

Dear wish friends & family,

In January of 2020, my husband and I were given the news that our three-year-old daughter, Aliza, had Leukemia. Our world was swirling around us as we tried to absorb the news that our precious little girl had cancer.

The following two+ years involved long drives to Atlanta where Aliza received treatment, all amid the COVID19 pandemic. It was a very trying time, but we were so grateful that she was receiving amazing care. When Aliza's treatment finally ended, it felt as if we'd completed an emotional and physical marathon!

Then, one day, I was contacted by Make-A-Wish Georgia. I remember sitting in my car and listening to the representative as she explained to me what Make-A-Wish does. She shared the various wish options that my, then seven-year-old, daughter could choose from. Tears began streaming down my face at the thought of something being freely given to our little girl. Things that my husband and I would not otherwise be able to offer her. It was overwhelmingly exciting news! When we told Aliza about the wish, she immediately chose a family trip to Sequoia National Park. **It was such an exciting time full of so much anticipation! And not just for Aliza, but for our whole family!** Our home was buzzing with thoughts and plans for the trip.

Finally, the time for our trip came in June of 2024. Aliza and her brothers got to experience the excitement of flying for the first time! Once we arrived in California, I was blown away at the ease of everything planned for us. Everything had been prepared and tailored to our specific requests and needs. **Our family enjoyed six days of adventure, exploration, laughter, and leisure. We were able to lavish our kids and do things that, financially, we would typically never be able to do. It was an incredible time, and a trip of a lifetime for us.**

All of the Make-A-Wish Georgia volunteers and staff were wonderful, every step of the way! There was so much kindness and support. We were amazed.

I cannot say enough good things about Make-A-Wish Georgia and what their work means for families like ours. **Every parent knows that there is nothing like seeing your child happy and loving life. Make-A-Wish Georgia makes joy and meaningful memories possible for so many precious children.** We feel indebted to Make-A-Wish Georgia and all those who give to make wishes possible. We are forever grateful.

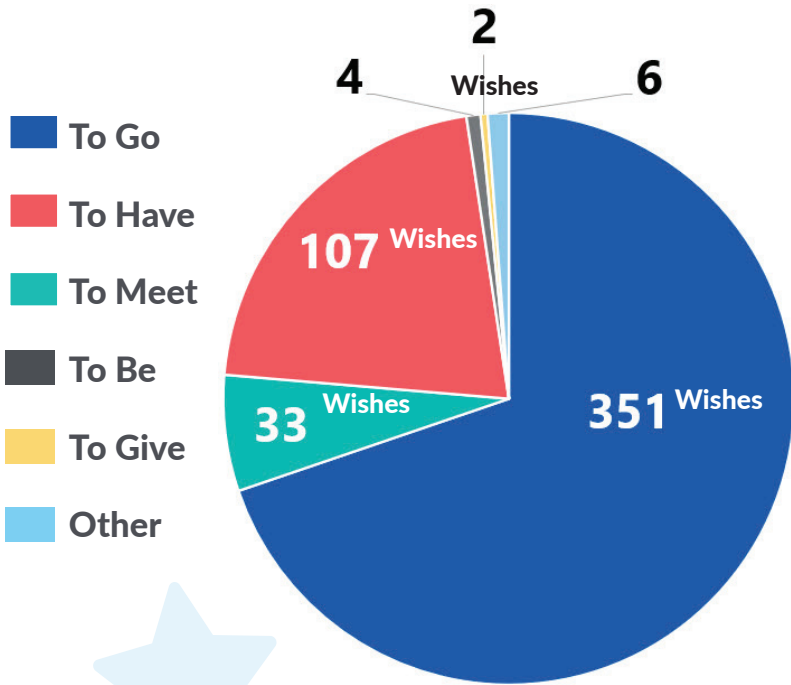
Anna
Aliza's mom



503 WISHES GRANTED

WISH TYPES

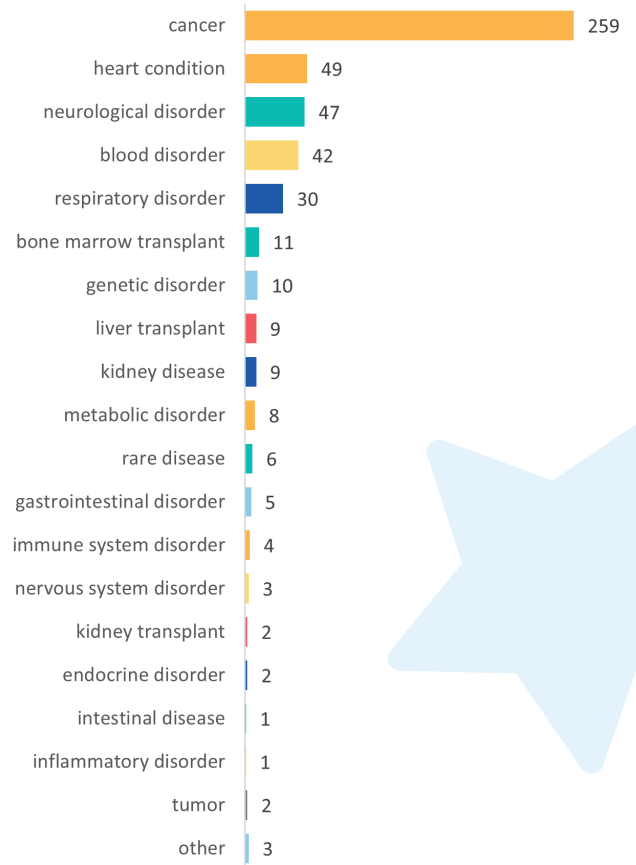
Wishes are as unique as each child, but typically fall within four categories: I wish to have, I wish to be, I wish to go, and I wish to meet. Occasionally, a child will even wish to give.



WISHES BY MEDICAL CONDITION

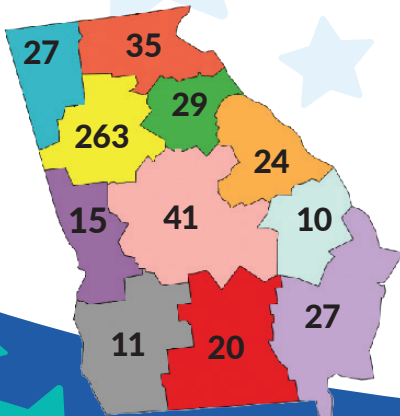
Wishes are granted to serve as a catalyst for renewed strength and hope to children with malignant, degenerative, or progressive illnesses.

DIAGNOSIS ~ WISHES GRANTED



WISHES GRANTED BY REGION

Thanks to your support, we can grant more than one wish each day for critically ill children in Georgia. We serve all 159 counties across 11 regions in the state, including Albany, Macon, Valdosta, Gainesville, Statesboro, Augusta, Dalton, Savannah, Atlanta, Athens, and Columbus. *Out of territory count = 1



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Children Waiting
FOR THEIR LIFE-CHANGING WISH