



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

Since 2004, **Make-A-Wish® Ohio** has granted **68** wishes to children battling life-threatening medical conditions in Hardin, Hancock, and Logan Counties, including:

Year	First Name	City	Medical Condition	Child's Wish
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

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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