

Wishing Well

Fall 2023

*I wish to have
mini Highland cows*

Chloe, 15
cancer



Read about
Chloe's wish
on page 2.



Chloe's wish is on the ...

MOOOOOO-VE!

Pumpkin
& Patch

Wish kid Chloe has had a long and hard road with treatment. ★
Diagnosed in 2021 with cancer, Chloe's life flipped upside down.

Despite her unimaginable diagnosis, her parents are constantly in awe of how Chloe has faced this situation. "She has the amazing ability to weather difficult situations with more grace and serenity than most adults are able to do," they said.

One of the only constants during this difficult time was her love for animals.

When Chloe learned that she would be receiving a wish, she knew that she wanted to expand her mini farm by adding a few more furry friends. Although larger livestock wouldn't fit in her backyard, Chloe was sure two mini Highland cows would be perfect.

Hailing from the Scottish Highlands, these micro versions of their full-sized counterparts are known for their fluffy coats, adorably tiny size, and, like Chloe, their ability to thrive in even the most inhospitable environments. It's fitting that two hardy highland cows get to spend their lives with a person who knows all about making the best out of a tough situation.

When the trailer finally rolled up Chloe's driveway, she could not contain her joy at her wish finally coming true. Fluffy and adorable, the two cows provided by Cyprus Ridge Farms satisfied every expectation.

Chloe and her family celebrated the joy of her wish-come-true with a party thrown by Tractor Supply, complete with feed, grooming tools and other items Chloe would need to care for her cows. The day could not have been more perfect.

As the family seeks victory over cancer for Chloe, they know that these mini-Highland cows will serve as a source of joy and hope in the years to come.



Referrer:
Patrick Tomboc

Volunteer:
Julia Mumma

Check out our
upcoming campaign!



Light Up A Child's Life[®] CAMPAIGN

Punxsutawney Office Campaign Dates

St. Marys

December 1st
11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The River 98.9
6 Franklin Center
St. Marys, PA 15857

DuBois

December 4th-8th
Mon.-Wed.: 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Thu.: 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Fri.: 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunny 106
12 W. Long Ave.
DuBois, PA 15801

Punxsutawney

December 11th-15th
Mon.-Thu.: 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Fri.: 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Make-A-Wish[®]
Punxsutawney Regional Office
219 W. Mahoning St.
Punxsutawney, PA 15767



Erie Office Campaign Date and Promotions



December 15th

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.: Light Up A Child's Life Campaign presented by Rebich Investments on Star 104 at One Boston Store Place, Erie PA.

7 p.m.: Erie Otters Hockey Make-A-Wish Game. All proceeds from each ticket sold will fund local wishes. **Limited quantities!** Purchase your tickets now at lightuperie.givesmart.com.



Make-A-Wish

December 1st-24th

Starting December 1st, your letter to Santa can help grant wishes. \$1 per letter up to \$7,500, will be sponsored by Rebich Investments.

Letters can be dropped off to the Make-A-Wish Erie Regional Office at 717 Indiana Drive, Erie, PA 16505 or dropped off at any December Erie Otters home game.

Please check back on our event calendar for more details at wish.org/greaterpawv/our-events

Pittsburgh Office Promotion

Once again, Make-A-Wish is acknowledging its Wishmaker[®] donors in a full-page ad in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette on Sunday, December 24. If you have made or have committed to make a Wishmaker donation (\$5,000 or more) in the last year, you/your company will be listed in that ad.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to us at 412.471.9474 or email@greaterpawv.wish.org.

Wishes Come True



I wish to go to Nashville, TN

Saige, 13 →
genetic disorder
Milford, PA



I wish to go to the Walt Disney World® Resort

Jay, 4 ←
neuromuscular disorder
New Castle, PA

“Thank you for giving us the most wonderful and magical experience ever. Jay definitely enjoyed his wish, and you’ve brought smiles to all of our faces.”

