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WISHMAKER'S GALA RAISED \$475,000 TO GRANT LOCAL WISHES

WILMINGTON N.C.- Make-A-Wish Eastern North Carolina hosted its second annual WishMaker's Gala raising \$475,000 to grant wishes for local children battling critical illnesses.

Over 450 staff members, volunteers, and guests came together to raise money for Make-A-Wish Eastern North Carolina.

The event, presented by Wilmington Dermatology Center, featured several travel wishes centering on the theme "Around the World in Eighty Wishes." Attendees heard stories from wish alumni, a wish mom, and even witnessed a wish being granted live on stage.

About Make-A-Wish Eastern North Carolina

Founded in 1986, Make-A-Wish Eastern North Carolina grants life changing wishes for children aged 2.5-18 battling critical illnesses. Make-A-Wish Eastern North Carolina is 100% local, with all funds and wish kids coming from the 49 counties east of the Orange/Alamance county line. Since its founding, the chapter has granted over 4,600 wishes, with a record breaking 212 being granted in FY 24, and a goal of 230 in FY25. For more information about Make-A-Wish Eastern North Carolina, visit <https://wish.org/eastnc>.

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