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Our community did something incredible this World Wish Day® – you restored hope for kids when they needed it most. From supporting local events, sharing powerful stories of wish alumni, and donating to help grant the wishes of children with critical illnesses – **you were proof that where there's a wish, there's a way.**

A critical diagnosis for a child is traumatic. That's what makes wishes so important: A wish has the power to help kids like Noelle (see page 10) overcome the hopelessness, depression and loneliness that often come with a critical illness. In fact, 9 out of 10 wish parents say that they saw their child's emotional well-being improve after their wish.

But bringing even just one of these wishes to life takes so many resources. You can help us reach another child like Noelle in need of a wish by stepping up today. Donate funds, auction items or in-kind services; host or attend a fundraising event; or give unused airline miles at wish.org/wisconsin/miles. Even playing 18 holes of golf (see page 4) will make a world of a difference to a Wisconsin child and family in need!

As you read about the wide range of medical professionals, business leaders, volunteers, event participants, donors and others supporting our mission, we hope that you might see a way YOUR special skills can fit into the Make-A-Wish family. Together, we can give the gift of hope, strength and joy to those who need it most. Thank you!

Warmest Wishes,


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This spring, make an impact for wish kids while you save! If you are 70½ or older and have a traditional IRA, you can use this secure online tool from FreeWill to donate to Make-A-Wish Wisconsin and support our mission – without dipping into your cash reserve. In many cases, IRA giving is 100% tax-free, making it one of the smartest ways to make an impact.

Learn more and make your IRA gift today! Simply scan on the QR code.

WORLD WISH DAY®

Make-A-Wish started with a single wish on April 29, 1980, when 7-year-old Chris Greicius had his wish granted to become a police officer. Chris' wish ignited a spark and a global movement that led to the creation of Make-A-Wish Wisconsin in 1984.

Today, nearly 8,000 wishes later, Make-A-Wish Wisconsin remains committed to creating transformational wishes that can create hope and renew energy for wish kids, their families and everyone involved. In honor of the wish that started it all, Make-A-Wish chapters and affiliates worldwide invited their communities to come together to help grant wishes throughout April, culminating in World Wish Day on April 29.

In honor of World Wish Day, on April 27, Make-A-Wish Wisconsin held its annual **Celebration of Stars** where we unveiled the 2022 class of wish kid names on our Wish Kid Honor Wall and the newest donors to our Super Stars Donor Wall and Legacy Wall. It was an evening filled with inspiration, hope and a lot of fun as wish families, volunteers, medical professionals and donors gathered together at the Chapter Office in Wauwatosa. To see photos of the event, please visit [flickr.com/makeawishwisconsin](https://www.flickr.com/photos/makeawishwisconsin/).

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Our sincere thanks to everyone who gave gifts between January 1 and March 31, 2023 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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There are numerous **golf events** happening across the state, benefiting Make-A-Wish Wisconsin this summer and fall. Register now as many of the outings will sell out early. Bring your friends, co-workers or clients and enjoy a day of great golf.

NEW BERLIN

Payton Alexander Memorial Golf Outing: New Berlin Hills
Saturday, June 17

WATERTOWN

Kraemer Wisconsin Cheese Golf Outing: Watertown Country Club
Saturday, July 29

KOHLER

Sargento & Johnsonville Make-A-Wish Golf Event: Blackwolf Run
Monday, August 14

LAKE GENEVA

Golf for Wishes: Grand Geneva Resort & Spa
Monday, September 18

For more information, including a complete listing of all golf events, please visit wish.org/wisconsin/golf.



Now through June 3rd, help grant wishes for kids like Dyani while dining over a delicious meal at any **Red Lobster** restaurant, in honor of World Wish Day!

Receive a \$10 off coupon when donating \$5 or more to Make-A-Wish. (*Receive \$10 off with a \$40 minimum. Dine-in Only.)



Now through June 10th, every time you shop at a StoneRidge Piggly Wiggly location, you can help make wishes come true! Simply **Round-Up for Wishes**.

Locations available in De Pere, Kaukauna, Little Chute, Wautoma and Winneconne.



Timber Rattlers Star Wars Night is back, on **June 3rd**, at Fox Cities Stadium, highlighting Make-A-Wish Wisconsin! Characters from the movie will join attendees for some extra thrill as the Timber Rattlers take on the Peoria Chiefs!