-Jay's Mom



I wish to go to the Four Corners Monument

Logan, 16 →
cancer
Oil City, PA



I wish to have a shopping spree

Jenne, 14 ↑
cancer
Milton, PA

I wish to meet the Pittsburgh Steelers

Joseph, 17 →
leukemia
Whitehall, PA



JOSEPH'S BLACK & GOLD WISH

This fall, 17-year-old Joseph of Whitehall, Pa., received an all-star experience when he stepped out on the field of the UPMC Rooney Sports Complex. During his cancer diagnosis, Joseph found comfort in watching football on TV, especially if his favorite team was playing – the Pittsburgh Steelers. When he was asked about his wish, Joseph knew he wanted to meet the team that helped him get through the toughest of times.

On the day of his wish, Joseph was awestruck as he met his athletic idols in person, like T.J. Watt, George Pickens, Najee Harris, Cameron Heyward and even head coach, Mike Tomlin. Throughout the day the Steelers made him feel like he was part of the team, allowing him to take part in their practice and chat about the upcoming season. But one of the biggest highlights of Joseph's wish was when he received a football covered in autographs of all the Steelers. Since his wish, Joseph and his family have a newfound sense of strength for the future.

You can bring hope to more children like Joseph when you refer them to Make-A-Wish®

If you know of a child aged 2.5 to 18, who is fighting a critical illness, they might be eligible for a wish.
To refer a child, visit: wish.org/refer

THANK YOU

FOR MAKING THESE WISHES COME TRUE!

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*I wish to go to
Yellowstone
National Park*

Lillian, 10 →
congenital heart
disease
Mount Pocono, PA



*I wish to have a
PlayStation 5*

Braxden, 5 ↑
metabolic disorder
Athens, PA

*I wish to have
a Corgi puppy*

Masyn, 9 →
cancer
Dover, PA

*I wish to go skiing
in Park City, UT*

Thomasina, 9
cancer
Pittsburgh, PA





I wish to have a shopping spree

Damien, 9
pulmonary condition
Allentown, PA



Masyn & Marshmallow

I wish to go to the Disneyland® Resort

Cecelia, 7 →
cancer
Irwin, PA



I wish to have a bedroom makeover

Joshua, 14 ←
cancer
Wilkes-Barre, PA



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9th Annual Pickin' for Wishes



Sprinkling Wishes:
DART, Inc.



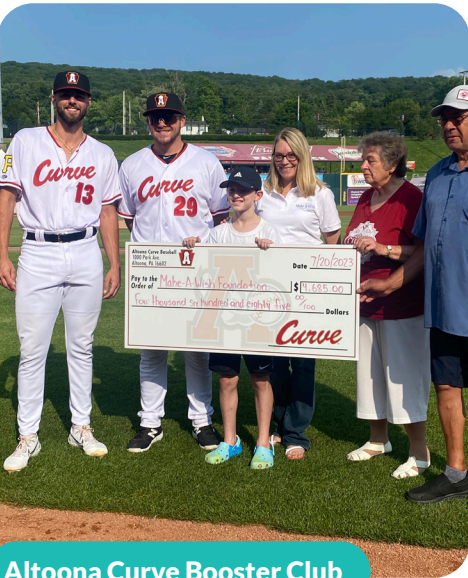
Stonewall Dodgeball



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Truck Convoy for Wishes



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Softball Tournament



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Medicine Bingo Bash



Orangetheory® Fitness



Convoy for Kidz



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LeAnn Starnes's Annual Make-A-Wish® Fundraiser: Outdoor Music Festival



Painting with a Twist



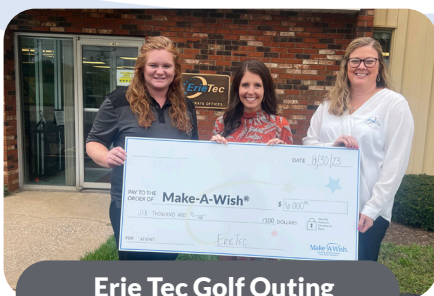
Complete Chaos Bingo



Genentech Wish Boost



Charities for Children Adult Bowling Tournament



Erie Tec Golf Outing



Bids for Kids, Erie



Trinity Lutheran Kids Helping Kids

Events Recaps



Photos by Jaime Carmosino

Waffles & Wishes

Elliot's Wild Wish

On April 28, 2023, Make-A-Wish held its Annual Waffles & Wishes event in Erie, PA.

