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On August 31st, we ended fiscal year 2023. Thanks to the support of thousands of donors, volunteers, medical professionals and people like you, together, we granted 382 life-changing wishes for children fighting critical illnesses.

Auggie (page 8) is one of the many children who has experienced a transformative wish because of supporters like you. Every day, wishes like his come true – wishes that allow kids to see beyond their illnesses, to glimpse what the future could bring. And that kind of hope can give them a better chance of recovering.

No matter what role you choose to play, you can make an investment in a child's future, for their hope, strength and joy. As we approach the holidays and the Season of Wishes® (page 16), please consider donating a toy on our Amazon wish list, being part of our Wish-A-Thon radio event in December or making a donation to help spark joy for children with critical illnesses.

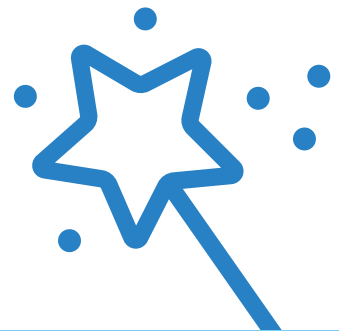
No matter where we come from or who we are, we can all align with one truth: every child deserves a childhood. We know through research* that our mission gives a piece of it back. We're so grateful to have such dedicated, caring supports like you by our side in our work.

Thank you, and warmest wishes,


Joe Imhoff
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*2022 Wish Impact Study: wish.org/wish-impact-study



WISHES IN FLIGHT



Right now, 75% of the wishes we are granting involve air travel, like Carter's wish to go to Hawaii. Did you know that you can donate your airline miles and help give a child battling a critical illness the hope and joy they need?

Please give your United, Delta, jetBlue or American Airline miles now at wish.org/wisconsin/miles. Every mile makes a difference.

And, plan to tune-in to our Wishes in Flight telethon on FOX6 in Milwaukee on January 31, 2024.

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WELCOME, BOARD MEMBERS

At the start of the new fiscal year on September 1, Make-A-Wish Wisconsin added four new Board Directors and introduced their new Board Chair, all who bring incredible talent, expertise and passion for the Make-A-Wish mission.



Joe Imhoff, Board Chair, *Partner – International Tax Services at PwC*. Joe is also a wish parent whose daughter Reagan received her wish to go to Hawaii in 2016. Joe previously served on the Board as a Director and Treasurer.



Holly Courtney, *Partner, Michael Best & Friedrich*. Located in the Madison market, Holly concentrates her practice on labor and employment counseling and resolving disputes.



Joe Gehrke, *President, Kesslers Diamonds*. Joe has been a Make-A-Wish champion since joining Kesslers Diamonds in 2017 and contributes significantly to the success of our annual Wish-A-Thon and so much more.



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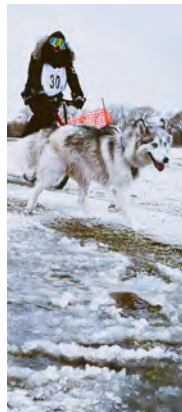
Devina Mistry, *Group Vice President, HR, IDEX Health & Science, IDEX Corporation*. Devina has been raising funds for Make-A-Wish Wisconsin for several years and has already sponsored three wishes and is working on her fourth.



MAKE-A-WISH NIGHT WITH THE BELOIT SKY CARP

Thanks to our friends at ABC Supply, the Beloit Sky Carp hosted a Make-A-Wish night in September, where about 500 Make-A-Wish families and supporters gathered for a fun night at ABC Supply Stadium. Wish kids took the field throughout the game participating in a wide variety of opportunities, including throwing out the first pitch, leading the 7th inning stretch and counting down to a grand fireworks display after the game. They also hosted a silent auction and a jersey auction, raising more than \$10,000 to grant wishes for local kids battling critical illnesses. Additional photos from the event are available at [flickr.com/photos/makeawishwisconsin](https://www.flickr.com/photos/makeawishwisconsin/).

UPCOMING EVENTS



CAN'T DEPEND ON SNOW

After over 20 years, the Can't Depend on Snow sled dog race will come to an end on December 9, at Rolling Meadows Golf Course in Fond du Lac. Thank you to Mike & the team for all of your support over the years to help make life-changing wishes come true! For event details, visit [facebook.com/cantdependonsnowdofficial/](https://www.facebook.com/cantdependonsnowdofficial/).



