

The Impact of Make-A-Wish®

Trauma Relief



A wish provides much needed relief from the trauma and stress caused by a child's critical illness.

9 out of 10 wish kids

reported that the wish experience relieved them from traumatic stress.

9 out of 10 wish parents

said the wish experience helped relieve their family from traumatic stress.

9 out of 10 medical providers

observed the wish experience helped relieve a family from traumatic stress.

Emotional & Mental Well-Being



Wishes have a positive impact on the emotional well-being of wish kids, their families and those involved in a wish.

8 out of 10 wish kids

reported that their wish experience helped them overcome hopelessness, depression and loneliness.

9 out of 10 wish parents

saw their child's emotional well-being improve with a wish.

100% of medical providers

report that the wish experience improves a child's — and their own — emotional well-being.

Turning Point



The Wish Journey is often a pivotal experience during a wish kid's treatment and recovery.

9 out of 10 wish kids

reported that they felt more joyful, confident and hopeful for their future.

8 out of 10 wish parents

saw that the wish experience gave their child a stronger sense of empowerment.

9 out of 10 medical providers

say a wish increases compliance with treatment.

Strength to Fight



The Wish Journey gives children something to look forward to and renews their strength to fight their illness.

8 out of 10 wish kids

report that their wish gave them the strength to fight their critical illness.

8 out of 10 wish parents

say a child's wish experience serves as a coping mechanism during treatment.

8 out of 10 medical providers

reported that a wish is a necessary part of a child's treatment journey.

Long-Term Impact



The impact of a wish lasts far beyond the hope and joy a child feels during their wish experience.

7 out of 10 wish kids

report that their wish improved their odds and gave them a better chance of surviving.

9 out of 10 wish parents

report that their child's wish experience strengthened their relationship with loved ones.

9 out of 10 medical providers

observed that the wish experience has a positive impact on a child's physical well-being and overall quality of life.