with Santa**, hosted by Wishmakers of Wisconsin, was another huge hit! The event raised funds in honor of Wish Kid Jackson's wish to go to Disney World. Jackson and his family joined more than 100 people to enjoy ice skating with Santa, sipping on hot chocolate, meeting Santa's reindeer, decorating cookies, and so much more!

In total, the event helped raised enough funds to grant Jackson's wish, and two more kids living with critical illnesses.



Friend Like Me Parties & Entertainment offered a magical night of fun for wish families and supporters.

The **Hallow-Wishes** event had special appearances from Minnie & Mickey Mouse, the Sanderson Sisters and more, all to fundraise for wish kids.



The **Wisconsin Underground Contractors Association** hosted an evening full of delicious food & drinks, social time and a competitive silent and live auction. This annual event raised over \$33,000 to help make wishes come true for children with critical illnesses. Wish kid Benny (pictured above) shared the story of his wish to go to the **Walt Disney World® Resort** at the event.



The **Women's Council of Realtors Wisconsin** raised over \$12,000 to help make wishes come true.



Bobby's Bar in Brookfield donated a percentage of sales to help grant a wish!



For his 36th birthday Billy Webber ran 36 miles to raise funds to grant a local child's life-affirming wish. Billy & his **Running for Wishes** marathon raised more than \$10,000 to give a child battling a critical illness hope.



The Kettle Moraine ATV Association, The Lakeshore ATV/UTV club, and Wisconsin ATV/UTV Association hosted the 15th Annual **ATV/UTV Charity Ride** this past October at The Washington County Fair Park in West Bend. In total they raised \$21,000 for wishes.



Our amazing supporters at Holiday's in Sheboygan held a **Guest Bartender Night**. They raised \$11,000 for local wish kids through gift baskets, a 50/50 raffle, local support and more!



The annual **Can't Depend on Snow** dog sled race raised \$5,650 for wish kids with an online silent auction, pictures with Santa, sled dog racing and raffles.



Donor Spotlight

WHEELS FOR WISHES



Since 2012, Make-A-Wish Wisconsin has partnered with Wheels for Wishes, a non-profit car donation program that accepts cars, trucks, boats, motorcycles, RVs and more and turns them into donations to Make-A-Wish Wisconsin. Since that time, they have raised over \$1 million for the Wisconsin Chapter, resulting in more than 200 wishes.

Wheels For Wishes believes that every child, no matter his or her health, deserves a chance to have a happy and fulfilling childhood. By donating a vehicle, they are able to raise funds to support Make-A-Wish chapters in locations throughout the country, helping grant wishes to children with critical illnesses. Nationally, they have raised over \$108 million for Make-A-Wish chapters since 2010.

We are grateful for this partnership and the hope and joy they give to so many children through their program.

To learn how you can donate your car or vehicle, please visit wheelsforwishes.org/wisconsin.



THANK YOU FOR A WARM SEASON OF WISHES®

This past Season of Wishes was filled with so much generosity and hope. Thank you to everyone who donated a toy or gift, made a financial contribution, mailed your letter to Santa at Macy's, chose Make-A-Wish Wisconsin as the receiving charity for Subaru's Share the Love, and so much more. Every gift will make a difference in the lives of the 450 kids currently waiting for a wish.

MEANINGFUL INTENTIONS

There's still time to set meaningful intentions that can support you, your loved ones, and even the future of wish kids.

When you create your estate plan with our partner, FreeWill, you can have peace of mind about your future and create a legacy of wishes alongside our chapter for years to come.

Get started on your free plan today!



...
Scan the QR code to learn more.
...

I wish to go to Hawaii

RENEWED HOPE AND STRENGTH

Addison may look like a typical 10-year-old who loves to play Roblox, watch American Idol, and is an outgoing and sensitive kid. Yet, at age 7, she was diagnosed with Burkitt lymphoma and battled an intense medical journey. Her mother, Karen, shares Addison's story:

"Addison was diagnosed on January 1st, 2020. She had been easily bruising and was very weak. We had just lost her 7-year-old brother Camden in August of 2018 from an aggressive type of brain cancer called glioblastoma, so I was very alert to her health changes. I couldn't believe it could be happening again to our family.