As well, the **Realtors of Northeast Wisconsin** are back in full force to help raise funds for local wish kids! They will be hosting a day at the Timber Rattlers Stadium filled with fun in the sun, raffles & more on **June 22nd**.

Purchase your tickets today at milb.com/wisconsin, in person at the Fox Cities Stadium box office, or by phone at (920) 733-4152.

WISH NIGHT® 2023

This year's Wish Night, held March 9 at the Pfister Hotel in Milwaukee, gathered more than 500 guests for a night of powerful storytelling and fundraising. Wish brothers Ashton and Wyatt along with wish kid Mia and their families shared their inspiring stories. And the W.I.S.H. Award was presented to Jerry and Becky Jendusa and their family.

This signature event, chaired by Warren and Ann Pierson, raised just over \$1.1 million, resulting in more than 137 wishes. Thank you to all of our sponsors, committee, volunteers and everyone who participated. **Mark your calendars now for next year's Wish Night on April 11, 2024 when we will celebrate Make-A-Wish Wisconsin's 40th birthday!**

Watch the videos featured at this year's event on YouTube: youtube.com/makeawishwisconsin.

You can also view the photo gallery from the event on Flickr: flickr.com/makeawishwisconsin/albums.





The 15th annual Rock for Wishes raised \$16,766 with a night of music, t-shirt sales, a 50/50 raffle, auction & more. Specials thanks to Brad Christenson and Tanner's Bar & Grill for making life-affirming wishes come true!



Make-A-Wish Wisconsin was honored to have been selected by the Jersey Mike's ownership groups in Wisconsin to be the beneficiary of their 2023 March Month of Giving campaign. Jersey Mike's staff encouraged guests to donate to Make-A-Wish for special incentives in return.



The fundraising culminated on their annual Day of Giving where Jersey Mike's donated 100% of all sales to Make-A-Wish Wisconsin. In total, they raised more than \$368,000, helping grant the wishes of more than 50 wish kids.



Oshkosh Corporation's internal group, Feed Forward, hosted an amazing day of bowling, 50/50 raffle, auction & more. Bowling for Wishes was held at the 10th Frame in Appleton and raised \$1,150 to help grant life-changing wishes!



Macco's Floor Covering Center's three month long company-wide giving event raised \$1,000 for local wish kids!



The Grand Chute Lions Club's annual Superbowl Pancake breakfast raised \$3,225.36 for local wish kids.



Sartori Cheese and Green Bay Packers Kicker Mason Crosby partnered once again this past football season. For every field goal scored during a regular home game, Sartori donated \$1,000 to Make-A-Wish Wisconsin. For this past season's Field Goals, Sartori Cheese presented a check for \$25,000 to Make-A-Wish Wisconsin at Wish Night 2023 at the Pfister Hotel.



The Mukwonago basketball community along with many others successfully raised \$175,000 over the course of two weeks for Make-A-Wish Wisconsin. Special thanks to the coaches, the students and the Jendusa family.



Wishmakers on Campus at St. Norbert College in De Pere held their annual Rhythm & Wishes event and raised over \$5,000 to help grant a local child's greatest wish!

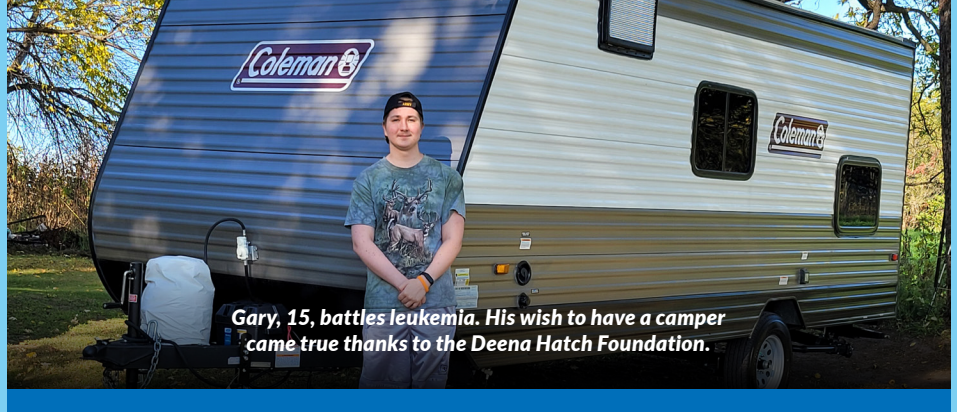


The Kimberly Baseball Organization hosted a Make-A-Wish brat fry at a local Festival Foods to help support their 10U team and raised over \$1,000 for local wish kids.

