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A wish is granted every
40 minutes nationwide

300

Granting more than
300 wishes every year
in Central and
Northern Florida

2½ to 18

Granting wishes to children
2½ to 18 years old with
life-threatening
medical conditions

1980

Make-A-Wish Foundation
of America was founded
in 1980

\$7000

\$7000 average cost of a wish

7-year-old

It all started in Phoenix with
7-year-old Chris Greicius,
who wished to be a
police officer

25000

More than 1000 volunteers
chapter-wide; more than
25000 volunteers
nationwide

54

Serving 54 counties
in Central and
Northern Florida

#1

#1 destination chapter
for wish children around
the nation

74¢

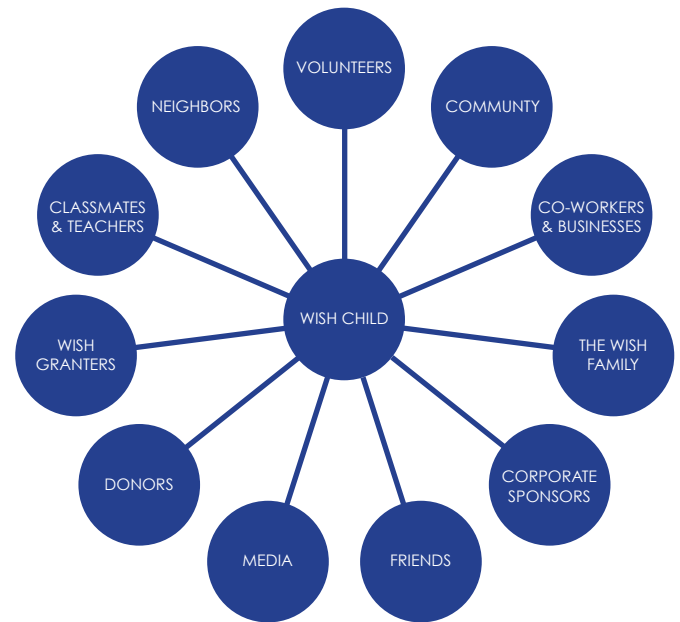
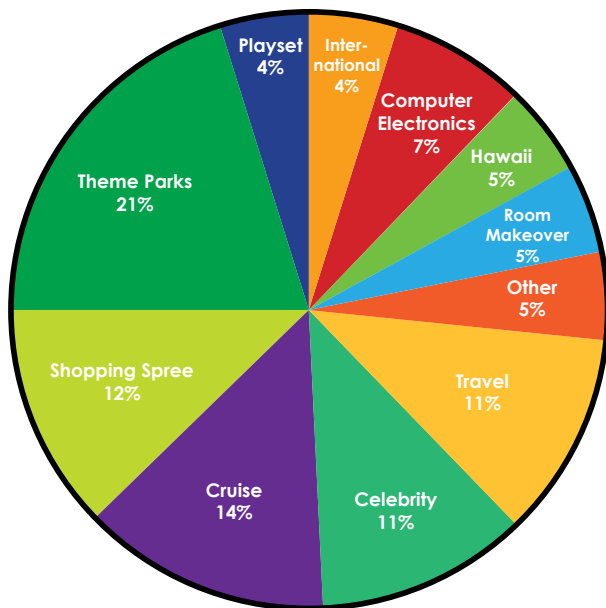
74 cents of every dollar
goes directly to wishes



Wish Them Hope

Make-A-Wish Foundation of America is the largest wish-granting organization in the world!

Mission statement: We grant the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy.



4 TYPES OF WISHES

Wish to have...

Wish to meet...

Wish to be...

Wish to go...



LESLIE | 12 | WISHED TO GO ON A CARIBBEAN CRUISE

"I can't say enough about our trip! It was kind of like all of the pain and tears of the last two years were washed away by the trip...like some kind of emotional cleansing."

- Leslie's Mother



"I love watching him fall face first to the ground just to eat the snow."



Austin's Wish

To Have a Snowball Fight!

"On the plane, I woke him up and said, 'Austin, see all that white? That's snow!'" said his aunt, Lesley. "I thought he was going to go through the window."

