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**Presented to the Finance Committee of the Ohio House of Representatives**

**April 16, 2015**

Chairman Smith, Vice Chair Schuring, Ranking Member Driehaus and members of the House Finance Committee. It is my pleasure to testify in support of Representative Anielski's amendment to create a "Children's Wish Grant Program" in the State of Ohio's budget, **Sub. HB 64**. This amendment is a smart piece of public policy with a modest price tag that will help foster healthier kids, stronger families, and more united communities – all of which are critical public policy outcomes.

### **Background on Make-A-Wish®**

Make-A-Wish® is a non-profit organization that grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions. These kids are battling cancer, heart problems, and a host of other tough challenges. They often live in a climate of "no" – no friends, no sports, no playing outside, etc. But Make-A-Wish says "yes" to something they deeply want and that "yes" is very powerful.

We are **not** a "last wish" organization – in fact, the vast majority of our children go on to lead normal lives.

Our local chapter, Make-A-Wish Ohio, Kentucky & Indiana, is the largest chapter in the country. Headquartered right here in Columbus, we grant more wishes each year than any of the 61 other chapters. Key facts about our Ohio operations:

- Last year, we granted 462 wishes to children in Ohio and have done more than 8,200 Ohio wishes since we were founded 30 years ago
- Those wishes are granted by more than 1,600 community-based volunteers
- We grant wishes in all 88 of Ohio's counties and we have four regional offices across the state

In your packet of information you will find these facts along with the logos of some of our partners and supporters in a document titled "Make-A-Wish by the Numbers." In addition, you will find county-specific information from each of your districts regarding the number and types of wishes we have granted over the last ten years.

### **The Lasting Power of a Wish**

A wish is an essential part of a child's treatment process – this is what families say and what doctors believe. The statistics, from our national wish impact study, are compelling:

- 96% of medical referral sources observe **increases in wish kids' emotional health**
- 89% of health care professionals surveyed say they believe the wish experience can **influence wish kids' physical health**
- 74% of wish parents observed that **the wish marked a turning point** in their children's response to treatment
- 81% of parents observe an **increased willingness by their wish kids to comply with treatment** protocols
- 96% of parents said that the wish **strengthened their families**

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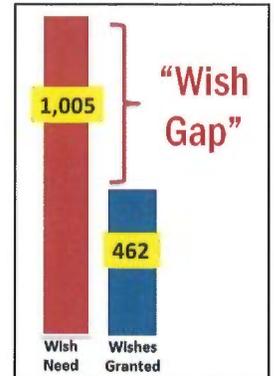
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There is also a lasting power to a wish. Years and even decades later, many wish kids recall how their wishes enriched their lives and helped them overcome their health challenges. A wish leaves a real and lasting impact on wish kids, their families, and their communities.

## Closing Ohio's Wish Gap

Last year, our Make-A-Wish chapter granted the wishes of 462 Ohio children with life-threatening medical conditions. But CDC disease data indicate that more than 1,000 Ohio kids each year are diagnosed with medical conditions that qualify for a wish.

That means we are granting 46% of eligible wishes, leaving a "wish gap" of 543 Ohio children each year. To close this wish gap, we have invested heavily in medical outreach efforts to identify and refer these children for wishes. We are expanding our outreach and awareness efforts in local communities so that families understand how they can find us. And we are building new financial pipelines – private and public – to pay for these wishes.



Eliminating the "Wish Gap" would require \$4 million annually. That funding level would grant 543 more wishes (a 118% increase), allow Ohio to become the first state to exceed 1,000 wishes a year; and it would help us fulfill our vision of granting every eligible wish in Ohio

Annual funding of \$500,000 – the level set in Representative Anielski's amendment – would be meaningful, helping us to grant 67 more wishes (a 15% increase) across the state. This would allow us to meet 53% of Ohio's need for children. It would also help us leverage additional sources of private philanthropic funding.

## The Importance of this Program this Year

Over the years, the state of Ohio has demonstrated a strong funding commitment to high-performing nonprofit organizations with good track records in order to help that organization achieve important public policy goals and outcomes. This funding commitment – to hundreds of nonprofits across Ohio – is well-documented by Governor Kasich's *Mapping Ohio's Compassion* initiative.

Representative Anielski's amendment to create a Children's Wish Grant Program is a smart piece of public policy with a modest price tag. It also would make Ohio the very first state to create such a program – and that is an opportunity we should embrace wholeheartedly.

By creating a competitive grant program for organizations with wish granting as their primary focus, this amendment will help foster healthier kids, stronger families, more united communities – all of which are critical public policy outcomes that we should insist on being first in.

## Closing Remarks

The parents of Wish Kids remain the best spokespeople about the lasting power of a wish. A central Ohio family recently wrote us about their wish experience. The mom shared the many health challenges their daughter battled and noted that her daughter's health made a "drastic improvement" after her wish was granted. I've attached that powerful letter.

While all Wish families could not be here with us today I've invited them to learn about our state budget process by tuning in to watch the Finance Committee hearing online. I am fortunate to have with me today Amanda Webb, who will share her family's wish experience and the lasting impact. At the conclusion of her remarks we would be happy to answer any questions.