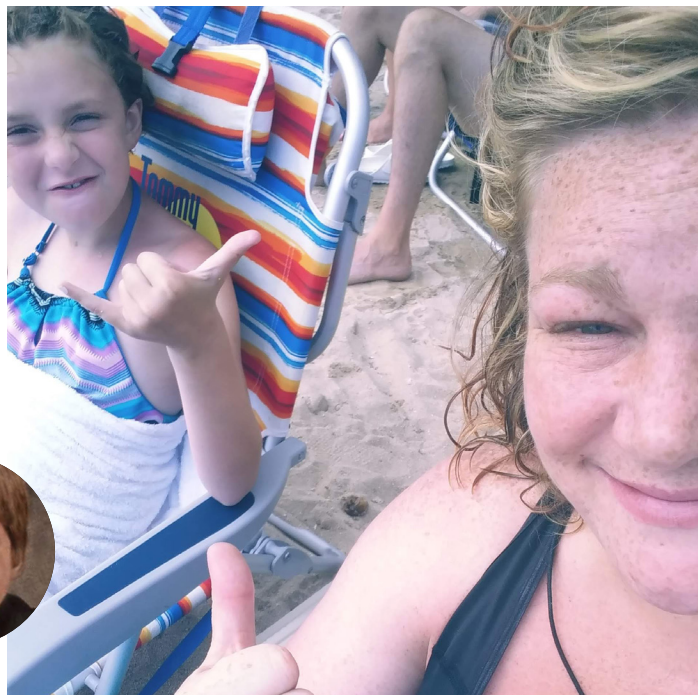
Addy was diagnosed with Burkitt lymphoma, which is a rare but highly aggressive (fast-growing) B-cell non-Hodgkin lymphoma. Thankfully, her odds were good compared to her brother. She did 6 months of chemotherapy treatments and fought like a champ! She gives her late brother credit for her strength to fight.

Addy's wish to go to Hawaii was an opportunity for us to experience something beautiful together. No hospital rooms, no lab draws or appointments, and no worry. Just pure, raw, and beautiful. Exactly what our family needed. Addy loved watching the movie 'Moana' during her hospital stays, so a trip to Hawaii seemed fitting!

The wish itself was an amazing experience. We visited Sea Life Park where Addy swam with dolphins, took a boat out for swimming with turtles and then even saw wild dolphins. Addy thought that experience was absolutely amazing. Our family made some great memories, all thanks to a wish. It created incredible memories that we will treasure forever."

Wish Granters: Michael & Holly Jones; Paula & Craig Hokanson

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Make-A-Wish® relies on referrals from caring individuals to reach more kids with critical illnesses each year. Learn more about wish eligibility, who can make a referral and how the process works at wish.org/refer.

Above: Duke's wish to have horse all started with a simple referral.

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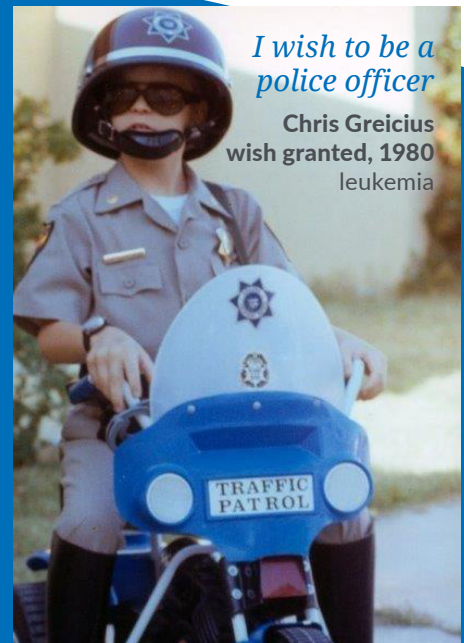
RESTORE HOPE WITH A WISH

Children who are fighting critical illnesses experience extreme emotional challenges every day. For a young mind to wrap itself around medical terms, harsh treatments and scary surgeries is not only exhausting – it is traumatic. Such mental distress can impair a child's long-term healing and leave them feeling hopeless.

