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MAKE-A-WISH EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA CELEBRATES 5000TH WISH

GARNER, N.C. (May 1, 2026) – Yesterday, April 30, 2026, Make-A-Wish® Eastern North Carolina celebrated its 5,000 wish since its founding in 1986.

Make-A-Wish Eastern North Carolina volunteers, staff, and supporters joined the 5000th wish kid Addison Parrish, also known as Addie, and her friends and family to celebrate this milestone. For five-year-old Addie, who faces everyday challenges battling a nervous system disorder, traditional playgrounds are often inaccessible. Because of this Addie wished for a backyard makeover complete with a playset built just for her.

“It was so cool to hear that we were the 5000th wish,” said Addie’s mom, Kait. “I feel like Make-A-Wish has given us hope. Especially when we live a life of uncertainty. We’re gonna have this awesome area in our backyard where we can have friends and family over and like all our kids can play and Addie can be included. It’s just like I don’t have any words for it,” said Addison’s mother.

Make-A-Wish Eastern North Carolina is also currently celebrating its 40th anniversary, making this milestone even more meaningful.

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 4,900 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>.