## **462 Ohio wishes and lives changed through their wish experience last year alone**



\_\_\_\_\_ moved to amend as follows:

1       Between lines 78255a and 78256, insert:

2       "GRF 440XXX Children's Wish Grant Program \$500,000 \$500,000"

3       In lines 78259 and 78306, add \$500,000 to each fiscal year

4       Between lines 78373 and 78374, insert:

5       "CHILDREN'S WISH GRANT PROGRAM

6       Not later than six months after the effective date of this  
7 section, the Department of Health shall develop a policy and  
8 grant program under which an eligible nonprofit corporation may  
9 apply for funding to grant wishes of persons under the age of  
10 eighteen diagnosed with a life-threatening medical condition and  
11 who are residents of this state. An eligible nonprofit  
12 corporation shall be a corporation recognized under section  
13 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, shall have demonstrated  
14 to the department that the granting of wishes for such persons  
15 has been the primary purpose of the corporation or the  
16 corporation's predecessor in interest for at least ten years  
17 before the effective date of this section, the corporation has  
18 spent at least one million dollars annually during each of the

19 most recent three years to grant such wishes, and shall meet any  
20 other requirements specified by the department.

21 The foregoing appropriation item 440XXX, Children's Wish  
22 Grant Program, shall be used to support the grant program. The  
23 department shall expend all of these funds."

24 The motion was \_\_\_\_\_ agreed to.

25 SYNOPSIS

26 **Department of Health**

27 **Sections 289.10 and 289.20**

28 Appropriates \$500,000 in each fiscal year in new  
29 appropriation item 440XXX, Children's Wish Grant Program.

30 Requires the Department of Health to develop a policy and  
31 grant program under which an eligible nonprofit corporation may  
32 apply for funding to grant the wishes of Ohio children with  
33 life-threatening medical conditions.

34 Requires all funds in the appropriation item to be expended  
35 to support the grant program.



# Make-A-Wish® by the Numbers

**#1**

We are largest chapter of Make-A-Wish in the country

**13,000**

Wishes granted (and counting) in our chapter since 1983

**462**

Wishes granted per year in Ohio

**+80%**

Percentage of wish kids who go on to live normal lives

**96%**

Share of medical professionals who observe increases in wish kids' emotional health because of a wish

**1,632**

Volunteers who help us grant wishes in every Ohio county

*Make-A-Wish® grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions.  
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# The Make-A-Wish® Family in Ohio

## Our Partners

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Dear Nicole:

I want to thank you again and the entire staff of Make a Wish for our trip to Hawaii last year. It was an amazing experience and I can never fully explain the impact it had on Darby and the rest of our family.

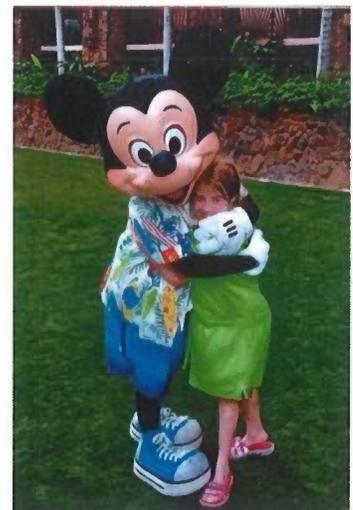
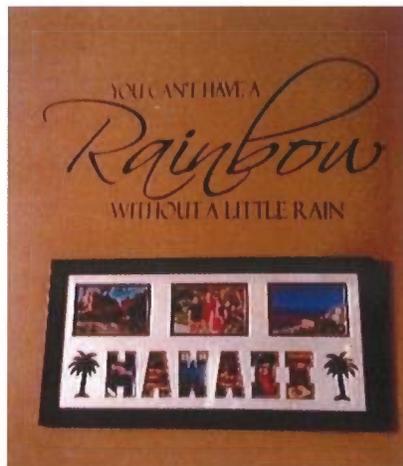
A few years ago, Darby's health progressively became worse without any known cause. After a year and a half of continuous illness and hospitalizations, Darby told me that she thought it would be better for everyone if she just wasn't here anymore. After swallowing my tears, I explained that no matter how dark things seem or how bad the storm is, there is always a rainbow at the end. I reminded her how we always go outside and look for rainbows after it rains. I then explained that she was in the middle of her storm but if she could just hold on, her rainbow would come.

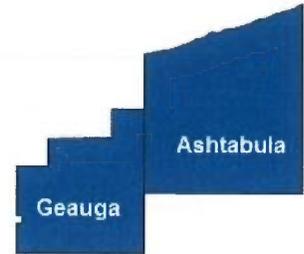
Her "rainbow" was her Hawaii trip. To be totally honest, that trip was a rainbow for the entire family. Because of the work that you do, you understand the impact a chronic, life-threatening illness has on an entire family. While Darby needed the break from all the doctors, hospitals, tests, etc...the entire family needed the chance to reconnect and just enjoy being together away from all the stress. Her trip became a tangible symbol of the good that can come after things seem the darkest. (The first picture I enclosed is a picture of our hallway. This has become a daily reminder that no matter how dark things may seem, there is always something better on the way.)

