



What do children wish for?

While every wish is different and specially tailored for each child and family, there are some common themes among the hundreds of wishes Make-A-Wish has fulfilled.

- Some children want to meet favorite celebrities. Celebrities from a variety of fields—sports, television, theater, dance, music, and movies, for instance—are usually delighted to meet a “wish child.”
- Some children wish for a family trip. DisneyWorld is the most popular destination, but wish children and families have traveled to Hollywood, the Grand Canyon, the Kennedy Space Center, Hawaii, and the Pittsburgh Pirates’ Florida training camp.
- Some children ask for special presents. The range of gifts requested is wide, and includes puppies and pianos, computers and cassette decks, shopping sprees, bedroom furniture, a ride on a fire truck, and even a fishing pond.

“I love all of you and everyone involved for what was the best time in a long while.”



How do wishes come true?

When a wish is made, Make-A-Wish checks with the child’s doctor to make sure the wish is appropriate for the child’s medical condition.

Then the wish is assigned to a volunteer “wish team.” The specially trained wish teams are the heart of Make-A-Wish. Despite the fact that many of the volunteers are busy with their own families and jobs, they donate countless hours of hard work to make wishes come true.

The two- or three-member wish team meets the child and family to talk about the wish—and then goes to work to make the wish come true. Every detail is carefully planned, including particular medical needs and spending money, so that the wish can be a delightful and carefree time for the entire family.

Families are always included when the child’s wish comes true, and the only limit on wishes is that they must not be harmful or unhealthful.

“Thanks to your Foundation, some of the dreams in this world can come true.”