CHEERS FOR WISHES: MARDI GRAS

Wishmakers of Wisconsin – Milwaukee is hosting its annual Cheers for Wishes on February 9, at Marcus Performing Arts Center in Milwaukee. Enjoy an evening of live Dixieland music from Extra Crispy Brass Band, silent auction, live artists, New Orleans appetizer stations, King Cake, casino tables, interactive entertainment and more! Purchase tickets and learn more at [cheers24.givesmart.com](https://www.cheers24.givesmart.com).





GOURMET WISHES

Gourmet Wishes, presented by Albert & Shirley Schmidt & Sartori Cheese, was recently held at the Resch Expo in Green Bay. More than 650 guests enjoyed a spectacular evening filled with gourmet food sampling, decadent desserts, martinis, wines and craft beer served up by the area’s finest establishments, live music and an impressive auction.

Plus, guests enjoyed an inspiring program, showcasing the hundreds of unique wishes currently being granted and celebrating 9-year-old Little Doug from De Pere whose wish to have a Ghostbusters experience in New York City came true this past June. With help from the Green Bay Fire Department, Wisconsin Ghostbusters, our generous partners NorthCoast Media Group & Lighthouse Productions, Little Doug saved the city of Green Bay and our event from ghosts!

Thanks to all of our participants, leadership committee, generous restaurant and vendor partners, sponsors and volunteers, we raised enough funds to help grant nearly 60 life-affirming wishes for local kids! Save October 16, 2024 for next year’s event.



WALK FOR WISHES®

This year, more than 1,000 walkers participated in Walk For Wishes events in Milwaukee presented by Luxaire Heating & Air Conditioning and Madison presented by Rheem. Thanks to all of our participants, donors, sponsors and volunteers, we raised enough funds to help grant more than 50 wishes. Congratulations to our Michael Kovnar Spirit Award winners, Skyla Lawfer in Madison and Caleb Teisl in Milwaukee. These inspiring kids raised more funds for Walk For Wishes than anyone under the age of 18. Save these dates for next year’s events: Madison – August 24, 2024 and Milwaukee – September 7, 2024.

SARGENTO & JOHNSONVILLE MAKE-A-WISH GOLF EVENT

Between the raindrops, hope shined as hundreds of supporters joined us for an inspiring day of golf at Blackwolf Run with fun hole events, incredible treats on the courses, lunch sponsored by Jimmy John’s & more. Following a memorable day of golf, an After Party took place at Pine Hills Country Club, where guests enjoyed food stations, live music, an impressive auction, and were inspired by two local wish kids and their families. Together, we raised enough critical funds to help grant nearly 50 wishes! Thank you to our dedicated leadership committee, generous sponsors and supporters. Special thanks to our presenting sponsors Sargento Foods, Inc. and Johnsonville for their generosity to help make wishes come true.



GOLF FOR WISHES

This year’s Golf for Wishes at Grand Geneva Resort in Lake Geneva hosted 260 golfers for a beautiful day on the course. The event raised record-breaking funds, granting more than 30 wishes for kids battling critical illnesses. Thank you to our sponsors, donors, food and beverage donors, volunteers and everyone who bid on the silent auction. Also, special thanks to wish alum Leo who served as a wish kid putter and wish alum Jonah who also served as a wish kid putter and shared his story along with his family during our program. Save September 23, 2024 for next year’s outing.



View photos from these four Make-A-Wish events on Flickr: [flickr.com/makeawishwisconsin/albums/](https://www.flickr.com/makeawishwisconsin/albums/).



Car enthusiasts gathered through the summer for **Cars, Croissants & Coffee** in Brookfield, and hosted a gold outing, raising over \$27,000 to help make local wishes come true.



Waupun Truck-n-Show's 34th annual event raised over \$12,000 for local kids waiting for their wish! They were joined by wish families, truck drivers & supporters from all over the state.



Apple Tree Connections hosted their annual Dash for Dreams 5k run/walk and helped raised \$3,500 in critical funds for the local kids battling heart-breaking illnesses.



The amazing **Men with a Purpose** group aimed for the stars this year and raised over \$40,000 to help grant five wishes for local kids battling critical illnesses!



