

*I wish to have
a hot tub for
therapy*

Sofia, 3
respiratory disorder



Meet Sofia

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Sofia is a cheerful 3-year-old girl who loves meeting new people and greeting everyone with a big smile. Happy and silly, she's an affectionate toddler and a wonderful conversation partner, often communicating by blowing kisses. When she isn't dancing to country music or listening to her favorite books, Sofia enjoys playing outside, her favorite place.

She especially loves swimming and is happiest when in the water, often splashing away in her backyard inflatable pool like a real-life mermaid! At one and a half years old, Sofia was diagnosed with a severe respiratory disorder. For half her life, she's been in and out of hospitals in Las Vegas and Utah, seeing numerous specialists for fevers, seizures, and respiratory issues. Despite receiving physical and occupational therapy and sometimes needing oxygen, Sofia maintains her joyful and silly personality. In line with her love of water, Sofia's Wish is to have a hot tub in her backyard. She's outgrowing her small inflatable pool, and a hot tub would be the perfect way to relax in the water at home. Additionally, Sofia is beginning aquatic therapy, which benefits her muscles and joints. Having a hot tub would allow her to continue therapy at home and live the life of a real mermaid! Sofia's wish reveal was intimate and sweet. Family, friends, and her aquatic therapist gathered for the occasion, with Make-A-Wish staff setting up a table with donuts and hot tub goodies. When the proclamation was read, everyone cheered. Sofia lit up when she first entered the hot tub, visibly relaxing in the water. Her mom shared they would spend lots of time in it, making therapy a regular part of Sofia's life.