After our trip, Darby went over 6 months without being in the hospital. I truly don't believe that we would have seen such a drastic improvement without this experience. We can never truly thank you enough for the hard work that went into creating this trip on such short notice. Please accept this donation to put toward another child finding their "rainbow."

Thanks again!

Doug & Jacqueline Bayard





## HD-99 Fact Sheet: The Lasting Power of a Local Wish

Since 2004, Make-A-Wish® has granted **102** wishes in Ashtabula and Geauga Counties, including:

2007	Timothy	Geneva	end stage renal disease	To go to a NASCAR race
2007	Samuel	Chagrin Falls	acute lymphoblastic leukemia	To go to an MLB game
2007	Brittney	Geneva	lymphoma	To go to Hawaii
2008	Angeleena	Orwell	cystic fibrosis	To be a model
2009	Samantha	Middlefield	synovial cell sarcoma	To have a bulldog puppy
2009	Anthony	Chesterland	acute lymphoblastic leukemia	To have a basement game room
2010	Lucas	Chagrin Falls	Burkitt's lymphoma	To go to Walt Disney World® Resort
2012	Justin	Chesterland	immature teratoma	To go to the Grand Canyon
2013	Zachary	Chardon	brain tumor	To have a computer
2014	Kyle	Andover	genetic disorder	To have a koi pond
2014	Tyrone	Windsor	cardiac condition	To meet a celebrity
2014	Riley	Conneaut	neurodevelopmental disorder	To go to Walt Disney World® Resort

So far this year, **5** more kids from these counties who are battling life-threatening medical conditions will receive a wish – *but the need continues to grow!*

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## HD-96 Fact Sheet: The Lasting Power of a Local Wish



Since 2004, Make-A-Wish® has granted **65** wishes in Belmont, Jefferson, and Monroe Counties, including:

2007	Ashlyn	Bridgeport	cystic fibrosis	To go to the American Girl store
2008	Karley Sue	Woodsfield	CPT II deficiency	To have a playhouse
2009	Emily	Saint Clairsville	leukemia	To go to Walt Disney World® Resort
2009	Levi	Rayland	ventricular tachycardia	To have a laptop computer
2011	Dakota	Martins Ferry	acute lymphoblastic leukemia	To go to WrestleMania
2011	Lauren	Wintersville	connective tissue disorder	To go to the Mall of America
2011	Brandon	Steubenville	tumor	To have a "Kid Cave" at home
2012	Romeo	Bloomington	inherited neurologic disorder	To meet a celebrity
2012	Cayden	Mingo Junction	hereditary muscular atrophy	To have a therapeutic pool
2012	Conner	Toronto	lymphoid leukemia	To go to a NASCAR race
2013	Zachary	Bridgeport	coronary artery anomaly	To go to Atlantis, Paradise Island
2014	Brandon	Steubenville	kidney transplant	To go to Walt Disney World® Resort

So far this year, **3** more kids from these counties who are battling life-threatening medical conditions will receive a wish – *but the need continues to grow!*

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## HD-95 Fact Sheet: The Lasting Power of a Local Wish



Since 2004, Make-A-Wish® has granted **63** wishes in Belmont, Carroll, Harrison, Noble, and Washington Counties, including:

2007	Ashlyn	Bridgeport	cystic fibrosis	To go to the American Girl Store
2007	Hallie	Carrollton	olfactory neuroblastoma	To have a swing set
2009	Olivia	Sarahsville	chronic myelogenous leukemia	To go to Hawaii
2009	Emily	Saint Clairsville	acute lymphoblastic leukemia	To go to Walt Disney World® Resort
2010	Bridget	Marietta	tumor	To have a playset
2010	Brady	Cadiz	bronchomalacia	To go to a NASCAR race
2011	Dakota	Martins Ferry	acute lymphoblastic leukemia	To go to WrestleMania
2011	Kelsey	Saint Clairsville	leukemia	To go on a Cruise
2012	Taylor	Marietta	Hodgkin's lymphoma	To go to California
2012	Brittany	Vincent	acute lymphoblastic leukemia	To go to Comic Con in NYC
2013	Zachary	Bridgeport	cardiac condition	To go to Atlantis, Paradise Island
2015	Kacie	Saint Clairsville	soft tissue sarcoma	To go to Walt Disney World® Resort

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## HD-94 Fact Sheet: The Lasting Power of a Local Wish

Since 2004, Make-A-Wish® has granted **58** wishes in Athens, Meigs, Vinton, and Washington Counties, including:

2007	Lauren	Athens	neurological condition	To go to the premiere of a movie
2008	Joshuah	Reno	leukemia	To go to Walt Disney World® Resort
2009	Emily	Pomeroy	cystic fibrosis	To have gymnastics equipment
2010	Bridget	Marietta	tumor	To have a playset
2011	Anthony	Stewart	medulloblastoma	To go to Florida theme parks
2012	Gabriel	Athens	acute lymphoblastic leukemia	To go to Kalahari Resort
2012	Taylor	Marietta	Hodgkin's lymphoma	To go to California
2012	Brittany	Vincent	acute lymphoblastic leukemia	To go to Comic Con in NYC
2014	Wyatt	Albany	metabolic disorder	To go on a cruise
2014	Toby	Newport	acute lymphoblastic leukemia	To go to Walt Disney World® Resort