This World Wish Day, coming up April 29, consider hosting a fundraiser, help amplify the Make-A-Wish mission and help us share the impact of a wish.

To learn how, please contact Jordyn at jdutkiewicz@wisconsin.wish.org or call 262.781.4445.

A wish begins with hope – and hope begins with you.



I wish to be a police officer

Chris Greicius
wish granted, 1980
leukemia

*I wish to go to
the Walt Disney
World® Resort*

Sebastian, 3
leukemia

THE WISH LIST

Wishes Granted October 1
- December 31, 2022

...to have a Backyard Swimming Pond

Quinn, 4

Wish Granters: Holly De Long & Peggy Van Grinsven

...to have a Beach-themed Family Gathering

Delaney, 5

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Benjamin, 3

Wish Granters: Mallory Fritsch & Michele Fritsch

Blakely, 6

Wish Granters: Scott Polzin & Wendy Cozzens

Roman, 3

Wish Granters: Rosie Robinson & Mike Savage

William, 12

Wish Granters: Barbara Bongard & Jennifer Flamboe

Gary, 16

Wish Granters: Carley Jane Hilt & Colleen Leahy

...to go to Chicago

Kaiden, 6

Wish Granters: Susan Bonhage & Elizabeth Erickson

...to go to the Walt Disney World® Resort

Rylie, 3

Wish Granters: Jan Berkholtz & Marsha Ann Adam

Sebastian, 3

Wish Granter: Diana Moreno

Amelia, 4

Wish Granters: James Corona & Dilarom Batyrova St. Louis

Darla, 4

Wish Granters: Jane Foner, Heather Ann Loughney, Danielle Matysik & Jeanette Dickinson

