

HOPE

powered by wishes

*I wish to go to the
Coke Zero Sugar
400 NASCAR race*

Ethan, 15
nervous system disorder





Make-A-Wish
8,000
wishes
...and counting
Georgia



What if
you could make a
child's life-changing
wish come true?



One Moment Changes Everything

Dear Friends,

We hear repeatedly from wish families how their child's wish changed their lives. Wishes are designed to complement a child's medical treatment and give them the hope, strength and joy they need to fight their illness.

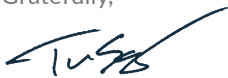
Wishes are **truly** making a difference in the lives of Georgia children and their families.

In fiscal year 2018, we granted the wishes of 353 critically ill children in communities across the entire state of Georgia. We recognize that this was possible only through the contributions and commitment of our volunteers, donors, event sponsors, in-kind contributors and partners in the medical community. Because of you, we made great things happen in fiscal year 2018. Each one of you contributes to making children's wishes come true and creating special experiences and memories for the entire family. Thank you!

Together, we had our most successful year of fundraising. Our collective achievement notwithstanding, there are still potential wish kids we are not reaching. As we build for a vibrant future, our challenge is clear: we must ensure that every eligible child is receiving a wish—and the benefits and hope that a wish experience brings.

Thank you, again, for giving in fiscal year 2018 to grant wishes. You've helped inspire hope in kids and families facing uncertainty. Together, we will be able to grant every eligible child their one true wish.

Gratefully,



Tim Earley
CEO, Make-A-Wish Georgia



Tammy Farley
Board Chair, Make-A-Wish Georgia



THE WISHES OF FY 2018

Each wish journey is an opportunity to make a lasting impact on children and their families. We dedicate ourselves to every individual child and focus on their most heartfelt wish. It is our priority to help children see their wish come true—and be reminded that nearly anything is possible. Wishes are true catalysts for hope.



353
WISHES
GRANTED

Together, we made 353 amazing wishes possible!



59
WISH
ASSISTS

We love getting to host children who travel from other states and countries to have their wishes granted in Georgia.



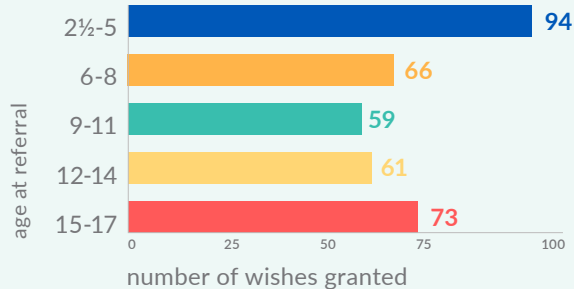
656
WISH
REFERRALS

Number of children referred



WISHES BY AGE

The majority of our wish kids in FY 2018 were between the ages of 2½ and 5 at the time of referral.



NB: Children must be referred prior to their 18th birthday.

WISHES

CATEGORY	#WISHES
Animal	5
Celebrity	32
Computer	5
Cruise - Celebrity/Royal	5
Cruise - Disney	31
Cruise - Other	3
Disney World	127
Disneyland	3
College Tuition	3
Electronics	7
I wish to be...	2
Motorized Vehicle	2
Other	2
Party	3
Playhouse/Playset	6
Room Redecoration/Furniture	5
Shopping Spree	23
Swimming Pool	2
Trailer/Camper	1
Travel - Hawaii	21
Travel - International	37
Travel - Other	28
TOTAL	353

BY THE NUMBERS

24 YEARS OF WISHES
AND COUNTING...

TYPES OF WISHES

Have you ever asked yourself what your one true wish would be? While each wish is as unique as the child who dreams it, wishes generally fall into one of a few categories.



I WISH TO GO...

From the local zoo to Atlantis, many wishes are for adventures and exploration. The world opens up with a wish.

*I wish to go to
Costa Rica*

Simeon, 14
end-stage kidney disease



*I wish to have
a kindergarten
graduation*

Veer, 5
respiratory disorder



I WISH TO HAVE...

Where to begin? There are so many possibilities...from service animals to celebrations.

*I wish to meet
Harry Styles*

Katie, 17
cancer



I WISH TO MEET...

Who inspires you? Can you imagine meeting your favorite sports hero or superstar?



I WISH TO BE...

Some wishes light the way for future plans—entire careers have been kicked off by wishes!

*I wish to be a
famous singer*

Andi, 13
ciliary dyskinesia



When a wish comes true, it creates strength, hope and transformation.

★ ONE YEAR OF WISHES

go to the Aulani Resort ★ have a room redo ★ go to Florida to the beach ★ go on a Disney Cruise ★ have a
World ★ meet the Dallas Cowboys ★ go to Disney World ★ have college tuition ★ go on a shopping spree ★
Disney World ★ go on a shopping spree in Los Angeles ★ go to Disney World ★ have a treehouse ★ go to Lon
World ★ meet Goofy ★ be a mermaid ★ meet Sponge Bob ★ have a playset ★ go to Disney World ★ go to N
go on a Disney Cruise ★ go to Hawaii ★ have a bedroom redecoration ★ go on a shopping spree ★ go to Dis
★ go to Disney World ★ go to Disney World ★ go to St. Croix to see clear water ★ go to Australia ★ go on a D
Chamber Choir to perform during Mass at the Vatican ★ have a horse ★ have a golden doodle puppy ★ go t
Teddy Bear Project ★ go to Disney World ★ go on a Disney Cruise ★ go to Gros Ventre River Ranch in Wyom
to Disney World ★ go to Disney World ★ have a treehouse ★ go to San Diego for an animal experience ★ go
meet Spiderman ★ go to Disney World ★ go on a Disney Cruise ★ go on a Carnival Cruise to Mexico ★ go to
meet the Transformers ★ go on a Disney Cruise ★ have a rainbow colored playhouse ★ meet Minnie Mouse ★
cruise ★ meet Brad Paisley ★ meet Giovanni Dos Santos in Atlanta ★ go to Universal Studios ★ go to Disney V
★ meet my fav
Florida ★ go to
see powerlines,
go to Disney W
Mouse ★ have
World ★ go on
Hawaiian theme
have profession
World ★ go on
go to Paris ★ gc
★ meet Harry P
have a compute
World ★ go to l
famous singer ★
go to Diggerlan
go to Disney W
Helen, GA ★ go
a shopping sp
★ go to the Apple store ★ go to Disney World ★ go to Disney World ★ go to Disney World ★ go
★ Harry Potter World ★ go to Costa Rica ★ go to Disney World ★ have a shopping spree ★ be a prince
★ go to Disney World ★ have a 4K TV and an Xbox ★ go to Disney World ★ go to Dinosaur World ★ go to Disney World
★ go to Disney World ★ meet Robert Downey Jr. ★ meet Brendon Urie from Panic at the Disco ★ meet Mick
★ go to Hawaii ★ go to Disney World ★ go to Legoland ★ have braces ★ meet the Pope ★ have camera equip
Resort ★ go to Disney World ★ go to Hawaii ★ go to Disney World ★ go to Disney World ★ go to Disney
go to Disney World ★ go on a Disney Cruise ★ go to Disney World ★ go to Disney World ★ have a PS4 ★ go
World ★ go to Paris ★ go on a Disney Cruise ★ go to Disney World ★ go to Disney World ★ go on a priv
Disney World ★ go on a Disney Cruise ★ meet Steph Curry ★ go on a Disney Cruise ★ go to Disney World
Disney World ★ have a more accessible bathroom remodel ★ have a red playhouse with a garage to park m
to Disney World ★ go to Oahu ★ have a college scholarship ★ go on beach trip ★ have a shopping spree a
accessible ★ go to Uganda to meet my biological father ★ go on a shopping spree ★ go to Hawaii ★ go to
Universal Studios Hollywood ★ go to Disney World ★ go to Australia ★ go on a Disney Cruise ★ go on a
Disney World Magical ★ ★ go to the NBA All-Star Weekend ★ go to Paris, France ★ go to St. Augustine, FL ★



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

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We are committed to our vision of granting the wish of every eligible child. Accordingly, we work hard to responsibly steward each dollar donated, to maximize every hour volunteered, and to fully leverage goods and services shared—all to make as many wishes as possible come true each year.

