



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

Since 2004, **Make-A-Wish® Ohio** has granted **221** wishes to children battling life-threatening medical conditions in Summit County, including:

Year	First Name	City	Medical Condition	Child's Wish
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

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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