Gus, 4

Wish Granters: Thomas Bauer & Amanda Burton

Adaya, 5

Wish Granters: Donnie & Michele Rivera

Allen, 5

Wish Granters: Sandra Ann Yost & Peggy Van Grinsven

Christian, 5

Wish Granters: Peggy Van Grinsven & Sandy Strack

Logan, 5

Wish Granters: Joy Hearden & Michelle Schoenfeld

Matthew, 5

Wish Granters: Jennifer Flamboe & Shannon Seymer-Tabaska

Atlas, 6

Wish Granters: Patricia Adams & Peggy Van Grinsven

Heaven, 6

Wish Granters: Kristin Paul & Kathryn Finley

Natalee, 6

Wish Granters: Carolyn & Michael Conley

Alexis, 7

Wish Granters: Jeremy Kox & Megan Kox

Geanie, 7

Wish Granters: Corey & Jennifer Kuchta

Lainey, 7

Wish Granters: Angela Elliott & Larry Levy

Lakelyn, 7

Wish Granters: Mathilde & Rodney Ugent

Malaina, 7

Wish Granters: Faith Horn & Nancy Schimmelpennig

Owen, 7

Wish Granters: Miranda Metzler & Bryan Nothem

Sophia, 7

Wish Granters: Kathleen McCarthy & Alex Franke

Aaron, 8

Wish Granter: Kristin Paul, Maurine Braun & Diana Moreno

Averi, 8

Wish Granters: Susan Lamprich & Jennifer DeBruin

Kenedi, 8

Wish Granters: Kaelyn Martin, Danielle Matysik, Dawn Marcott & Ann Slifka

Emelyn, 9

Wish Granters: Julie VanLaanen & Ann Kleist

Hallie, 9

Wish Granters: Holly De Long & Natalie Binder

Cormac, 10

Wish Granters: Sherry McKee & Kelly Benish

Donovan, 10

Wish Granters: Sherri Mowery Perrigo, Julie VanLaanen & Lisa Yursis

Jase, 10

Wish Granters: Polly Marie Frisque & Heather Jean Process

Jayden, 10

Wish Granters: Danielle Szymakowski & Leah Kutz

Mahmoud, 10

Wish Granters: Jeff & Kristen Hurt

Tyson, 10

Wish Granters: Mathilde & Rodney Ugent

Zane, 10

Wish Granters: Jean Zoulek, Faith Horn & David Vanness

Anthony, 11

Wish Granters: Ashleigh Henrichs & Leslie Kania

Ethan, 11

Wish Granters: Cheryl Muller & Dawn Marcott

Lilith, 11

Wish Granters: Joy Lancour & Steven Hesselberg

Gyeonha, 12

Wish Granters: Kristin Enea & Jan Berkholtz

Jedidiah, 13

Wish Granters: Linda Ryfinski, Corinne Kennedy and Joe & Kathy Bartel

Michael, 13

Wish Granters: Natalie Binder & Tracey Dorsey

Noah, 13

Wish Granters: Daniel Rogan & Jan Berkholtz

Alivia, 15

Wish Granters: Mayme Hoffman & Michele Bergstrom

Eronzo, 16

Wish Granters: Donnie Rivera, Larry Levy & Michele Rivera



Special thanks to The Walt Disney Company for providing complimentary admission and special perks for every family who experiences a Disney wish.



MAKE-A-WISH VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH

Behind every wish are volunteers who donate their time and talents to make the impossible possible. The following volunteers have gone a step beyond:

OCTOBER 2022 JUNE TORRE



"Volunteering for Make-A-Wish has been such a rewarding and amazing experience for me," says June. "From the minute you walk into an event you can feel the positive energy from the staff and volunteers – then the kids and families arrive and seeing the smiles and hearing the laughter makes it all worthwhile. It doesn't cost anything to volunteer but the payback is priceless!!"

NOVEMBER 2022 CARMEN BRUS



Having served as a Make-A-Wish Wisconsin volunteer for more than four years, Carmen says, "no matter how much a child has gone through, there is always a way to bring them some joy. These kids are truly amazing! I just love to see the smiles on the wish kid's faces and to work with so many wonderful families."

DECEMBER 2022 POLLY FRISQUE



Serving as a volunteer for more than 10 years, working events and as a wish granter, Polly says that "I volunteer because I think these kids deserve the world! They are going through illnesses that no one should ever have to endure, let alone a child. I also volunteer because Make-A-Wish is run by wonderful people who truly have the kids' best interests at heart. You can tell that every decision is made based on what is best for the kids."

If you would like to nominate a Make-A-Wish Wisconsin volunteer for Volunteer of the Month, please contact Director of Volunteer Services Jennilyn Parulski at 800.236.WISH (9474) or jparulski@wisconsin.wish.org.

BILINGUAL? VOLUNTEER FOR WISHES!

We are always looking to increase our interpreter talent! If you are bilingual and would like to actively help make wishes come true, please contact Volunteer Manager Jennilyn Parulski at 800.236.WISH (9474) or jparulski@wisconsin.wish.org.

¿CONOCE A ALGUIEN BILINGÜE?

¡Siempre estamos buscando más intérpretes! Si usted conoce a alguien bilingüe que le gustaría ayudar a cumplir deseos, por favor comuníquese con nuestra Gerente de Voluntarios, Jennilyn Parulski al 800.236.WISH (9474) o jparulski@wisconsin.wish.org.

WHO GETS A WISH?

A child with a critical illness older than 2½ years and younger than 18 years and has not received a wish from any other wish-granting organization is potentially eligible for a wish from Make-A-Wish Wisconsin.

After a child is referred, Make-A-Wish will work with the treating physician to determine the child's eligibility for a wish, i.e. suffering from a progressive, degenerative or malignant condition that, despite adherence to the treatment plan, is currently placing the child's life in jeopardy.

These are the only criteria used to determine a child's eligibility.

If you or your child meets all of the above qualifications, we invite you to begin the process today by contacting the Make-A-Wish Wisconsin office at 800.236.WISH (9474), or refer online at wish.org/refer.

Together, we create life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses. With help from a thriving community of donors, medical professionals and volunteers, we are working toward granting the one true wish of every medically-qualified child!

Above: 13-year-old Michael's wish to go to the Walt Disney World® Resort came true this past November.

THE WISH LIST

Wishes Granted October 1
- December 31, 2022 (Cont.)