Rain or shine **Plexus Young Professionals** hosted an amazing 3rd year of golf, auction & support for local wishes! Joined by a local wish child, they raised \$11,300.



Renewal by Andersen held two magical nights filled with unique wish themed art. The annual **Windows for a Cause**, Appleton and Milwaukee events, raised nearly \$33,000 in total for wishes!



Nearly 40 wish kids and their families were invited out on some of Milwaukee's premier boats for a fun morning on the water, followed by an afternoon picnic with games, magician, raffles, auctions, face painting and more. The day ended with an elegant after party, Boat Load of Wishes, to celebrate the 15th Anniversary of **Yacht Blast for Kids!** In total, the day raised over \$140,000!



Wolter Inc. of Green Bay partnered with the Green Bay Rockers to help make wishes come true after their memorable season of nearly 50 homeruns hit, donating \$1,000.



The Bruce Company, Middleton, hosted a spectacular carnival themed fundraiser and raised over \$8,000 to help grant Samuel's wish to go to Hawaii.



The **Cypress Homes Golf Outing** raised \$10,000 in their first-ever golf outing! With the support of local businesses, guests had a fun-filled day of golf, generosity & hope.



Slayer Pest Control held the **Slayer Sunset Showdown Baseball Tournament**, raising \$5,000 from 50/50 raffles, concessions and more to help make wishes come true!



Donor Spotlight **CAPITAL CITY RIDERS**

For the past 13 years, the Capital City Riders, located in Madison, Wisconsin, have dedicated themselves to a noble cause, granting wishes to those in need within the Dane County Area.

In an incredible show of dedication and compassion, this year, they have accomplished a remarkable feat by raising over \$10,000. This achievement has brought their grand total contributions to an astounding \$107,000. These funds have been instrumental in making dreams come true for countless individuals, and they continue to be a beacon of hope in our community.



The roots of the capital City Riders trace back to 1968 when a group of passionate bike enthusiasts came together in Madison. Over the years, this club has grown, boasting a membership roster of over 100 individuals. What makes this club truly unique is the diversity of its members, spanning from seasoned riders in their 70's to spirited young adults in their mid 20s.

One of the key highlights of the Capital City Riders' annual calendar is their Poker Run Motorcycle ride. This remarkable event serves a dual purpose: it allows riders to indulge their passion for motorcycles while raising vital funds for Make-A-Wish Wisconsin. It's not just about bikes; it's about making dreams a reality. In addition to the Poker run, the Capital City Riders also hold a carnival event, raffles and silent auctions.

The Capital City Riders are a testament to a community rich in support and compassion. Join us in celebrating the Capital City Riders and their commitment to making a difference. Their generous contributions will help so many dreams come true and spread joy to everyone.

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WRESTLIN' FOR A WISH

August (Auggie) loves to laugh and be the center of attention. Your typical 9-year-old. Except, unlike most kids his age, Auggie was diagnosed with a new form of cancer in early 2022 and has been through multiple blood transfusions, scans, biopsies and other treatments. His mom, Shonda, shares his story:

"When you hear your child is more than just regular sick, your world is instantly turned upside-down. Taking two months to get a diagnosis and treatment was absolute torture. We realized we were watching our child slowly dying as he lay in the hospital with no idea how to help him.

While in the hospital, Auggie developed a huge fear of needles and doctors. He was getting his blood checked multiple times a day, up to ten pokes each night, along with the other procedures. The mental health of Auggie and our entire family was severely strained.