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## HD-93 Fact Sheet: The Lasting Power of a Local Wish



Since 2004, Make-A-Wish® has granted **69** wishes in Gallia, Jackson, Lawrence, and Vinton Counties, including:

2007	Ryan	Bidwell	Ewing's sarcoma	To go to a college bowl game
2009	Alyssa	Oak Hill	cystic fibrosis	To go to Walt Disney World® Resort
2010	Ervin	Scottown	acute lymphoblastic leukemia	To go to the Smoky Mountains
2010	Christian	Gallipolis	Hodgkin's lymphoma	To go on a cruise
2012	Hannah	Jackson	congenital heart and lung disease	To go to Hollywood
2012	Justin	Coal Grove	neuromuscular disorder	To have a therapeutic hot tub
2012	Nathan	Bidwell	Wilm's Tumor	To go to Dollywood
2013	Paul	Jackson	Ewing's Sarcoma	To meet a celebrity
2013	Luke	Chesapeake	acute lymphoblastic leukemia	To have a playset
2013	Candy	Proctorville	brain tumor	To go to the Fiestaware Factory
2014	Emily	Gallipolis	osteosarcoma	To go to Hawaii
2014	Bessie	South Point	acute lymphoblastic leukemia	To go to Walt Disney World® Resort

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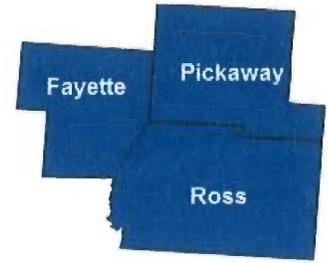
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## HD-92 Fact Sheet: The Lasting Power of a Local Wish

Since 2004, Make-A-Wish® has granted **82** wishes in Fayette, Pickaway, and Ross Counties, including:

2007	Jarrett	Ashtville	brain tumor	To have a therapeutic hot tub
2008	Hayley	Washington CH	thyroid cancer	To meet a celebrity
2008	Nicholas	Chillicothe	Ewing's sarcoma	To go to Colorado
2009	Leah	Washington CH	neuromuscular disorder	To have a room redecoration
2010	Nolan	Chillicothe	brain tumor	To go to Hawaii
2011	Alexander	Chillicothe	brain tumor	To go to Monster Jam
2012	McKenzie	Williamsport	liver/small bowel transplant	To have a playset
2012	Lucas	Commercial Point	immunodeficiency disorder	To have a video game room
2013	Cameron	Washington CH	anaplastic ependymoma	To go to WrestleMania
2014	Thaddaeus	Chillicothe	immunodeficiency disorder	To go swim with dolphins
2014	Randy	Chillicothe	cystic fibrosis	To go fishing out west
2014	Owen	Chillicothe	hypoplastic left heart syndrome	To go to Walt Disney World® Resort

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## HD-88 Fact Sheet: The Lasting Power of a Local Wish

Since 2004, Make-A-Wish® has granted **52** wishes in Sandusky and Seneca Counties, including:

2007	Taylor	Attica	Ewing's sarcoma	To go to Legoland
2008	Kaitlin	Fremont	autoimmune disease	To go to Walt Disney World® Resort
2009	Samuel	Tiffin	brain tumor	To go to LoudFest
2011	Parker	Fremont	progressive muscle disease	To meet a celebrity
2011	Hulk	Fremont	leukemia	To go to Florida theme parks
2011	Taylor	Fostoria	heart disease	To go to Sesame Place
2012	Tristan	Clyde	acute lymphoblastic leukemia	To go to Florida theme parks
2013	Lindsay	Fremont	chronic pancreatitis	To go to Hawaii
2013	Adalyn	Bloomville	leukemia	To go to Walt Disney World® Resort
2015	Logan	Bellevue	cystic fibrosis	To go on a cruise

So far this year, **11** more kids from these counties who are battling life-threatening medical conditions will receive a wish – *but the need continues to grow!*

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## HD-87 Fact Sheet: The Lasting Power of a Local Wish



Since 2004, Make-A-Wish® has granted **88** wishes in Crawford, Marion, Morrow, Seneca, and Wyandot Counties, including:

2007	Riley	Prospect	liver transplant	<i>To have a therapeutic pool</i>
2007	Taylor	Attica	Ewing's sarcoma	<i>To go to Legoland</i>
2008	Jared	Galion	spinal muscular atrophy	<i>To have a special computer</i>
2009	Brooklyn	Bucyrus	respiratory condition	<i>To have a Mickey Mouse party</i>
2009	Mackenzie	Mount Gilead	leukemia	<i>To go on a beach vacation</i>
2010	Steven	Bucyrus	malignant tumor	<i>To have a golf cart</i>
2011	Jacob	Mount Gilead	acute lymphoblastic leukemia	<i>To have a playset</i>
2012	Nathan	Marion	lymphoma	<i>To go to professional baseball game</i>
2012	Natasha	Cardington	end stage renal disease	<i>To go to Hawaii</i>
2014	Dillon	Bucyrus	Byler's disease	<i>To have a sports room</i>
2014	Connor	Marion	Sturge-Weber syndrome	<i>To go to Walt Disney World® Resort</i>

