

OUR MISSION

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

WISH CATEGORIES

Wishes typically fall into five categories:



I wish to go...

Travel throughout the United States, the Caribbean and Internationally



I wish to have...

Special gifts (computers, shopping sprees, bedroom makeovers, or a puppy)



I wish to be...

Experience the thrill of being a police officer, firefighter, model, or professional recording artist



I wish to meet...

A favorite celebrity, athlete, musician, or band



I wish to give...

New instruments to my high school marching band

QUICK FACTS ABOUT MAKE-A-WISH NEW JERSEY:

- We granted **530 wishes** in our most recent fiscal year.
- Over 75% of wishes requested are travel-related (Walt Disney World Resort, Disneyland Resort, Disney Cruise, International, Caribbean, Continental U.S., Hawaii, & Cruises).
- Roughly 75% of funds raised are spent directly on wish-granting and related program expenses.
- The average cost of a wish in New Jersey is approximately \$10,000.
- We have over 400 active volunteers throughout the state who help to make wishes come true.
- The Samuel & Josephine Plumeri Wishing Place, a one-of-a-kind wish granting facility, opened on December 2, 2011. It provides an environment that is free of limitations and reveals to children with critical illnesses imaginative possibilities of a wish.

Make-A-Wish is the largest wish-granting charity in the world, with **62 chapters** throughout the United States and its territories, and **40 international affiliates** on 5 continents. Our National office is located in Phoenix, Arizona.

Since 1983, **Make-A-Wish® New Jersey** has granted over **9,500** life-changing wishes to children with **critical illnesses** throughout the Garden State.

Children that **qualify** for a wish are between the ages of 2 ½ and 18, and have been diagnosed with a **critical illness**. They are **not** necessarily terminal. In fact, many of wish kids overcome their medical conditions and go on to lead **strong, healthy lives**.

In the fight against a critical illness, a **wish** serves as a **catalyst** for renewed strength and encouragement for **every child and family** on their journey.

Put simply, we believe a single wish transforms lives.



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