Donor Spotlight

DEENA HATCH FOUNDATION

The Deena Hatch Foundation, located in Necedah, Wisconsin was created by the Hatch family in honor and memory of their daughter, Deena, who died tragically at the age of 13 as a result of an automobile accident near her home. The Foundation funds scholarships, programs and operations through grants to nonprofit organizations.



After hearing inspiring stories from wish kids and their families on the annual Make-A-Wish Wish-A-Thon on iHeartRadio, the Hatch family decided they wanted to support Make-A-Wish Wisconsin, giving its first gift to the Wisconsin Chapter in 2011. They have faithfully supported the Make-A-Wish mission every year since, having given a total of more than \$250,000 to help grant wishes for kids battling critical illnesses.

Many of their grants have been utilized as matches to raise additional funds through events and various fundraising opportunities. Their son Jason is active with the Madison Advisory Council and supports wishes in that part of the state.

"The Hatch family has created a beautiful legacy in memory of Deena through their generosity, humility and dedication," says Patti Gorsky, Make-A-Wish Wisconsin President & CEO. "Talk about impact; their contributions have provided untold hope, strength and joy to children battling critical illnesses across Wisconsin. We are deeply grateful for them."

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WISH ART CORNER



If you are a wish kid, a wish sibling, a wish parent or ANYONE who has been inspired by a special wish experience, we want to see your art!

Send your wish-inspired artwork to the Make-A-Wish Wisconsin Chapter Office (WISH ART CORNER, 11020 W. Plank Court, Suite 200, Wauwatosa, WI 53226), or share it online at facebook.com/wisconsinwish.

Wish art, above, listed top to bottom, by wish kids Isaac, Evelyn, Makenzee and Jediah.

WISH KID
GEMMA



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

Callisto, 4
nervous system
disorder

THE WISH LIST

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...to have an Accessible Bumper Car