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## HD-83 Fact Sheet: The Lasting Power of a Local Wish



Since 2004, Make-A-Wish® has granted **58** wishes in Hardin, Hancock, and Logan Counties, including:

2007	Kaylee	Findlay	leukemia	To have a birthday party
2007	Cody	Findlay	cystic fibrosis	To meet a famous athlete
2008	McClain	Findlay	Burkitt's lymphoma	To go deep sea fishing
2009	Kelsey	Bellefontaine	acute lymphoblastic leukemia	To go swim with dolphins
2009	Rick	Forest	neuromuscular disorder	To have a van lift
2010	Mikayla	Kenton	synovial sarcoma	To have a laptop computer
2010	Joshua	Bluffton	liver disease	To go to Walt Disney World® Resort
2011	Patrick	Bellefontaine	neuroblastoma	To have a playset
2013	Kayla	Belle Center	Hodgkin's lymphoma	To go on a cruise
2013	Dragin	Findlay	progressive muscle disease	To have an iPad
2013	Carl	Findlay	glioma	To meet an NFL team
2014	Isaac	Alvada	acute lymphoblastic leukemia	To go to Walt Disney World® Resort

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## HD-82 Fact Sheet: The Lasting Power of a Local Wish



Since 2004, Make-A-Wish® has granted **56** wishes in Auglaize, Defiance, Paulding, and Van Wert Counties, including:

2007	Alexandria	Defiance	acute lymphoblastic leukemia	To go to Atlantis, Paradise Island
2008	Derek	Van Wert	Duchenne muscular dystrophy	To go to Walt Disney World® Resort
2010	Riley	Payne	brain tumor	To go to Hawaii
2011	Noah	Middle Point	heart disease	To go to Florida theme parks
2012	Joshua	Wapakoneta	acute lymphoblastic leukemia	To have an ATV
2012	Melia	Cloverdale	non-rhabdomyosarcoma	To have a "Celebration of Life" Party
2013	Courtney	Saint Marys	brain cancer	To meet a celebrity
2013	Jackson	Willshire	Lennox Gastaut syndrome	To have a Kubota tractor
2014	Ben	Ohio City	T-cell leukemia	To have a therapeutic pool
2014	Cheyenne	Antwerp	cystic fibrosis	To go to Walt Disney World® Resort

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## HD-75 Fact Sheet: The Lasting Power of a Local Wish

Since 2004, Make-A-Wish® has granted **50** wishes in Portage County, including:

2007	Anna	Ravenna	neurodevelopmental disorder	To have a room makeover
2008	Lauren	Streetsboro	severe seizure disorder	To go to Walt Disney World® Resort
2011	Lynzie	Garrettsville	neurodevelopmental disorder	To go to Florida theme parks
2012	Anastasia	Streetsboro	optic glioma	To be a singer
2012	Ian	Kent	brain tumor	To go to Jackson Hole, Wyoming
2012	Thomas	Ravenna	brain cancer	To go to Hawaii
2013	Bryn	Aurora	rheumatologic disorder	To go to Walt Disney World® Resort
2014	Benjamin	Kent	acute lymphoblastic leukemia	To meet a celebrity
2014	Ryan	Kent	osteosarcoma	To have a car restoration
2014	Kyle	Aurora	acute myeloid leukemia	To go skiing at Whistler Mountain

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## HD-73 Fact Sheet: The Lasting Power of a Local Wish

Since 2004, Make-A-Wish® has granted **17** wishes in Greene County, including:

2003	Megan	Fairborn	melanoma	To go to Mall of America
2007	Corey	Beavercreek	neurological condition	To go to Florida theme parks
2007	Christopher	Xenia	seizure disorder	To have a safe space
2008	Kayla	Beavercreek	lymphoma	To go to Hawaii
2011	Christopher	Xenia	Wilms' tumor	To go to Florida theme parks
2011	Ashley	Jamestown	brain tumor	To go to Hawaii
2012	Jeremy	Fairborn	chronic kidney disease	To go to Walt Disney World® Resort
2014	Jason	Dayton	non-Hodgkin's lymphoma	To go to Los Angeles
2014	Bethany	Bellbrook	respiratory disease	To go on a cruise
2015	Luciano	Beavercreek	retinoblastoma	To go to Walt Disney World® Resort

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## HD-70 Fact Sheet: The Lasting Power of a Local Wish

Since 2004, Make-A-Wish® has granted **104** wishes in Ashland, Holmes, and Medina Counties, including:

2007	Logan	Medina	osteosarcoma	To meet a celebrity
2008	Emily	Killbuck	cystic fibrosis	To have a playset
2009	Megan	Loudonville	progressive muscle disease	To meet an NFL team
2009	Chelsea	Wadsworth	transplant	To have a laptop computer
2010	Judy	Perrysville	acute lymphoblastic leukemia	To go to San Diego
2010	Alexander	Ashland	Hodgkin's lymphoma	To go to Hawaii
2011	Andrew	Medina	leukemia	To go to the Grand Canyon
2013	Steven	Ashland	acute myeloid leukemia	To have grandparents visit
2013	Daniel	Ashland	liver transplant	To go to a Dinosaur Museum
2014	Austin	Brunswick	non-Hodgkin's lymphoma	To go to the Monster Energy Cup
2014	Christian	Winesburg	cystic fibrosis	To have a "Man Cave"
2014	Braydan	Loudonville	Hodgkin's lymphoma	To go to Walt Disney World® Resort

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## HD-66 Fact Sheet: The Lasting Power of a Local Wish

Since 2004, Make-A-Wish® has granted **118** wishes in Brown and Clermont County, including:

2008	Christopher	Pleasant Plain	acute lymphoblastic leukemia	To go deep sea fishing
2008	Jonathan	Loveland	seizure disorder	To go to Walt Disney World® Resort
2010	Keith	Sardinia	Ewing's sarcoma	To have a fishing boat
2011	Jacob	Loveland	neuroblastoma	To go on a cruise
2011	Michael	Goshen	neurological condition	To meet an NFL team
2012	Gregory	Cincinnati	49, XXXXY syndrome	To go to a Nascar race
2012	McKinley	Cincinnati	acute lymphoblastic leukemia	To have a therapeutic pool
2012	Kyle	Goshen	malignant pituitary tumor	To have a laptop computer
2013	Logan	Amelia	Duchenne muscular dystrophy	To go to Hawaii
2013	Ian	Cincinnati	hematologic disorder	To have a room redecoration
2014	Sarah	Batavia	acute lymphoblastic leukemia	To meet a celebrity
2014	Alanie	Amelia	brain tumor	To go to Walt Disney World® Resort

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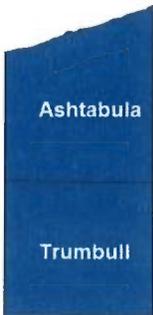


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## HD-64 Fact Sheet: The Lasting Power of a Local Wish



Since 2004, Make-A-Wish® has granted **155** wishes in Ashtabula and Trumbull Counties, including:

2007	Timothy	Geneva	end stage renal disease	<i>To go to a NASCAR race</i>
2008	Angeleena	Orwell	cystic fibrosis	<i>To be a model</i>
2008	Kaleb	Cortland	neurological condition	<i>To go to an NFL game</i>
2010	Awstin	Warren	cardiac condition	<i>To meet a famous athlete</i>
2011	Alyssa	Mineral Ridge	non-Hodgkin's lymphoma	<i>To go to Hawaii</i>
2011	Hannah	Masury	cardiac condition	<i>To have a play set</i>
2012	Victoria	Youngstown	neuromuscular and seizure disorder	<i>To have a fenced in yard</i>
2013	Ayden	Ashtabula	acute myeloid leukemia	<i>To have a computer</i>
2013	Thomas	Southington	leukemia	<i>To go to WrestleMania</i>
2014	Tyrone	Windsor	cardiac condition	<i>To meet a celebrity</i>
2014	Kyle	Andover	genetic disorder	<i>To have a koi pond</i>
2014	Riley	Conneaut	neurodevelopmental disorder	<i>To go to Walt Disney World® Resort</i>

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## HD-62 Fact Sheet: The Lasting Power of a Local Wish



Since 2004, Make-A-Wish® has granted **89** wishes in Warren County, including:

2007	Kimberly	Lebanon	acute promyeloid leukemia	To go to the Mall of America
2007	Heather	Maineville	liver transplant	To meet a country band
2008	Cadyn	Maineville	Hypoplastic left heart syndrome	To go to Walt Disney World® Resort
2008	Toby	Lebanon	Neuroblastoma	To have a go-kart
2009	Noah	Mason	heart condition	To meet a famous athlete
2010	Matthew	Mason	Hodgkin's lymphoma	To go to Arizona
2012	Killian	Lebanon	neurological condition	To be a model
2013	Bayleigh	South Lebanon	brain tumor	To go to the San Diego Zoo
2013	Sage	Loveland	Wilms' tumor	To go to Hawaii
2013	Anthony	Mason	severe hemophilia A inhibitor	To go to an NBA All-Star Game
2014	Samuel	Maineville	seizure disorder	To be a steam train driver
2014	Allison	Lebanon	Ewing's sarcoma	To go to Walt Disney World® Resort

So far this year, **14** more kids from this county who are battling life-threatening medical conditions will receive a wish – *but the need continues to grow!*

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## HD-56 Fact Sheet: The Lasting Power of a Local Wish

Since 2004, Make-A-Wish® has granted **135** wishes in Lorain County, including:

2007	Ryan	Elyria	Hodgkin's lymphoma	To go deep sea fishing
2008	William	Lorain	neurological condition	To go to Walt Disney World® Resort
2008	Vada	Lorain	anaplastic astrocytoma	To have a Chihuahua puppy
2009	Joshua	Elyria	Duchenne muscular dystrophy	To go to WrestleMania
2009	Kyle	Lorain	Duchenne muscular dystrophy	To go swim with dolphins
2011	Michelle	Lorain	acute myeloid leukemia	To have a laptop computer
2011	Thomas	Elyria	leukemia	To go on an RV trip out west
2012	Alex	Avon	acute lymphoblastic leukemia	To have a game room
2013	Jayden	Elyria	neurological condition	To have a bedroom redecoration
2013	Courtney	North Ridgeville	Hodgkin's lymphoma	To go to an NBA All-Star Game
2014	Nicole	North Ridgeville	stage 5 renal disease	To go to Hawaii
2014	Vanessa	Lorain	genetic disorder	To go to Walt Disney World® Resort

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## HD-53 Fact Sheet: The Lasting Power of a Local Wish

Butler

Since 2004, Make-A-Wish® has granted **183** wishes in Butler County, including:

2008	David	Hamilton	acute lymphoblastic leukemia	To go to the NFL Pro Bowl
2008	Malika	Hamilton	hematologic disorder	To go to the Kids' Choice Awards
2008	Megan	Hamilton	B-cell lymphoma	To meet a race car driver
2009	Austin	Fairfield	hypoplastic left heart syndrome	To be a baseball announcer
2009	Jordan	Hamilton	kidney transplant	To be a dolphin trainer
2009	Gabriel	Hamilton	acute lymphoblastic leukemia	To have a swing set
2011	Bernadette	Fairfield	inflammatory muscular disorder	To have a bedroom redecoration
2012	Obadiah	Hamilton	leukemia	To go to Walt Disney World® Resort
2013	Garrett	Liberty Township	Duchenne muscular dystrophy	To go to Hawaii
2013	Austin	Liberty Township	Hodgkin's lymphoma	To have a dirt bike
2014	Griffin	Liberty Township	chronic myeloid leukemia	To have a "Man Cave"
2014	Logan	Fairfield	genetic disorder	To go to Walt Disney World® Resort

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## HD-48 Fact Sheet: The Lasting Power of a Local Wish

Since 2004, Make-A-Wish® has granted **110** wishes in Stark County, including:

2008	Ethan	Massillon	Wilms' tumor	To have a bedroom makeover
2008	Kevin	Uniontown	brain tumor	To go to a show on Broadway
2009	Kyle	Canal Fulton	acute myeloid leukemia	To go to the beach
2010	Jamie	Magnolia	vascular condition	To have a golf cart
2010	Austin	Alliance	cystic fibrosis	To go to Hawaii
2010	Amber	Canton	liver disorder	To meet a celebrity
2011	Craig	Alliance	chronic liver disease	To go to the Mall of America
2012	Jimmie	Canton	leukemia	To meet an NBA team
2012	Jori	Massillon	gastroparesis, dysphagia	To have a therapeutic pool
2013	Adeline	Hartville	rheumatologic disorder	To go to Alaska
2014	Chance	Navarre	neurological condition	To have an adaptive playset
2014	Harrison	Canton	hypoplastic left heart syndrome	To go to Walt Disney World® Resort

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## HD-47 Fact Sheet: The Lasting Power of a Local Wish

Since 2004, Make-A-Wish® has granted **261** wishes in Fulton and Lucas Counties, including:

2008	Wade	Lyons	Wilm's tumor	To go to California
2009	Jennifer	Delta	Hodgkin's lymphoma	To have a therapeutic pool
2009	Kayla	Toledo	hematologic disorder	To meet a celebrity
2010	Andrew	Oregon	Burkett's lymphoma	To go to New York City
2010	Emileigh	Metamora	congenital heart disease	To have a computer
2010	Kaylee	Monclova	genetic disorder	To be a singer
2011	Benjamin	Sylvania	hematologic disorder	To meet a famous athlete
2012	Zachary	Swanton	degenerative brain disease	To go pan for gold
2012	Marissa	Toledo	brain stem tumor	To go swim with dolphins
2012	Adam	Toledo	leukemia	To have a room redecoration
2013	Nicole	Sylvania	lymphoma	To go to Mall of America
2014	Gerardo	Toledo	T-cell lymphoma	To go to Walt Disney World® Resort

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## HD-34 Fact Sheet: The Lasting Power of a Local Wish

Since 2004, Make-A-Wish® has granted **185** wishes in Summit County, including:

2008	Emma	Cuyahoga Falls	rhabdomyosarcoma	To meet a celebrity
2009	Chad	Barberton	progressive muscular disease	To go to Walt Disney World® Resort
2009	Caroline	Akron	optic glioma	To have a playhouse
2011	Dylan	Akron	end stage renal disease	To go to Legoland
2011	Molly	New Franklin	Hodgkin's lymphoma	To have a room redecoration
2012	Cael	Norton	acute lymphocytic leukemia	To go to Myrtle Beach
2012	Jennifer	Macedonia	idiopathic anaphylaxis	To have a puppy
2013	Naya	Northfield	hematologic disorder	To go to the Kids' Choice Awards
2013	Makayla	Twinsburg	acute lymphoblastic leukemia	To go swim with dolphins
2013	Makenzie	Akron	autoimmune disorder	To go to Hawaii
2014	Cody	Akron	Ewing's sarcoma	To have an autographed guitar
2014	Israel	Akron	neuroblastoma	To go to Walt Disney World® Resort

