

wish makers wanted

*I wish to be
a police officer*

Chris, 7
leukemia



Dear Friend,

I hope this letter finds you well. It is a pleasure to write to you today and share the remarkable legacy about Make-A-Wish Orange County and the Inland Empire as we prepare to celebrate World Wish Month this April.

World Wish Month is a global celebration inspired by the first wish ever granted in 1980. Our history is traced to Chris Greicius, a 7-year-old boy diagnosed with leukemia, who wanted nothing more than to become a police officer. Six compassionate individuals heard about Chris' wish to be a police officer and responded to the call. A police helicopter flew him to Arizona Department of Public Safety headquarters for a tour. Chris experienced the thrill of riding in a patrol car and was named the first-ever honorary state patrolman in Arizona history. The law enforcement community also presented him a custom-tailored uniform, motorcycle helmet, campaign hat and the motorcycle wings he earned on his own battery-powered bike.

The impact of Chris' wish was felt throughout his community and was the inspiration for what is now Make-A-Wish. Little did he know that his wish would create a movement that would transform millions of lives.

Chris' legacy continues to inspire hope around the world. Throughout April, we will engage our community in a variety of ways to honor his legacy and make even more children's wishes come true.

Will you help us by making a donation in honor of Chris? Your kindness will bring joy, strength, and hope to children with critical illnesses in our community, ensuring they experience the power of a wish – just like Chris did over 40 years ago.

Every wish begins with a caring individual like you. Join us this World Wish Month and be part of something truly extraordinary. To donate or learn more, please visit FundAWish.org or contact me directly at jgarner@ocie.wish.org or (714) 573-9474 x 223.

I've enclosed materials that highlight the profound impact of a wish and the meaningful ways you can make a difference through your generosity. Please don't hesitate to reach out should you have any questions.

Thank you for your support in helping us carry on Chris' legacy by granting wishes for children who need them most.

With gratitude,

Jennifer Garner





A Wish is Essential to a Child's Medical Journey

Critical illness upends childhood, bringing months – even years – of fear and stress into the life of a child and their family. Parents feel helpless as they navigate hospital stays, disrupted routines and financial struggles. Distressed siblings watch their brother or sister undergo heartbreaking and painful medical procedures.

At Make-A-Wish®, we believe that the hope, strength and joy offered by a wish is vital to the treatment process of critical illness – and it can give a child an edge in their fight.

Strength to Fight
The Wish Journey gives children something to look forward to and renews their strength to fight their illness.

8 out of 10 wish kids report that their wish gave them the strength to fight their critical illness.	8 out of 10 wish parents say a child's wish experience serves as a coping mechanism during treatment.	8 out of 10 medical providers reported that a wish is a necessary part of a child's treatment journey.
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Source: Make-A-Wish® 2022 Wish Impact Study (rounded figures), [wish.org/impactstudy](https://www.wish.org/impactstudy)

The Opportunity to Create Hope for Every Child is Now

We also know that wishes don't come true by luck or chance. They come true because of WishMakers like you. Each wish granted – like Chris' – creates a ripple effect, touching not only the wish kid and their family but also the WishMakers who make it possible. As long as children face devastating critical illnesses, they'll be counting on WishMakers like you to create the hope and strength they need to fight.

This is not just about giving – it's about joining a caring group of WishMakers who create lifelong connections amongst wish families, spreads irresistible joy across communities and transforms thousands of lives forever.

It all starts with YOU.



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Make A Direct Impact with a Donation

Your sponsorship brings hope to children with critical illnesses in Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties. Each giving level represents the direct impact your donation makes in our community. Choose the level that works best for you and return your donation in the enclosed envelope or at FundAWish.org.

Enhance A Child's Shopping Spree Wish - \$1,000

"I'm a WishMaker" Magnet

Donor Name Recognition on World Wish Month Fundraising Page

Plane Tickets for a Travel Wish - \$2,500

All Benefits from Previous Level

Spotlight With Donor Name Listed on Make-A-Wish OCIE Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn

Donor Name Recognition on Make-A-Wish OCIE Website

Furniture & Accessories for a Room Redo - \$5,000

All Benefits from Previous Levels

Logo Recognition on Make-A-Wish OCIE Website

Donor Name Recognition in Digital Newsletter in May

Adopt-A-Wish - \$10,000

All Benefits from Previous Levels

Logo Name Recognition in Digital Newsletter in May with link to website

Presentation of Plaque of the Child's Wish Your Donation Funded

**All donations are a gift to the entire Make-A-Wish mission. The needs shown are symbolic of the common wish elements associated with each wish and are only representative of our many local wish-granting activities. Gifts made will not actually be used to purchase the item or grant the wish described. All gifts will be pooled to meet the needs of Make-A-Wish.*

How Your Donation Impacts Your Community

There are **over 460 children with critical illnesses in Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties** waiting for their wishes to be granted. Your generosity restores hope for today—and tomorrow for local children battling critical illnesses. Donate today and help make a child's wish come true!

SCAN TO DONATE





World Wish Month Partnership Opportunities Form

Organization Name:

Primary Contact:

Address:

Phone Number:

Email:

Website URL:

Opportunity Level:

\$1,000 - Enhance A Child's Shopping Spree Wish

\$2,500 - Plane Tickets for a Travel Wish

\$5,000 - Furniture & Accessories for a Room Redo

\$10,000 - Adopt-A-Wish

Other:

Total:

Name on Card:

Card Number:

Exp. Date:

CVV:

Signature:

