

# Legacy of Wishes Society Membership Packet





You are transforming lives – one wish at a time.

# Welcome to the Make-A-Wish Colorado Legacy of Wishes Society.

Your extraordinary generosity in including Make-A-Wish Colorado in your estate plans ensures that the life-changing power of wishes will continue for generations to come. Your commitment is crucial to the sustainability of our mission, providing hope, strength, and joy to children with critical illnesses for many years into the future. Thank you for being a visionary supporter and making a lasting impact.

"It's been more than 30 years since Chris received his wish, and I am still amazed and inspired how one little boy's dream ... has touched the lives of so many."

-Linda Pauling, Chris Greicius' mother and Make-A-Wish co-founder

### Hope is essential to a child's treatment.

At Make-A-Wish Colorado, we believe that the hope, strength and joy offered by a wish is vital to the treatment process of critical illness. In fact, research shows that a wish can help improve a child's quality of life, giving them a better chance of recovering. The majority of wish kids go on to overcome their critical illnesses, and a wish can help children build the physical and emotional strength they need to fight. A wish helps to care for the whole child – mind, body and spirit – and even supports the community of caregivers, family and friends around them. The life-changing impact a wish has is why wish kid Titus, who wished to go to Disneyland to meet his favorite character, chose to give back to Make-A-Wish Colorado. Titus and his family are part of the Wish Ambassador program and share their wish experience to help bring the same joy and hope of his wish to other kids just like him!







Wishes would not be possible without caring supporters like you. By funding wishes, you help children replace fear with confidence, sadness with joy and anxiety with hope.

As a member of the **Legacy of Wishes Society**, you will receive the following benefits:

- Acknowledgment on the Legacy of Wishes display at the Make-A-Wish Colorado office
- Special invitations to wish experiences and annual legacy society events
- An annual Legacy of Wishes Society newsletter featuring insider insights into our mission and the future of our organization
- An exclusive Legacy of Wishes Society membership certificate and lapel pin



Mary Lashmit
Director of
Philanthropy

Hello! My name is Mary Lashmit and I am excited to step into this role at Make-A-Wish Colorado. I am looking forward to getting to know our incredible donors and understanding the heartfelt reasons behind their support for our mission.

My goal is to connect you to Make-A-Wish in ways that are meaningful to you and to communicate the long-term impact you will have on wish kids and their families.

I am thrilled to be your personal contact at Make-A-Wish Colorado and am always happy to connect with you. Please feel free to reach out any time at mlashmit@colorado.wish.org

### Sample Bequest Language

Don't forget to review the language in your estate plans to ensure the gift is directed to Make-A-Wish Colorado specifically. Please see below for suggested wording.

I give the sum of \$\_\_\_ or \_\_\_% to Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Colorado, 7951 E. Maplewood Ave #126, Greenwood Village, CO 80111 (tax id:74-2273004) to be used or disposed of as the Board of Directors deems appropriate in its sole discretion.

Together, we can give children hope for today – and tomorrow. Thank you for your generosity!



Regardless of the specifics of a wish, they each have one thing in common: They provide hope at a time when there is not much good for a child to look forward to. Days in the hospital go faster when there is something to look forward to, and long days in a clinic pass more quickly when showing everyone around you pictures from your wish experience.

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