

Make-A-Wish® Beginnings

All his life, 7-year-old Chris Greicius dreamed of becoming a police officer. With the help of Arizona Department of Public Safety members, the Arizona boy with leukemia realized his dream.

April 29, 1980, was Chris' special day – when Chris' wish was granted. Provided with a custom-made uniform, helmet, and badge, Chris was sworn in as the first ever and only honorary state trooper in Arizona history. His activities included being escorted around the city of Phoenix in a helicopter and passing a motorcycle proficiency test to earn his motorcycle wings.

On May 2, 1980, Chris was back in the hospital. The following day, Chris Greicius passed away, but his memory was not forgotten. The joy expressed by Chris inspired a group of volunteers to form the Chris Greicius Make-A-Wish Memorial – which later became known as the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Founded locally in February 1986, the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Metro St. Louis was granted chapter status in 1990.

Since its inception, the chapter has granted over 1200 wishes to children in eastern Missouri and southern Illinois.

Most wishes fall into four categories: “I want to go...,” “I want to be...,” “I want to meet...,” or “I want to have...” Some children wish to meet their favorite celebrity, musician, or athlete. Others may wish for a trip to Disney World or a computer.

With your help, we can grant the wishes of children like 6-year-old Christopher who lives with cerebral palsy, a life-threatening illness that makes it difficult for Christopher to control his muscles.

Combining his love of water with the benefits a hot tub would provide, wish-granters unveiled a new hot tub along with a pizza party to Christopher in June, 2002.



It is our pledge never to deny a wish to an eligible child. It costs an average of \$5,700 to grant a child's wish, which is why we need *your* help!

Wishmaker's at Work

Wishmaker's at Work is a program designed to give employee groups the chance to raise money at their workplace to help grant the wishes of our special children.

Employees can create fun and interesting fund raising projects that will enhance the joy of giving to a child.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation understands how stressful work can be at times; however, it only takes simple genuine effort to make a difference in the life of child living with a life-threatening illness.

Wishmaker's at Work Project Ideas

Company Cookbook

Everyone contributes a favorite recipe. Copy the recipes and bind them into books. They can then be sold to co-workers and friends!

Hold a Raffle

Get an item donated, such as a DVD player or a laptop computer. Designate a ticket price and sell raffle tickets throughout your company.

Dress Down Day

Employees can make a donation and have the privilege of wearing “casual” clothes to work on a designated day. If this is done once a week or even once a month for an entire year, there is a potential to raise a lot of money!

Matching Gifts*

Many companies offer a matching gift program, which could increase your collective contribution.

Payroll Deduction*

Employees can request a designated sum of money be automatically deducted from their paycheck.



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Jennifer's Wish

Whether a wish is for a puppy, a vacation or to meet a famous person most children will place their hopes for a wish-come-true on the stars.

With your support, Make-A-Wish® can move the stars above to help fulfill many more wishes like Jennifer's. The fun-loving 13-year-old from our community suffers from Takayash's Syndrome. When asked about her favorite things, Jennifer's love for animals is immediately apparent.

This summer, Jennifer will leave on her fondest Wish - a Hawaii adventure with her parents, brother, and sister. Her Hawaii Wish itinerary includes all the sun, fun, and wonderful sites the tropical paradise has to offer. However, the activity Jennifer is most excited about is her opportunity to swim with the dolphins.

At Make-A-Wish, we know we cannot change the future for our Wish children; however, with the help we receive from friends like you the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Metro St. Louis can fulfill the wish of a courageous youngster. Thank you for being part of this magic!



Jennifer, 13, was most excited about her chance to swim the dolphins while in Hawaii.

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The Make-A-Wish Foundation® grants wishes to children with life-threatening illnesses to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy.

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