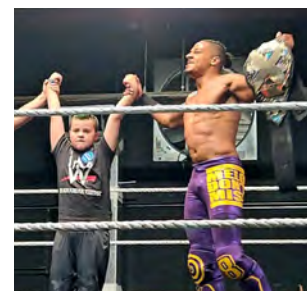
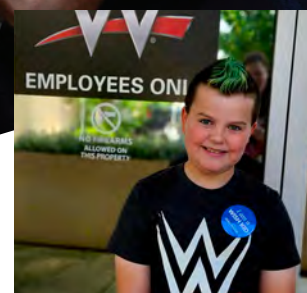
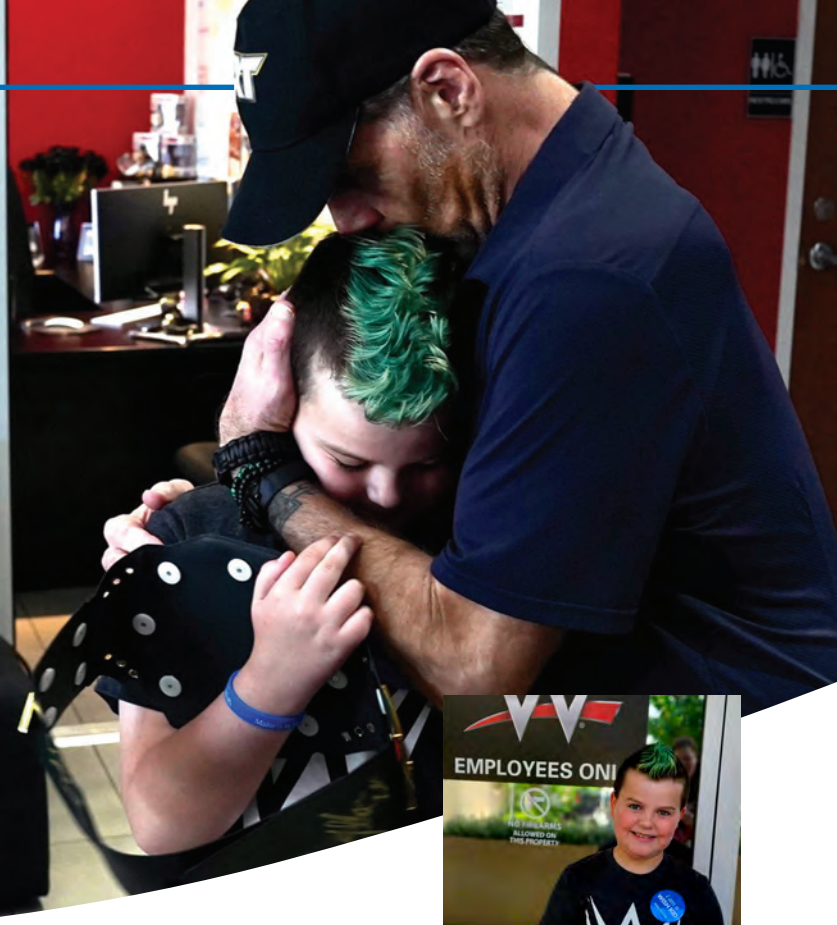
One of the only things Auggie wanted to do during this time was watch WWE wrestling. Every WrestleMania and Royal Rumble match he watched brought him comfort, so we knew WWE was going to be the perfect wish for him. But Auggie didn't want to just go to an event, he wanted to learn how to be a wrestler. When not in the hospital, Auggie trains in dance and theater, as he has big dreams of being a WWE Superstar one day and knows those skills are vital. As no surprise, Auggie wished to go to the WWE Performance Center to help fulfill his dream.

When wish day arrived, we entered the doors of the WWE Performance Center, which is the training ground for WWE's next generation of Superstars, and were greeted by WWE's NXT film crew. Shawn Michaels, retired professional wrestler and now Senior Vice President of Talent Development Creative, came out of his office to meet Auggie. He stayed by Auggie's side the entire day as his tour guide and made all of his wishes come true.

First up was the NXT center, where Auggie got to walk in where the wrestlers enter, sit in the announcers chairs and ring the bell! Shawn then took Auggie over to a starter ring that had the most cushion and taught Auggie how to jump off of the ropes. From there, they put on a show just for Auggie. As the show progressed, Superstar Carmelo Hayes called Auggie into the ring, helped him elbow drop wrestler Bron Breakker, and held Auggie up with the championship belt! I was brought to tears as everyone in the center was cheering for him.

After the show, Shawn introduced us to many of the wrestlers that we see on TV. They hugged him, told him they loved him, and he is part of their WWE family.

Now, we watch our family on TV every Tuesday night. This was truly a life changing experience for Auggie and he now knows that he has a future with his friends at WWE, whether it be by wrestling, announcing or writing. Thanks to this wish experience, I now know Auggie will be a part of WWE when he grows up."



