



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

Since 2004, **Make-A-Wish® Ohio** has granted **51** wishes to children battling life-threatening medical conditions in Richland County, including:

Year	First Name	City	Medical Condition	Child's Wish
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
2013	Jimmie	Mansfield	hematologic disorder	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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