

# 2023 Impact Report

*I wish to meet  
the Atlanta United*

**Nate, 15**  
brain tumor



## NATE'S WISH

At just 14-years-old, our wish kid Nate was given the devastating news that he had a brain tumor. While kids his age prepared for the year ahead, Nate began the battle for his life. A fight that he's still in today. The impact of his tumor is everlasting, causing him short-term memory loss, requires him to be in special classes at school and stunted his growth. It hasn't been an easy journey for Nate, and it's been hard for his family to face a new reality that the Nate they knew has been forever changed.

While at the hospital, one of the things that got Nate through treatment was watching his favorite MLS team, the Atlanta United. He would watch the matches with his younger brothers, and they would try to predict who would come out on top. Nate's been a huge fan of the team since his first game in 2017, and his mom shared that it didn't surprise her one bit when he chose to meet the Atlanta United team as his wish.

His dream was to walk the match ball onto the field and hand it to his favorite player Luiz Araujo. And that's exactly what he got to do. On his wish day, Nate arrived at the stadium ready to meet his heroes. He lit up with joy when he finally was able to visit the locker room where the greats of Major League Soccer get ready. He met Luiz and a few other players who made him feel like royalty. Then to his surprise, he was made an official member of the team and gifted his very own custom-made Atlanta United jersey.

As the match started, Nate was given the chance to bang the drum in front of the roaring fan section; an honor not given to just anyone. His family watched in awe as Nate shed every ounce of fear and shyness and truly owned the moment. He proclaimed that Atlanta United would win... and they did!

In just one moment, Nate transformed from a shy kid battling memory loss and anxiety to a joy-filled teenage boy cheering on his favorite team! In that moment, his family realized that their new reality was still filled with hope. This wish created memories that healed their broken hearts and gave them tokens of happiness to relive for years to come.



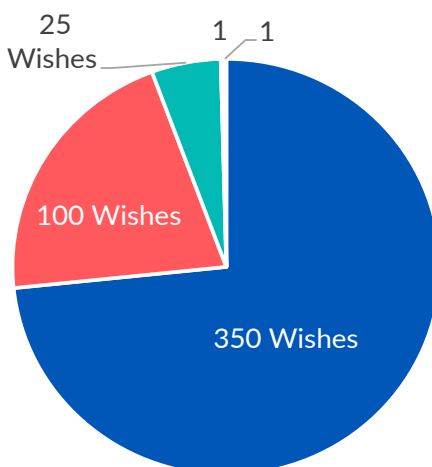
## 477 WISHES

*Together*, we replaced fear with *confidence*, sadness with *joy*, and anxiety with *hope* for Georgia wish kids facing a critical illness.

### WISH TYPES

Wishes are as unique as the child making the request, but typically fall within four categories: I wish to have, I wish to be, I wish to meet, and I wish to go. Occasionally, a child will even wish to give.

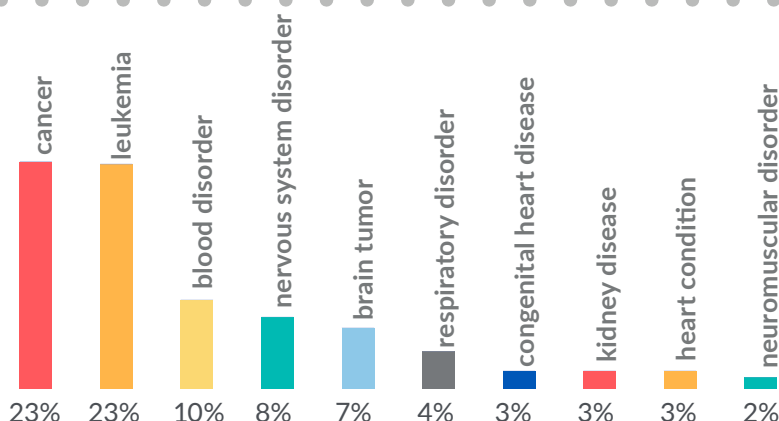
■ To Go ■ To Have ■ To Meet  
 To Be (1) and To Give (1)



OVER **2000**  
FAMILY MEMBERS IMPACTED

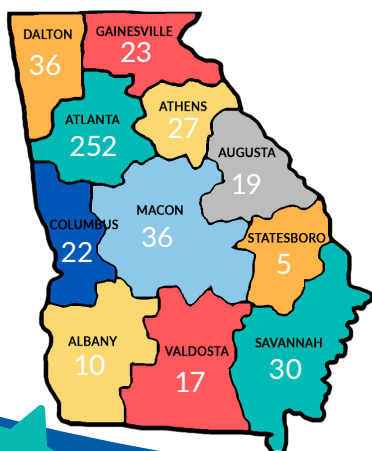
### WISHES BY MEDICAL CONDITION

Wishes are granted to serve as a catalyst for renewed strength and hope to children with malignant, degenerative, or progressive illnesses.



### WISHES GRANTED BY REGION

Your support made it possible to grant more than one wish a day in 2023. We serve all 159 counties of Georgia and divide the state into 11 regions: Albany, Macon, Valdosta, Gainesville, Statesboro, Augusta, Dalton, Savannah, Atlanta, Athens, and Columbus.




**800+**  
 Children Waiting  
 FOR THEIR LIFE-CHANGING WISH