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I wish to go to Hawaii

Genesis, 17 lymphoma



MEDICAL SPOTLIGHT

Joyce Kilgore-Carlin, MSW, CAPSW
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How have you seen Make-A-Wish impact children and their families?

With over 20 years of referring children to Make-A-Wish, I can say that a wish can have a transformative effect on a child. Wishes are like balm to the soul, not only for the patient but also for their entire family, because after all, a critical illness is a family affair.

Why should medical professionals refer kids with critical illnesses?

There's joy and wonder everywhere when you see the world through the eyes of a child. Wishes awaken the joy and wonder that are forced to nap during rigorous treatment, hospital stays, and doctor's visits.

How has working with Make-A-Wish impacted your work and your life?

The impact on my life has been great. I feel so incredibly fortunate to have built a 20-year relationship with Make-A-Wish. The wish kids, their families and the staff I have met along the way have been gifts. The generosity of donors and volunteers is nothing short of inspiring.

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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.

Below: This past July, Ollie's wish to go to the Walt Disney World® Resort came true.



GIVING HOPE THROUGH YOUR WORK

Workplace giving offers employers and employees many unique ways to help make wishes come true for Wisconsin children. There are a wide variety of ways you can give through your workplace from United Way, the Combined Federal Campaign, Creating Healthier Communities and Thrivent Choice to payroll deductions and employer matching gift programs. Learn how you can give through your workplace at wish.org/wisconsin/wishmakers-work.

THE WISH LIST

Wishes Granted July 1 – September 30, 2023

...to have Accessible Playground Equipment

Kassianna, 6

Wish Granters: Joy Lancour & Steven Hesselberg

...to have an Accessible Playset

Katie, 5

Wish Granters: Tori Lynn Hrubesky & Jody Kempainen

...to go to Alaska

Sullivan, 18

Wish Granters: Joy Cantrall & Christine Matysik

...to have a Bedroom Makeover

Joshua, 18

Wish Granters: Kimberly Damp & Laurie Ann Wetterau

...to have Camera Equipment

Evan, 19

Wish Granters: Elizabeth Erickson & Karen Gunderson

...to have a Camper

Luahna, 4

Wish Granters: Kathy & Joseph Bartel

Ryker, 5

Wish Granters: Dawn Marcott & Cheryl Muller

Addison, 7

Wish Granters: Dawn Marcott & Ann Slifka

Autumn, 12

Wish Granters: Christie Bartzen & Frances Garr

...to have a Car Garage

Riley, 11

Wish Granters: Jodi Harris & Jodi Halpin

...to go to Comic Con San Diego

Morgan, 16

Wish Granters: Mark Lacke & Jennifer Mrdutt

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

Emma, 2

Wish Granters: Megan Davis-Rosandich & Kara McManus

Natalie, 3

Wish Granters: Kristin Paul & Michele Schaetz

Hunter, 5

Wish Granters: Jennifer Wenzlaff & Jean Zoulek

Lily, 5

Wish Granters: Jenna Ausloos & Claire Ruggiero

Ollie, 5

Wish Granters: Michele Fritsch, Mallory Fritsch, Tamara Engelke, Lori Barry & Kathy Woolford

Zaylee, 5

Wish Granters: Amanda Mutchler & Lauren Hannes

Brooklyn, 7

Wish Granters: Gail Fleury & Peggy Van Grinsven

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Wish Granters: Holly De Long & Peggy Van Grinsven

Ethan, 8

Wish Granters: Dana Mejic & Kathryn Finley

Valeria, 10

Wish Granters: Jodi Halpin, Diana Moreno & Shelby Robbins

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Wish Granters: Melissa Brown, Preslee Nolte, Juli Moen & Maurine Braun