Nicolas, 4

Wish Granters: Maggie Walters, Tana Winkka, Lisa Yursis & Julie Vanlaanen

...to have a Beauty & The Beast Bedroom

Aubree, 14

Wish Granters: Julie Vanlaanen & Lisa Yursis

...to have a Camper

Nathaniel, 16

Wish Granters: Craig and Mary Netzer, Kim Ann Christensen & Daniel Giles

Tanner, 3

Wish Granter: Jan Berkholtz

Bennett, 3

Wish Granters: Jeanette Dickinson & Mary Streveler

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

James, 3

Wish Granters: Corinne Kennedy & Linda Ryfinski

Lydia, 3

Wish Granters: Lisa Jermain & Peggy Van Grinsven

Callisto, 4

Wish Granters: Dana Mejic & Bryan Pauls

Henry, 4

Wish Granters: Linda Marie Jones-Blau & Michael Kuenzi

Jackson, 4

Wish Granters: Shari Beland & Dawn Ogrevovich

Louisa, 4

Wish Granters: Cheryl Follett, Michele Fritsch, Lisa Pienkos & Kristin Enea

Morgan, 4

Wish Granters: Jodi Halpin & Maurine Braun

Virginia, 4

Wish Granters: Holly De Long & Peggy Van Grinsven

William, 4

Wish Granters: Jennifer Wenzlaff, Lisa Rice & Molly Proite

Evelyn, 5

Wish Granters: Molly Koldeway & Tiffany Vanburen

Isabella, 5

Wish Granters: Robert Rode & Kim Ann Christensen

Miracle, 5

Wish Granters: Corinne Kennedy & Linda Ryfinski

Rylie, 5

Wish Granters: Melissa Gorman & Mariah Tremain

Scarlett, 5

Wish Granters: Janice Moen & Robert Rode

Wesley, 5

Wish Granters: Gregory Davis, John Litscher & Carrie Cookson

Chloe, 6

Wish Granters: Rodney & Mathilde Ugent

Gage, 6

Wish Granters: Candace Rae Richter & Barbara Jo Pahlow

Jaxon, 6

Wish Granters: Corinne Kennedy & Linda Ryfinski

Logan, 6

Wish Granters: Kristin Enea & Rachel Langer

Taylor, 6

Wish Granters: Kelly Wagner & Michele Schaetz

Wyatt, 6

Wish Granters: Jeremy & Megan Kox

Hazel, 8

Wish Granters: Jeremy & Megan Kox

Samuel, 8

Wish Granters: Daniel Giles & Kim Ann Christensen

Bella, 9

Wish Granters: Georgette Stamm & Barbara McCarthy

Jonah, 9

Wish Granters: Brianna Hansen & Vincent Morelli

Samuel, 10

Wish Granters: Kayla Cywinski, Heather Danke, Steven Hesselberg & Joy Lancour

Nathan, 11

Wish Granters: Carrie Merkel & Marie Waddell

Courtney, 12

Wish Granters: Marilyn Stoll, Jamie Prost & Lisa Lewitzke

Suanna, 12

Wish Granters: Holly De Long & Marie Waddell



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I wish to go to Hawaii

MAHALO (thank you)

Noelle is your typical Super Mario Cart-playing, pizza-devouring and campfire s'mores-loving 5-year-old kid, who in her free time paints. Except, unlike most kids her age, she fights the daily battles associated with a very rare liver cancer.



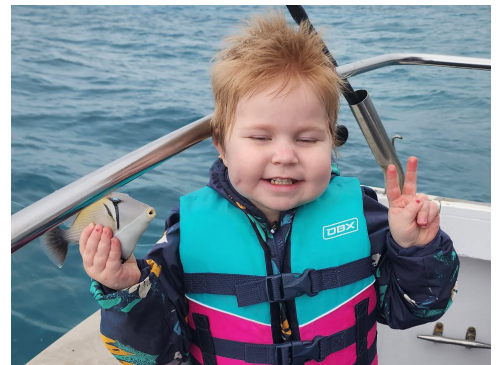
Noelle wished to get far away from her doctor's visits and travel where she can be outside with her whole family on a beach near dolphins. Noelle and her family were whisked away to Waikiki, Honolulu to experience a Dolphin encounter at Sea Life Park Hawaii, where Noelle's family had the opportunity to interact with a dolphin pod from a waist-deep platform and spend time with expert animal trainers, and to Atlantis Waikiki Undersea Submarine Adventure, where her family witnessed green turtles, sharks, stingrays, yellow tangs, eels, and many other species of underwater marine life.

Noelle's mom, Jaclyn, says that **"this wish allowed all of us to take a breath. We shared and created so many happy memories on this trip. We were able to take a step away from the hospital life and the nonstop worrying in every moment."**

"Our entire family enjoyed Noelle's wish, together. Noelle's favorite part of the wish was being able to be in the water and interact with the dolphins. Her brother, Logan, keeps talking about the limo, the pool at the resort, and the sharks. Her Dad was thrilled with the Submarine Adventure and being able to see sea life in its natural environment. For me, I loved being able to watch Noelle fully immerse herself in every activity of her Hawaiian wish. Okay, okay, I also enjoyed the whales, too!"

Jaclyn continued, **"Noelle's wish experience in one word was simply phenomenal. Mahalo and thank you from the bottom of our hearts. This vacation was just what we needed to reconnect as a family. Noelle had an amazing time and the happy memories will last a lifetime."**

Wish Granters: Janelle Marie Disher & Ken Disher



THE WISH LIST

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Trinity, 12

Wish Granters: Dawn Julien,
Kathie Hacker, Shelly Fritsch
& Mallory Fritsch

Hunter, 13

Wish Granters: Janice
Holling, Kayla Cywinski &
Beth Schuster

Kaylie, 14

Wish Granters: Kathy
Woolford & Tara Buringa

Anthony, 17

Wish Granters: Heather
Jean Process & Polly Marie
Frisque

Braden, 18

Wish Granters: Tara Buringa
& Amanda Burton

Sadie, 18

Wish Granters: Julia Wahl &
Michelle Wolfe

James, 19

Wish Granters: Jane Foner,
Jeanette Dickinson & Kathy
Bartel

...to go to the Florida Keys

Justin, 19

Wish Granters: Barbara
Bongard & Cynthia Slane

Samuel, 6

Wish Granters: Peggy Van
Grinsven & Daniel Giles

...to have a Game room

Clifford, 6

Wish Granters: Jeremy &
Megan Kox

...to go to Wisconsin Dells

Ava, 16

Wish Granters: Steven
Hesselberg & Joy Lancour

...to have a Golden Doodle Puppy

Neveah, 19

Wish Granters: Laurie Ann
Wetterau & Jean Zoulek

...to go to Great Smoky Mountain National Park

Addyson, 17

Wish Granters: Heather Ann
Loughney & Kelly Johnson

...to go to Gulf Shores, Alabama

Brandtly, 5

Wish Granters: Dilarom
Batyrovna St. Louis, Larry
Levy, Joy Lancour & Steven
Hesselberg

