



Breeze Airways Named Official Airline Partner of Make-A-Wish Eastern North Carolina

-- Breeze welcomes North Carolina chapter to Breeze for Wishes Flight Program, supporting wish-related travel needs for children with critical illnesses --

RALEIGH, N.C. (February 23, 2026) – [Breeze Airways](#), the premium leisure carrier providing affordable, direct flights from underserved markets, today announced its partnership with Make-A-Wish Eastern North Carolina to become its official airline partner helping to grant wishes for children with critical illnesses.

The partnership marks the fourth chapter to join the Breeze for Wishes Flight Program since it was established in 2024 as part of the airline's ongoing commitment to supporting the communities it serves both in the air and on the ground. The program supports local Make-A-Wish chapters through fundraising on Breeze flights and other wish-related travel needs to help make more wishes possible.

"Breeze is honored to welcome Eastern North Carolina into the Breeze for Wishes Flight Program and support more families in the communities we serve," said David Neeleman, Founder and CEO of Breeze Airways. "Our role in making these special moments possible – however big or small – is time and effort well invested. We can't wait to facilitate more of these life-changing experiences through this partnership."

The partnership kicked off with a celebratory sendoff at Raleigh-Durham International Airport on Monday where representatives from Breeze and Make-A-Wish Eastern North Carolina greeted Joshua, a fun and resilient 16-year-old, and his family as they boarded their flight to Orlando to visit his dream theme park. Joshua and his brothers loved playing sports, but a regularly scheduled physical changed everything when he was diagnosed with a heart condition. His heart condition makes it harder for him to keep playing the sports he loves, but his wish trip gave him hope and joy for the future as he could forget about the challenges that come with a critical illness.

For more than 45 years, Make-A-Wish has been granting life-changing wishes for children and their families in communities across America and around the world. Doing so has brought hope and strength for millions of children with critical illnesses and their families during these difficult journeys. Partnerships like these make it possible to fulfill Make-A-Wish's mission to create life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses together. Make-A-Wish Eastern North Carolina, an independent chapter of Make-A-Wish America, has been serving children and families in Eastern North Carolina since 1986, granting over 4,800 wishes for children battling critical illness.

"At Make-A-Wish Eastern North Carolina, we exist for one simple reason: to create joy for local children battling critical illnesses," said Mary Elizabeth Bennett, CEO of Make-A-Wish Eastern North

Carolina. "We are proud to welcome Breeze Airways as an official airline partner. Their commitment is transformational, helping us spark hope and reach every eligible child across our region."

For more information on Breeze, visit flybreeze.com or follow @BreezeAirways on social media to see how Breeze is helping grant more wishes.

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About Breeze Airways

Breeze Airways operates more than 300 year-round and seasonal routes to 84 cities in the United States, Mexico, and the Caribbean. Founded by aviation entrepreneur David Neeleman, Breeze took flight in May 2021 bringing premium, affordable, and nonstop air service to secondary markets on its flagship fleet of Airbus A220-300 aircraft. Breeze has been named a top 4 "Best Domestic Airline" by Travel + Leisure for four consecutive years, the "Best Major Airline in North America" by the Airline Passenger Experience Association, and one of Fast Company's "World's Most Innovative Companies" for 2025. Breeze was the first U.S. domestic airline to be certified by Autism Double Checked and is the official airline of local Make-a-Wish chapters in Connecticut, South Carolina, and Utah. With seamless booking, friendly policies, and customized booking options, Breeze makes it easy to buy and Seriously Nice™ to fly.

About Make-A-Wish Eastern North Carolina

For 40 years, Make-A-Wish Eastern North Carolina has been granting life-changing wishes for children aged 2.5–18 battling critical illnesses. From the Triangle to the coast, we've brought hope, joy, and lasting memories to over 4,800 children and their families. As a 100% local chapter, all funds are raised right here in Eastern North Carolina through events, corporate partnerships, and generous individual donors. Part of a nationwide network of 58 chapters that have granted more than 340,000 wishes, we are proud to continue giving every eligible child in our 49-county community the chance to experience the transformative power of a wish. Learn more at <https://wish.org/eastnc>.

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