

OUR MISSION

Together, we create life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses.

Wish Impact Study

100% of medical providers said the wish experience improves a child's emotional well-being.

95% of wish alumni felt more hopeful for their future after their wish.

91% of wish parents believe the wish experience gave their child a better chance of surviving their critical illness.

Interested in learning more about ways you can help or get involved with Make-A-Wish?

Scan the QR code with your smartphone to get started.



QUICK FACTS ABOUT MAKE-A-WISH® WESTERN NEW YORK:

- We grant **120+ wishes** annually in the greater Buffalo and Rochester regions, serving children and families in 17 counties.
- Make-A-Wish does not receive federal or state funding. We rely exclusively on donations from individual contributions, special events, corporate donations and sponsorships, foundation grants, workplace giving and planned gifts.
- Over **250 active volunteers** throughout Western New York help to make wishes come true.

Make-A-Wish is the largest wish-granting charity in the world, with **58 chapters** throughout the United States and its territories and **40 international affiliates** on **six continents**. Our national office is located in Phoenix, Arizona.

Since 1992, **Make-A-Wish Western New York** has granted over **3,600** life-changing wishes to children with **critical illnesses** throughout the area.

Children that **qualify** for a wish are between the ages of 2½ and 18, and have been diagnosed with a **critical illnesses**. They are **not** necessarily terminal. In fact, many of wish kids overcome their medical conditions and go on to lead **strong, healthy lives**.

A wish is not simply a wish. In the fight against a critical illness, a **wish** serves as a **catalyst** for renewed strength and encouragement for **every child and family** on their journey. In fact, wishes have **proven physical and emotional benefits** that can give children with critical illnesses a **higher chance of survival**. And wishes not only help these children - they also have far-reaching, positive impacts on their **families and communities**.

Right now, there are **over 270 children** in Western New York **waiting for their wish to be granted**. Every one of these kids needs a wish to give them strength and help them heal.

Put simply, we believe a single wish transforms lives.



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