...to go to Hawaii

Noelle, 5

Wish Granters: Janelle Marie
Disher & Ken Disher

Cara, 9

Wish Granters: Daniel Giles
& Kimberly James

Haley, 9

Wish Granters: Scott
Thompson & Dana Smith

Harper, 9

Wish Granters: Holly De
Long & Marie Waddell

Luca, 10

Wish Granters: Linda
Ryfinski, Andrea Diamond
Falk, Kelly Phelps & Corinne
Kennedy

Kaelie, 11

Wish Granters: Carolyn
Elizabeth Griese, Maurine
Braun, Kayla Cywinski &
Doris Mertens

Evangeline, 12

Wish Granters: Rachel
Geittmann & Sherri Mowery
Perrigo

Alexsis, 18

Wish Granters: Joseph &
Kathy Bartel

Jasmine, 18

Wish Granters: Larry Levy,
Tara Buringa & Amanda
Burton

Joslin, 18

Wish Granters: Lynn Wagner
& Kelly Durham

Shelby, 19

Wish Granters: Sherry
Miracle & Shelby Robbins

Teagan, 21

Wish Granters: Kathy
Woolford & Ronna Monahan

...to go to Houston, TX

Madeline, 13

Wish Granters: Daniel Rogan,
Carmen Bruss, Tacy DeRouin
& Janice Holling

William, 15

Wish Granters: Daniel Rogan,
Carmen Bruss, Tacy DeRouin
& Janice Holling

...to have an Indoor Hockey Rink

Sean, 8

Wish Granters: Darcey Nett
& Tacy DeRouin

...to go to LEGOLAND

Quinn, 6

Wish Granters: Leslie Kania
& Claire Ruggiero

...to have a Shopping Spree

Dontae, 7

Wish Granters:
Anissa Johnsen, Ellen
Bertram, Larry Levy &
Michele Schaez

*I wish to
have an indoor
hockey rink*

Sean, 8
cancer

MEDICAL SPOTLIGHT



Child Life Team
 HSHS St. Vincent Children's Hospital

Describe your work in a few words.

As child life specialists, our role is to provide psychosocial and emotional support to our patients and families. When providing this support, it is incredibly helpful to have Make-A-Wish be there for our patients and families as well to bring an incredible amount of joy during some of the most difficult times in their lives.

How has the wish experience impacted your care?

Some days can be very difficult. When we get to introduce Make-A-Wish to the patients, their eyes light up. We are able to focus on something exciting and fun, and get to walk with them during this!

Why should medical professionals refer kids with critical illnesses?

Medical professionals should refer children with critical illnesses to Make-A-Wish Wisconsin because it gives these families an opportunity to focus on something other than their critical illness and that is something all families should be able to do.

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TRIPS THAT TRANSFORM

Did you know that about 70% of wishes granted by Make-A-Wish Wisconsin involve air travel? And did you know that by donating your airline miles, you can help grant those wishes? The process is easy and will make a life-changing difference in the life of a child battling a critical illness, like Haley's wish to go to Hawaii.

Donate your Delta, United, jetBlue or American Airline miles today at wish.org/wisconsin/miles.



REFER A CHILD TODAY

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: Aubree's wish to have a Beauty & The Beast Bedroom all started with a simple referral.

THE WISH LIST

Wishes Granted January 1
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Randy, 15