Statement of Activities (period ended August 31, 2018)

REVENUE, GAINS, AND OTHER SUPPORT	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
Public Support:			
Contributions	\$4,576,431	\$239,512	\$4,815,943
Grants	\$1,273,876	\$35,902	\$1,309,778
Total Public Support	\$5,850,307	\$275,414	\$6,125,721
Internal Special Events	\$1,043,306	\$495,598	\$1,538,904
Less direct benefit to donors	(\$210,775)	-	(\$210,775)
Total Internal Special Events	\$832,531	\$495,598	\$1,328,129
Investment Income, Net	(\$1,036)	-	(\$1,036)
Other Income	\$17,650	-	\$17,650
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	\$450,966	(\$450,966)	-
Total Revenues, Gains and Other Support	\$7,150,418	\$320,046	\$7,470,464
EXPENSES			
Program Services:			
Wish Granting	\$5,410,640	-	\$5,410,640
Total Program Services	\$5,410,640	-	\$5,410,640
Support Services			
Fundraising	\$827,308	-	\$827,308
Management & General	\$649,761	-	\$649,761
Total Support Services	\$1,477,069	-	\$1,477,069
Total Expenses	\$6,887,709	-	\$6,887,709
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$262,709	\$320,046	\$582,755
Net Assets (Deficit) - Beginning of Year	(\$3,542,643)	\$465,619	(\$3,077,024)
NET ASSETS (DEFICIT) - END OF YEAR	(\$3,279,934)	\$785,665	(\$2,494,269)

Understanding Our Net Asset Position

Make-A-Wish Georgia is a unique organization in that our total expenses in any given year include a portion of our anticipated wish costs for the following year as well. Because each wish is considered a promise to a family, we account for it in the current year once approved, regardless of the actual date of completion. These anticipated wish costs for the next year often generate a net asset position overweighed with costs relative to income. This notwithstanding, Make-A-Wish Georgia remains in good financial standing. When pending wish liability is removed, our net asset position in FY18 was + \$1,310,846—a more accurate representation of our financial situation.



Since 1995, Make-A-Wish Georgia community supporters have helped grant more than **8,000** wishes to children facing critical illnesses.

Wish Ball

\$1 million raised
Over **500** in attendance

WALK FOR WISHES.

Record-breaking year with over **500** walkers and runners

12 wish families participated in the event

Over **8,184,000** steps taken

536 Wish granting and special events volunteers throughout Georgia

FY 2018

A YEAR IN REVIEW



105 golfers

6 wish kids participated in the golf tournament



Thousands of smiles captured on camera during wishes



105,791 Facebook engagements



We've known anecdotally about the **transformational power** of a wish; now a first-of-its-kind study is opening the door to possibilities of medical and financial benefits.

Your Support Your Impact

With **each wish** lives are **transformed.**

Wishes replace fear with confidence, sadness with joy and anxiety with hope.

Families are unified and entire communities enriched.

With each dollar raised and hour volunteered, we move closer to our vision to grant the wish of every eligible child, when they need it the most.

Thank you!



50,994 air miles traveled to Disney World

A **wish** is empowering and life-affirming.



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WE SAY THANK YOU!

I wish to be a famous singer

Andi, 13

ciliary dyskinesia

My wish was special because it went above and beyond what I believed. I knew what to expect—my incredible concert, but I loved the candy bar, hotel, gifts, fan mail, dressing room, flowers, signs, posters, limo, and even the gold bow on my hotel door. Make-A-Wish Georgia was wonderful and I will never forget my concert. I felt like a true famous celebrity singer. Months and years of practice led to the moment I walked on stage and everything was perfect. I will continue supporting and advocating for Make-A-Wish. Thank you!

- Andi

I wish to go to Disney World

Layla, 7

Apert syndrome

Our experience at Magic Kingdom was so emotional, overwhelming, and so magical! Layla had her makeover with the fairy Godmother; then she walked Layla over for a visit with Cinderella. This is where the magic came alive for Layla. Cinderella took Layla by the waist and pulled her to her. She held Layla's face gently in her hands and gave her the biggest kiss on her forehead. Layla was absolutely "star struck". I told my husband that if our trip had ended that day, it would have been worth it. I know that to Cinderella, she was just doing her "job", but to my daughter, she absolutely made her day (not to mention the other 20 people in the room who were shedding tears along with Layla's dad and me). It was truly magical for Layla. Thank you so much, Make-A-Wish Georgia, for making Layla's dream come true!

- Layla's mom

I wish to have a service dog

Christian, 10

Dravet syndrome

Christian now has a companion in "Dutch" that he can bond with and experience some level of normalcy. Dutch and Christian's bond will yield special memories that Christian will cherish forever.

- Christian's mom



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



HOW TO FIND US

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A wish experience is often more than a dream come true; it's the catalyst that rekindles a child's belief in themselves and the promise of their future. Wishes strengthen wish kids and their families, rally communities together and change the lives of everyone involved.

