

What Make-A-Wish® Oregon is doing locally

Make-A-Wish Oregon granted its first wish in 1983 to Sam who wished to meet Erik Estrada. In that first year we granted five wishes. Today we grant approximately 200 wishes annually to children throughout Oregon and Clark County, Washington. We are able to do this important work thanks to a powerful network of volunteers, donors, sponsors and staff members. But our work is far from finished. Right now, for every child who receives the gift of a wish experience, there is another child we are still trying to reach. With community support and your investment in Make-A-Wish Oregon, deserving children will be able to look forward to their future with excitement instead of fear.

What types of wishes are granted?

Make-A-Wish Oregon provides unparalleled wishes as imaginative as the children who dream them. Most wishes tend to fall into one of the following four categories.



"I wish to go..."



"I wish to have..."



"I wish to meet..."



"I wish to be..."

Wishes by the numbers

1983

The year our chapter began granting wishes to local children.

3,100+

The number of wishes our chapter has granted since our inception in 1983.

201

Number of wishes our chapter granted in FY2014.

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"To see your son's eyes light up with a new puppy, and have him giggle and laugh and squeal in joy, it means so much to us."

-Rob, Brayden's Dad

Brayden, 5

Ewing's Sarcoma

I wish to have a yellow lab puppy



“Aurora had a truly magical time.”

-Brandy, Aurora’s Mom

Aurora, 5

Trisomy 18

I wish to go to Walt Disney World® Resort

Who can refer a child?

Eligible children may be referred to Make-A-Wish by themselves, their parents or legal guardians, or by medical professionals.

Who is eligible to receive a wish?

Before a wish can be granted, three criteria must be met:

- The child must be between the ages of 2½ and 18 years old.
- The child’s physician must medically qualify the child.
- The child must not have received a previous wish from Make-A-Wish or any other wish-granting organization.

How is our local chapter funded?

Make-A-Wish Oregon is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization and is financed solely through private cash and in-kind donations. We do not participate in telemarketing, chain letters or door-to-door solicitations. Donations are tax-deductible as permitted by law.



How can I help?

Share the power of a wish® by making a donation of cash or frequent flier miles, volunteering, sponsoring an event or connecting with us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Visit www.oregon.wish.org for more information or call us.

Why do we do it?

89% of healthcare referral sources surveyed say that the wish experience influences wish kids’ physical health.*

96% of healthcare referral sources observe increases in wish kids’ emotional health.*

98% of parents surveyed felt the wish experience gave them the opportunity to be a “normal” family again.*

**Results from national wish impact study.*

Expenses by function based on fiscal year 2013.



84%

Wish Granting & Program Services



11%

Fundraising & Events



5%

Management & General

“If a cheetah hurt his ankle, I would help it.”

Nikolai, 8

brain tumor

I wish to be a zookeeper

