

wish makers wanted

Become A Wish Celebration Volunteer!

Bring joy. Build hope. Make a difference.

Make-A-Wish® Illinois is urgently seeking Wish Celebration Volunteers to bring life-changing joy to children with critical illnesses.

What Do I Do?

- After a child discovers their wish, two wish celebration volunteers partner to build excitement through monthly wish boosts and to celebrate the child's wish
- Get to know your wish child and plan special activities based on what fits the child and their family best. Examples include:
 - Deliver a goody basket with their favorite things (balloons, stuffed animals, treats), call or send a card on their birthday/holiday/milestone
 - Throw a send-off party for a child whose wish is to travel
 - Plan a wish day celebration for a child wishing for a non-travel wish (e.g., puppy, hot tub, room redecoration)
 - **Every wish is unique, so GET CREATIVE!**

How Much Time Does It Take?

The average time commitment is 1–2 hours/month over 1–6 months.

Volunteer With a Friend or Meet Someone New!

Grab your family, friends, colleagues – or come ready to meet someone new. We provide all the tools and training you need; you bring the dedication and passion!

How Do I Get Started?

1. Attend a volunteer orientation: [Register for an upcoming orientation](#). If you cannot find a virtual orientation date that works for your schedule, please contact hwynn@illinois.wish.org
2. Fill out application: Once you have attended an orientation, you will receive a link to complete the volunteer application
3. Pass a background check (required for all volunteers)
4. Take a 30-minute self-guided wish celebration volunteer training
5. Attend a virtual 75-minute Wish Celebration Training



“I honestly found my purpose when I became a Make-A-Wish volunteer. It truly is an amazing experience that you are part of something bigger and brighter. For just a little moment [I] can bring hope, light, laughter and joy to someone who might not always feel this way.”

Alecia, Volunteer
Lombard, Illinois



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