Attendees shared in the transformative power of wishes by hearing the stories of wish alumni and volunteers, and by helping to reveal Elliot's wish to meet the Kratt brothers, hosts of the educational show, Wild Kratts. Thanks to the Erie Zoo, Elliot celebrated his wish reveal with some animal friends like a llama and mini alligators.

Waffles & Wishes would not have been possible without the incredible generosity of our signature sponsors, The Plastek Group and UPMC Health Plan, and our media sponsor WQLN. And a special 'Thank You' to Traci Teudhope of Erie News Now for emceeding the event and adding even more magic to the day.



32 Years of Playing Ball & Granting Wishes

This year's Moms for Make-A-Wish Softball tournament took place on July 28, 29, 30 and August 5, at Schuylkill Haven Island Park in Schuylkill, PA.

The event featured 12 softball teams, all working together to fund wishes in their community. Year-round, the teams fundraise for Make-A-Wish through a variety of events, such as bingo nights, dinners, raffles and so much more. The annual softball tournament celebrates the efforts of all the teams, while also sparking friendly competition to raise even more funds for wish kids. Since 1991, Moms for Make-A-Wish Softball has been a proud supporter of Make-A-Wish® Greater Pennsylvania and West Virginia.



Highest Fundraising Team:
New Minersville
Firehouse Bikers



A Division Champs:
Psychos



B Division Champs:
Brookside Bombshells

Subaru Week of Wishes



Santino's Wish Boost

The inaugural 2023 Subaru Week of Wishes kicked off at Subaru of Moon Township on July 14.

This Wish Boost was held for wish kid Santino. Surrounded by his brother, mom, dad and additional family members, they walked into the dealership and were greeted by an elaborate balloon display, arcade games with prizes, food and Kona Ice. Santino's wish to Clearwater, Fla., the following week was celebrated as he and his brother received towels, bathing suits, snorkel masks and gift cards. A special thank you goes out to the employees of Subaru of Moon Township lead by Maureen Bailey who made this day possible.



I wish to go to Clearwater, FL
Santino, 9
 vascular disorder



Bergey's Subaru
Hanover, PA



Fairway Subaru
Hazle Township, PA



New Motors Subaru
Erie, PA



Subaru of Moon Township
Moon Township, PA

Thank You Subaru



Check out these amazing life-changing donations made by your local Subaru dealerships from last year's Share the Love Event.

You Can Go the Extra Mile For Wish Kids, Too!

Help spark hope and transformation for a child with a critical illness this holiday season during the Subaru Share the Love® Event. From November 16, 2023 through January 2, 2024, with every new Subaru purchased or leased at one of more than 600 participating Subaru retailers nationwide, Subaru will donate \$250 to the customer's choice of charities, including Make-A-Wish.

See your local Subaru retailer for details or visit Subaru.com/share.

Thanks to Our Donors

The next newsletter will be sent in Spring 2024 but the donor list on our website – wish.org/greaterpawv – is always up-to-date. In the meantime, don't forget to send us your email address for news and events. We will keep your address private.

The following lists cash and in-kind donations, totaling \$5,000 and above for the months of January through August 2023. Tribute honorees totaling \$500 or more are also listed. We extend our deepest appreciation to all of you. Should you discover an error or omission, please call us at 412.471.9474.

Whenever you donate online, please be sure to go through wish.org/greaterpawv. If you do, we will receive 100% of your donation – less a nominal administration fee. If you go directly to our national organization's website, we will only receive 80%.

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Make-A-Wish Softball
Tournament
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our lives and hearts.

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Your contribution can continue to give smiles to every eligible child in need.

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