Conner, 18
Wish Granters: Megan & Jeremy Kox
Zoey, 20
Wish Granter: Diane Marie Brossart

...to have a Fishing Boat

Connor, 15
Wish Granters: Kelly Johnson & Paula Hokanson

...to have a Game Room

Ian, 8
Wish Granters: Shari Beland & Todd Beland

...to have a Gaming Computer

James, 12
Wish Granters: Holly De Long & Megan Kox

...to have a Golden Retriever

Jeremiah, 12
Wish Granters: Candace Rae Richter & Linda Marie Jones-Blau

...to meet the Green Bay Packers

Branden, 17
Wish Granters: Linda Ryfinski, Corinne Kennedy, Michele Bergstrom & Mayme Hoffman

...to go to Hawaii

Jaiden, 12
Wish Granters: Joel Cencius & Danielle Szymakowski

Ava, 16
Wish Granters: Natalie Binder & Holly De Long

Ashton, 18
Wish Granters: Pa Zao Lee & Heather Ann Loughney

Jessa, 18
Wish Granters: Maki White & Dana Mejic

Samuel, 18
Wish Granters: Marie Waddell & Sandy Strack

Adriana, 19
Wish Granters: Georgette Stamm and Carolyn & Michael Conley

Carter, 19
Wish Granters: Jack Kile & Toni Palmer

Grace, 21
Wish Granters: Luis and Rachel Arroyo & Patti Gorsky

...to have a Horse

Duke, 3
Wish Granters: Kelly Johnson, Larry Levy and Paula & Craig Hokanson

...to have a Hot Tub

Avery, 7
Wish Granters: Kathy Woolford & Ronna Monahan

...to have an Ice House

Payton, 15
Wish Granters: Craig & Paula Hokanson

...to have an Indoor Playhouse

Violet, 5
Wish Granters: Michelle Wolfe, Carrie Cookson & Kristen Wetzel

...to go to LEGOLAND® California

Maxwell, 13
Wish Granters: Peggy Van Grinsven & Shelly Rohde

...to go to the Mall of America

Kaylee, 16
Wish Granters: Kelly Durham & Lynn Wagner

Mya, 16
Wish Granters: Carrie Merkel & Amy Reineking

...to meet Josh from Blue's Clues

Payton, 15
Wish Granters: Athena Borca & Daniel Rogan

...to have a Movie Theater Room

Lucas, 10
Wish Granters: Maggie Walters & Carmen Bruss

...to go to the New York Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade

Eden, 15
Wish Granters: Cynthia Slane & Cheryl Anderson

...to have an Online Shopping Spree

Jill, 18
Wish Granters: Kriste Simonson & Julie Carr

...to have a Playhouse

Harper, 10
Wish Granters: Kathy & Joseph Bartel

...to have a Playset with Sun Shades

Nina, 4
Wish Granters: Craig & Paula Hokanson

...to have a Pole barn

Nora, 8
Wish Granters: Peggy Van Grinsven & Holly De Long

...to have a Pontoon Boat

Raylix, 3
Wish Granters: Megan Davis-Rosandich, Michelle Friemoth & Kara McManus

Raya, 7
Wish Granters: Jaime Mueller & Maggie Walters

Julia, 11
Wish Granters: Renee Weiss & Jaime Mueller

...to have a Room Makeover

Tyler, 12
Wish Granters: Tammy Dahl, Dilarom Batyrova St. Louis & Kaelyn Martin

...to have a Shopping Spree

Ali, 13
Wish Granters: Julie Carr, Tacy DeRouin & Carol Johnson

Magdalena, 16
Wish Granters: Kathryn Finley, Jo Marchionda, Anjali Patel & Marianna Tellez

Omere, 8
Wish Granters: Cindy Santiago, Rosie Miliacca, Shannon Seymour-Tabaska & Larry Levy

...to go to Siesta Key Beach

Harper, 4
Wish Granters: Brittani Naidl, Claire Ruggiero, Julie VanLaanen & Michel Micki Klein