...to go to Disneyland® Resort

Zoe, 4

Wish Granters: Gina Schuller, Mary Hunter, Lisa Rice, Anna Flores & Larry Levy

Bianca, 12

Wish Granters: Ian Ray, Danielle Starke & Amanda Mutchler

Caleb, 12

Wish Granters: Peggy Van Grinsven, Gail Fleury & Kriste Simonson

...to go to Field Museum of Chicago

Lennon, 7

Wish Granters: Sandra Melby & Jane Foner

...to have a Fishing Boat

Leon, 10

Wish Granters: Lisa Jermain & Holly De Long

...to have a French Bulldog Puppy

Hadley, 7

Wish Granters: Todd & Shari Beland

...to go to Galveston Island, Texas

Damiyla, 3

Wish Granters: Peggy Van Grinsven & Patricia Rodencal

...to go to Glacier National Park

Ashton, 4

Wish Granters: Barbara Palmby & Linette Britt

...to go to Hawaii

August, 6

Wish Granters: John Litscher, Kristin Paul & Kathryn Finley

Lincoln, 9

Wish Granters: Megan Kox & Marie Waddell

Wesley, 9

Wish Granters: Joy Lancour & Steven Hesselberg

Gloria, 10

Wish Granters: Bryan Nothem & Tara Buringa

Carter, 11

Wish Granters: Peggy Van Grinsven & Mariah Tremain

Nicolas, 12

Wish Granters: Christie Bartzen, Claire Ruggiero & Jodi Harris

Jacob, 13

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David, 16

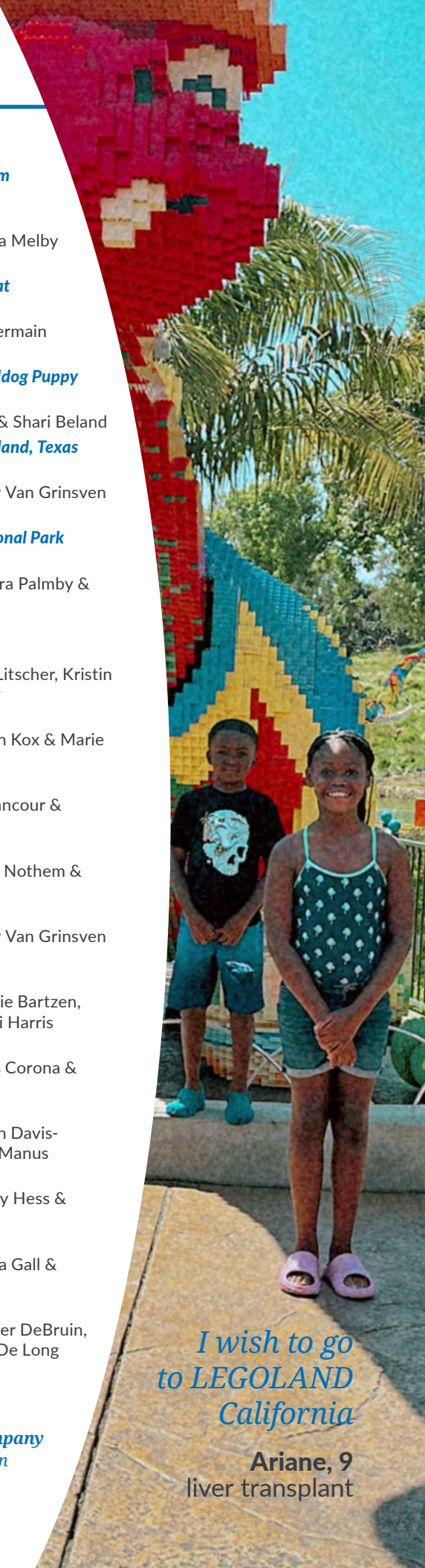
Wish Granters: Jennifer DeBruin, Mike Savage & Holly De Long



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I wish to go to LEGOLAND California

Ariane, 9
liver transplant





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:

JULY 2023

JENNY WENZLAFF

Jenny has been serving Make-A-Wish Wisconsin for nine years, volunteering as a wish granter. She says, "I volunteer because of the difference I can make in wish kids' lives. I know they are going through a difficult time and am happy we can provide some excitement. Their wish will be a cherished memory they will have for the rest of their lives."



AUGUST 2023

MICHELE RIVERA

Michele says "My favorite part of volunteering with Make-A-Wish Wisconsin is meeting all the amazing wish kids and their families. I love seeing how happy and grateful they are to receive their wish, as well as listening to families post-wish tell how the experience impacted their child's life."



SEPTEMBER 2023

JAMIE MUELLER

Jamie has seen first-hand the effects a wish can have on a child, as she is a wish alum herself. Diagnosed at age 14 with leukemia, she wished to have a shopping spree in California. "It was my first time seeing the ocean. I remember what an amazing experience it was for my family and me," Jamie said. "I volunteer to today to help other wish kids and families make their one true wish come true."



