



## HD-76 Fact Sheet: The Lasting Power of a Local Wish

Since 2004, **Make-A-Wish® Ohio** has granted **104** wishes to children battling life-threatening medical conditions in Geauga and Portage Counties, including:

Year	First Name	City	Medical Condition	Child's Wish
2008	Lauren	Streetsboro	severe seizure disorder	To go to Walt Disney World® Resort
2009	Samantha	Middlefield	synovial cell sarcoma	To have an English bulldog puppy
2009	Anthony	Chesterland	acute lymphoblastic leukemia	To have a game room
2012	Ian	Kent	brain tumor	To go to Jackson Hole, Wyoming
2012	Anastasia	Streetsboro	optic glioma	To be a singer
2012	Justin	Chesterland	immature teratoma	To go to the Grand Canyon
2013	Zachary	Chardon	brain tumor	To have a computer
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

Doctors and parents tell us a wish is more than a nice thing – it’s powerful medicine. More and more, doctors are prescribing a wish as part of the treatment process.

- ✓ **74%** of parents say the wish marked a turning point in their child’s response to treatment. That’s why a vast majority of Wish kids survive and then thrive
- ✓ **89%** of health care sources say a wish influences wish kids’ physical health
- ✓ **96%** of medical sources see increases in Wish kids’ emotional health

Local volunteers from all 88 Ohio counties help us grant more than 400 wishes each year – but that’s less than half the need in Ohio. *Help us grant more wishes to transform the lives of these courageous children and their families.*

*“A wish is about hope and the future. It focuses a child on what life can be and recharges the child and strengthens their spirit.”*

- Dr. Anup Patel, MD  
Director of Complex Epilepsy Clinic  
Nationwide Children’s Hospital



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