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## HD-33 Fact Sheet: The Lasting Power of a Local Wish

Since 2004, Make-A-Wish® has granted **439** wishes in Hamilton County, including:

2008	Austin	Blue Ash	congenital cardiac condition	To go to the American Girl Store
2008	Vince	Montgomery	Hodgkin's lymphoma	To have a Wii Gaming System
2010	Angelica	Cincinnati	leukemia	To go to Walt Disney World® Resort
2011	Isaiah	Cincinnati	lymphoblastic lymphoma	To meet a celebrity
2011	Shane	Montgomery	autoimmune condition	To go to Zero-Gravity Experience
2012	Carter	Harrison	cystic fibrosis	To go to WrestleMania
2012	Rajah	Cincinnati	heart disease	To go to a the set of a TV show
2013	Scarlett	Cincinnati	spinal muscular atrophy	To have a backyard makeover
2013	Austin	Cincinnati	brain tumor	To go to Hawaii
2014	Dumeral	Cincinnati	hematologic disorder	To have a room redecoration
2014	Owen	Cincinnati	hypoplastic left heart disorder	To meet a famous athlete
2014	Joselynn	Cincinnati	Dravet syndrome	To go to Walt Disney World® Resort

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2008	Austin	Blue Ash	congenital cardiac condition	To go to the American Girl Store
2008	Vince	Montgomery	Hodgkin's lymphoma	To have a Wii Gaming System
2010	Angelica	Cincinnati	leukemia	To go to Walt Disney World® Resort
2011	Isaiah	Cincinnati	lymphoblastic lymphoma	To meet a celebrity
2011	Shane	Montgomery	autoimmune condition	To go to Zero-Gravity Experience
2012	Carter	Harrison	cystic fibrosis	To go to WrestleMania
2012	Rajah	Cincinnati	heart disease	To go to the set of a TV show
2013	Scarlett	Cincinnati	spinal muscular atrophy	To have a backyard makeover
2013	Austin	Cincinnati	brain tumor	To go to Hawaii
2014	Dumeral	Cincinnati	hematologic disorder	To have a room redecoration
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2009	Jazmon	Cleveland	brain tumor	<i>To go to the Mall of America</i>
2010	Gabriel	Parma Heights	cystic fibrosis	<i>To meet the cast of a TV show</i>
2011	Arron	Cleveland	throat cancer	<i>To go to Julliard</i>
2012	Noah	Solon	acute lymphoblastic leukemia	<i>To go to an NBA All-Star Game</i>
2012	Olivia	Strongsville	acute myeloid leukemia	<i>To have a bedroom makeover</i>
2012	Adena	Valley View	Nijmegen breakage syndrome	<i>To meet a celebrity</i>
2013	Timothy	Parma Heights	cystic fibrosis, cirrhosis	<i>To be a marine biologist</i>
2013	Sierra	Brook Park	blood disorder	<i>To go to Hawaii</i>
2013	Joshua	Parma	brain tumor	<i>To meet a famous athlete</i>
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## HD-4 Fact Sheet: The Lasting Power of a Local Wish

Since 2004, Make-A-Wish® has granted **35** wishes in Allen County, including:

2007	Laura	Lima	autoimmune condition	To go to Hawaii
2008	Jaylynnne	Lima	cystic fibrosis	To go to Walt Disney World® Resort
2008	Taylor	Lima	non-Hodgkin's lymphoma	To go to an NFL game
2009	Nicholas	Lima	brain stem glioma	To go to the set of a TV show
2011	Kaylynn	Lima	pulmonary fibrosis	To have a room redecoration
2011	Aaron	Bluffton	progressive muscle disease	To go to San Francisco
2011	Emily	Lima	brain tumor	To meet a celebrity
2012	Matthew	Lima	neuromuscular disorder	To have a therapeutic swimming pool
2012	Riley	Elida	liver transplant	To go on a road trip to Yellowstone
2014	MaKenzie	Lima	lymphatic malformation	To go to Walt Disney World® Resort

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## HD-2 Fact Sheet: The Lasting Power of a Local Wish

Since 2004, Make-A-Wish® has granted **40** wishes in Richland County, including:

2005	Kent	Shelby	metabolic disease	To have a therapy dog
2007	Gage	Mansfield	heart condition	To go on an Alaskan train ride
2008	Ashley	Lexington	stomach sarcoma	To go to Walt Disney World® Resort
2008	Bryce	Mansfield	retinoblastoma	To have play equipment
2009	Mackenzie	Ontario	Hodgkin's lymphoma	To meet a celebrity
2009	Sam	Bellville	end stage renal disease	To go to Hawaii
2011	Daniela	Mansfield	acute lymphoblastic leukemia	To go to Florida theme parks
2013	Rantavia	Mansfield	kidney transplant	To have braces
2013	Jordyn	Shelby	acute lymphoblastic leukemia	To meet the cast of a TV show
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