WHO GETS A WISH?

A child with a critical illness who has reached the age of 2½ and is younger than 18 at the time of referral 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 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: This past July, Ethan's wish to go to the Walt Disney World® Resort came true.

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THE WISH LIST

Wishes Granted July 1 –September 30, 2023

Genesis, 17

Wish Granters: Larry Levy & Gina Stawicki

Olivia, 18

Wish Granters: Dana Mejic & Jan Berkholtz

...to have a Hot Tub and Lift

Sage, 14

Wish Granters: Holly De Long, Patricia Pollock & Peggy Van Grinsven

...to go to LEGOLAND California

Ariane, 9

Wish Granters: Kristin Paul & Kathryn Finley

...to go to the Mall of America

Wyatt, 5

Wish Granters: Stephanie Martell & Robert Rode

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Wish Granters: Peggy Van Grinsven, Julie Carr & Carley Jane Hilt

Teyla, 4

Wish Granters: Elizabeth Sobczak & Emily Mayer

Elenixus, 18

Wish Granters: Joy Lancour & Steven Hesselberg

...to meet John Cena

Noah, 13

Wish Granters: Frances Garr & Debra Mikulski

...to meet Unspeakable

Josiah, 8

Wish Granters: Peggy Van Grinsven, Linda Jones-Blau & Holly De Long

...to have a Milwaukee Brewers Experience

Avigdor, 19

Wish Granters: Danielle Starke, Evelyn Greenberger & Ian Ray

...to have an Online Shopping Spree

Behnjamin, 15

Wish Granters: Karen Wolff & Maki White

Cameron, 17

Wish Granters: Jeanna Stiadle & Evan Pagel

Kevin, 18

Wish Granters: Linda Jones-Blau & Patricia Bemowski

...to have a Perimeter Fence

Aziraman, 4

Wish Granters: Kristin Paul & Kathryn Finley

...to have a Playhouse

Mary, 12

Wish Granters: Mike Savage & Rosie Robinson

...to have a Playset

Calvin, 3

Wish Granters: Barbara Pahlow & Tara Buringa

Gianna, 3

Wish Granters: Charles & Toni Palmer

...to have a Pontoon Boat

Fernando, 15

Wish Granters: Kevin & Dale Johnson

...to have a Room Makeover

Ayden, 6

Wish Granters: Corinne Kennedy & Linda Ryfinski

...to go to San Diego

Harlowe, 5

Wish Granters: Anissa Johnsen & Larry Levy

Armani, 9

Wish Granters: Mathilde & Rodney Ugent

Allegra, 13

Wish Granters: Carmen Bruss & Janice Holling

Brayden, 16

Wish Granters: Janice Holling & Beth Schuster

...to go to the San Diego Zoo

Emerson, 11

Wish Granters: Bryan Pauls & Frances Garr

...to go to San Francisco, CA

Wyatt, 16

Wish Granters: Pa Zao Lee, Heather Loughney & Renee Weiss

...to have School Tuition

Landon, 7

Wish Granters: Christine Matysik, Sherry Miracle & Patricia Adams

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Sylvia, 6

Wish Granters: Tacy DeRouin & Janice Holling

Ace, 13

Wish Granters: Thomas Bauer & Amanda Burton

...to have a Shopping Spree

Jesus, 12

Wish Granters: Sara Suehs, Shelby Robbins, Kristen Wetzel, Carolyn Griese & Kayla Cywinski