...to go on a Sports Weekend with Friends

Isaiah, 12
Wish Granters: Christine Cherney & Tammy Jean Dahl

...to have a Swimming Pool

Avelina, 8
Wish Granters: Jade Pekol & Sherry McKee

Palmer, 10
Wish Granters: Ronna Monahan, Tammie Engelke, Corinne Kennedy & Linda Ryfinski

Easton, 11
Wish Granters: Brittani Naidl & Michelle Wolfe

...to have a Treehouse

Samantha, 10
Wish Granters: Marie Waddell & Carrie Merkel

...to go to Universal Studios

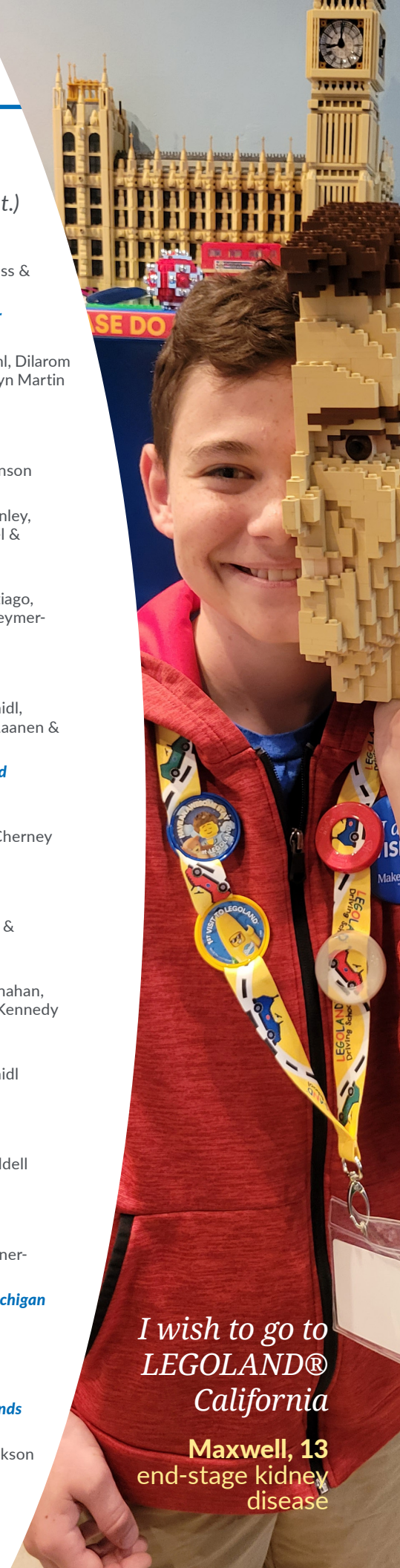
Brett, 18
Wish Granters: Susan Danner-Rivers & Deea Breunig

...to have a University of Michigan Football Experience

Jeb, 15
Wish Granters: Michael & Carolyn Conley

...to go to the US Virgin Islands

Eva, 8
Wish Granters: Carrie Cookson & Linette Britt



I wish to go to
LEGOLAND®
California

Maxwell, 13
end-stage kidney
disease

TRIPS THAT TRANSFORM

Do you have frequent flier miles or points to help make wishes come true? Once donated, your miles will never expire and are used to support wishes across the country. This is just one simple way you can help grant a life-changing wish experience.

Grab your frequent flier number (found on your statement) and visit wish.org/wisconsin/miles to donate your unused Delta, United, Jet Blue or American Airlines miles.

Need help confirming your frequent flier number? Call:

- American Airlines: 800.882.8880
- Delta SkyMiles: 800.323.2323
- United Airlines: 800.421.4655
- JetBlue TrueBlue: 800.JET.BLUE

If you have questions regarding an airline miles donation, feel free to call us at 262-781-4445.

Thank you for giving hope to kids who need it most as we prepare to grant travel wishes at unprecedented rates.

IN HONOR AND MEMORY

Our sincere thanks to everyone who gave gifts between October 1 and December 31, 2022 in honor or memory of the people and businesses listed below. We have made every effort to acknowledge these gifts correctly and completely. Please contact us and accept our apologies should any error or omission be discovered.

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