Wish Granters: Debra Mikulski, Dana Mejic, Larry Levy & Daniel Rogan

...to go to Long Beach, California

Mya, 8

Wish Granters: Jodi Harris & Jodi Halpin

...to go to the Mall of America

Cain, 10

Wish Granters: Michele Schaez, Joelle Rosen & Wendi Russo

Zakaria, 11

Wish Granters: Larry Levy & Shannon Seymer-Tabaska

Daniel, 17

Wish Granters: Renee Weiss & Tiffany Vanburen

Christian, 17

Wish Granters: Colleen Leahy & Dawn Marcott

Kaylee, 18

Wish Granters: Michelle Lee Kadow, Jane Foner & Jeanette Dickinson

...to have a Medical Bed

Daniela, 4

Wish Granters: Diana Moreno, Kari Olsen, Barbara Bongard & Larry Levy

...to meet WWE Wrestler Bianca Belair

Savannah, 15

Wish Granters: Jeremy & Megan Kox

...to meet My Chemical Romance

Kate, 17

Wish Granters: Daniel Rogan, Larry Levy & Samantha Marie Smith

...to go to Monterey/Big Sur, California

Ian, 13

Wish Granters: Juli Moen & Tammy Lynn Grace

...to go to Myrtle Beach

Triniti, 7

Wish Granters: Rodney & Mathilde Ugent

...to have an Online Shopping Spree

Curtis, 17

Wish Granters: Tamara Engelke & Ronna Monahan

...to go to Panama City Beach

Gemma, 4

Wish Granters: Linda Ryfinski, Corinne Kennedy, Steven Hesselberg & Joy Lancour

...to have a Pontoon Boat

Maximos, 4

Wish Granters: Todd Beland & Shari Beland

Lydia, 5

Wish Granters: Susan and Richard Nuccio & Lisa Lewitzke

...to Purchase Stocks

Daniel, 16

Wish Granters: Roberta Sarow, Claire Ruggiero & Sherry McKee

...to have a Room Makeover

Liam, 3

Wish Granters: Diana Moreno, Peggy Van Grinsven, Sandy Strack & Karen Jeanne Kaempffe

...to go to San Diego

Arthur, 4

Wish Granters: Sara Suehs & Michelle Lee Kadow

Makena, 18

Wish Granters: Jeremy and Megan Kox, Holly De Long & Peggy Van Grinsven

...to go to the San Diego Zoo

Abigail, 14

Wish Granters: Colleen Leahy, Christine Cherney & Tammy Jean Dahl

...to go to St Thomas, USVI

Leah, 17

Wish Granters: Dana Mejic & Kristin Craig

Akia, 18

Wish Granters: Rodney and Mathilde Ugent, Corinne Kennedy & Linda Ryfinski

...to meet Kristen Bell

Amara, 14

Wish Granters: Carol Nelson & Steve Kapper

...to have a Video Game Room

Alex, 12

Wish Granters: Michelle Lee Kadow & Jessica Wadium

...to have a YouTube/Gaming Shopping Spree

Donald, 18

Wish Granters: Sunny Scott & Shannon Seymer-Tabaska



*I wish to meet
Kristin Bell*

Amara, 14
lymphoma



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: 6 year-old Jaxon's wish to go to the Walt Disney World® Resort came true this past March.

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:



JANUARY 2023

JENNIFER MRDUTT

"My son, Mason, was lucky enough to get a wish in 2016. I was moved by the experience and knew I wanted to give back some day. Once life normalized a bit, I found the extra time to devote to making wishes come true for other kids. I volunteer because I want families to experience the joy and hope that a wish brings," she says.



FEBRUARY 2023

JOY CANTRALL

"In 2014 my nephew was granted a wish and I was able to see how much JOY it brought to his life. Since then, I continue to choose to volunteer with Make-A-Wish because I have been so positively impacted. Make-A-Wish is a well organized team of people who do so much good!" she says.



MARCH 2023

ANGIE SHEA

"Make-A-Wish has shown me the incredible strength and resiliency of the human spirit. I have learned to be more intentional with gratitude and have witnessed how everyone wins through kindness, compassion and love. It brings a smile to my face to know that my own two children see me serving others and I can be an example for them," she says.

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20 YEARS

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Clare Hohman

15 YEARS

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10 YEARS

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Mike Ostrenga
Candace Richter

Sue Shea
Cynthia Slane
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This issue of Wishful Thinking is dedicated to the following wish kids, who have passed:

★ *Grace*

★ *Joseph*

★ *Katherine*

★ *Nathan*

★ *Masey*

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The Madison event includes a petting farm along with Bucky Badger, fun for the whole family, kids dash and 1 mile walk.

The Milwaukee event is returning to the Summerfest Grounds, this year at the South Gate, allowing for free convenient parking. The event includes a 1-mile and 5K option, as well as food trucks, entertainment and family fun.

MADISON
McKee Farms Park, Fitchburg
Saturday, August 26, 2023
wish.org/wisconsin/madisonwalk

MILWAUKEE
Summerfest South Gate
Saturday, September 9, 2023
wish.org/wisconsin/mkewalk