Kyla, 16

Wish Granters: Linda Ryfinski & Corinne Kennedy

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Claire, 4

Wish Granters: Cynthia Slane & Rachel Arroyo

Everett, 7

Wish Granters: Christina Italiano & Esmeralda Perez

Brynn, 11

Wish Granters: Lisa Rice & Tracey Dorsey

Fernando, 11

Wish Granters: Tammy Lynn Grace, Diana Moreno & James Corona

Miles, 11

Wish Granters: Patricia Miller & Debra Mikulski

...to go to The Gorge

Mia, 9

Wish Granters: Sandra Melby & Jeanette Dickinson

...to meet Morgan Wallen

Emma, 16

Wish Granters: Linda & Trent Zellmer

...to have a T-Shirt Printer & Supplies

Tyran, 19

Wish Granters: Dana Mejic & Larry Levy

...to go to Universal Studios Hollywood

Kaylee, 17

Wish Granters: Steven Hesselberg & Joy Lancour

...to go to Wisconsin Dells

Isaac, 5

Wish Granters: Diana Moreno, Laurie Wetterau & Jean Zoulek

...to go to the WWE Performance Center

August, 9

Wish Granters: Craig & Paula Hokanson



I wish to go to Hawaii

Allison, 16
brain tumor

IN HONOR AND MEMORY

Our sincere thanks to all who gave gifts between July 1 and September 30, 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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In October, Disney launched the Wish Together campaign that celebrates its decades-long relationship with Make-A-Wish as well as the release of Disney's highly anticipated animated feature, "Wish," which hits theaters on November 22.

Join Disney in supporting Make-A-Wish with the Wish Together Sweepstakes for a chance to win prizes, including a stay at the Walt Disney World® Resort along with a Disney Cruise Line® vacation aboard the Disney Wish. For every free entry received now through January 31, 2024, Disney will donate \$5 to Make-A-Wish (up to \$1 million).

In addition to the sweepstakes, Disney will donate 10% of the sale price on the new "Wish" product collection to Make-A-Wish, up to \$1 million, for each of these items sold. (Donations only apply to sales at US Disney stores, shopDisney.com, Disney Cruise Line® ships, and Disney-owned locations at Disneyland Resort® and Walt Disney World® Resort.)

Please visit Disney.com/WishTogether for more information and to enter the Wish Together Sweepstakes.



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Donor Advised Funds are an increasingly popular way donors are supporting Make-A-Wish Wisconsin — and there's a good reason! DAFs allow you to see immediate tax benefits from your contributions and then pass them along to our cause at opportune moments later-on.

By recommending a grant from your DAF to Make-A-Wish Wisconsin, you can join us in fostering hope in the lives of wish kids. Recommend a grant to make dreams come true at [wish.org/wisconsin/daf](https://www.wish.org/wisconsin/daf).

Above: Ryker's wish to have a camper came true this past August.

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WE REMEMBER

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

- ★ Hadley
 ★ Shelby
 ★ Joseph
 ★ Adalyn
 ★ Samuel
 ★ Reef
★ Dahlia
 ★ Ashelynn
 ★ Aliyah
 ★ Gianna
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Wishes In Flight: Tune-in to our airline miles telethon on FOX6: Milwaukee on January 31, 2024.

Donor Spotlight: For 13 years this annual event has raised over \$100,000 for life-changing wishes.

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SEASON OF WISHES

GIVE JOY TODAY. RESTORE HOPE FOR TOMORROW. The hope and joy of a wish is the most valuable gift you can give, because it means you've given kids battling a critical illness a better chance of surviving and thriving. Check out below the different ways you can give hope this holiday season.

WISH-A-THON

Join us December 7 and 8, 7am-7pm for our 15th annual Wish-A-Thon presented by Kesslers Diamonds on iHeartMedia. It will be two days of powerful stories from wish kids and their families on 95.7 BIG FM and 97.3 The Game in Milwaukee and 92.1 Rewind, Z104, Fox Sports 1070, 1310 WIBA-AM and U100.9 in Madison. Become a Wish Club member or a Diamond Club member at radiowishes.com.

SKATING WITH SANTA

Wishmakers of Wisconsin – Milwaukee is hosting a unique morning of outdoor holiday activities and indoor ice skating with Santa Claus on December 10! Enjoy a morning with live reindeer, photos with Santa, a hot chocolate bar, cookie decorating, and of course ice skating with Santa. This event sold out last year, don't wait - buy your tickets now at wish.org/wisconsin/santa.

SHARE THE LOVE®

Help spark hope for a child with a critical illness this holiday season during the 2023 Subaru Share the Love® Event. Through January 2, 2024, with every new Subaru purchased or leased at 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 wish.org/subaru.

TOY DRIVE

We have a list of specific gifts on Amazon that will help give wish kids the hope they need. Gifts can be shipped directly to Make-A-Wish. Find our wish list at wish.org/wisconsin/amazonlist or scan the QR code below.

