

About Make-A-Wish®

OUR HISTORY

Make-A-Wish America traces its inspiration back to 7-year-old Chris Greicius, a child with leukemia who wished to be a police officer. In 1980, a group of caring individuals came together and made his wish come true. The impact of Chris' wish was felt throughout his community and was the inspiration for what is now Make-A-Wish. Little did he know that his wish would create a movement that would transform millions of lives.

As the largest wish-granting organization in the country, Make-A-Wish has granted hundreds of thousands of wishes to children battling critical illnesses. Wishes replace a child's fear with confidence, sadness with joy and anxiety with hope. Wishes give children renewed energy and strength, bring families closer together and unite communities.



OUR MISSION

Together, we create life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses.

OUR VISION

To grant the wish of every eligible child.

Make-A-Wish By the Numbers



360K+

wishes granted since inception in 1980



35+

wishes are granted every day, thanks to supporters like you



24K+

volunteers who grant thousands of wishes each year



58

chapters serving families in every community in the U.S.