Living with Langerhans Cell Histiocytosis, a rare disease similar to cancer, 4-year-old Austin wished for one thing...to have a snowball fight. He and his family stayed at the Trapp Family Lodge in Vermont, visited the Vermont Teddy Bear and the Ben & Jerry's factories, and hurled snowballs with the Stowe Fire Department. His wish gave him the opportunity to be a kid again. His mother said, "I love watching him fall face first to the ground just to eat the snow."



Wish Them Strength

WAYS TO HELP:

Individual Donation

Write a check to the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Central and Northern Florida as a monetary donation.

Corporate Sponsorship

Become a sponsor of one or more of our signature special events.

Wishes Forever Endowment

Fund wishes in your family or company name for years to come.

Wishmaker's Program

Sponsor specific types of wishes throughout the year.

Cause-Related Marketing

Co-brand your products and services, and involve your customers in delivering wishes.

In-Kind Donation

Donate products or services to help us grant local wishes.

Workplace Giving

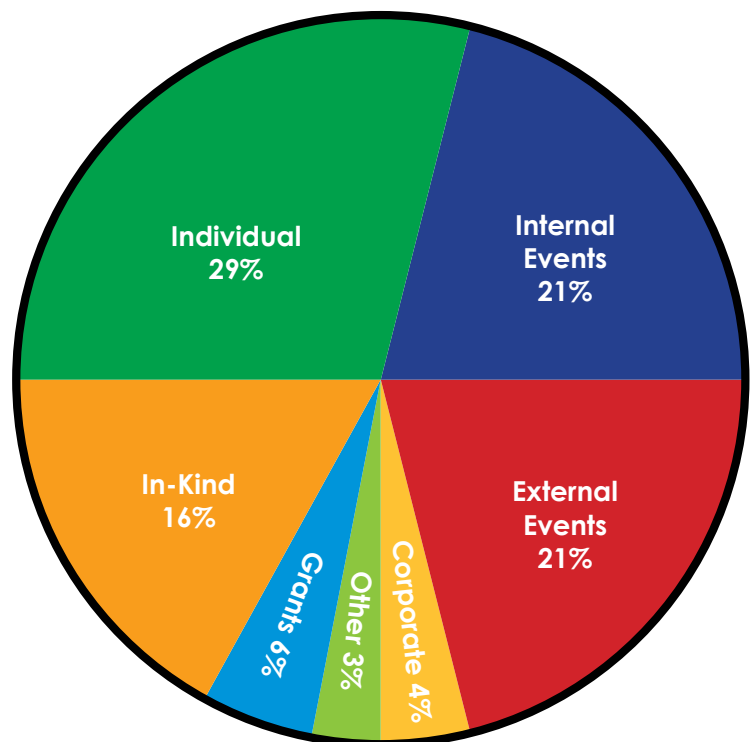
Conduct an annual employee-giving program or company event to support our Foundation.

Planned Giving

Include the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Central and Northern Florida in your will or estate plans.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation does not raise funds by door-to-door or telephone solicitation methods. It also does not receive funding from federal, state or local government programs, or United Way.

SOURCES OF FUNDING



"By far the most rewarding experience is being a part of making wishes come true at Universal Orlando Resort—meeting wish children and their families; assisting them with their wish to meet Spiderman, Barney, Sponge Bob; watching the joy on their faces as they see their hero or favorite character come to life; and knowing that we all work together to make the child's wish a once-in-a-lifetime experience that the family will treasure. Helping to provide those memories for the families is the most rewarding work of all."

-Judi Lebrede, Universal Orlando Resort

#1 Fan and a team player.



Michael's Wish To Meet Vinny Lecavalier

Ten-year-old Michael, with hypoplastic left heart syndrome, was granted his wish...to meet his favorite Tampa Bay Lightning player, Vinny Lecavalier! Michael was ecstatic when Vinny told him that he could watch the team practice and maybe get a chance to skate. When Michael and his family arrived, the team showed him to the locker room, where an official Lecavalier jersey was hanging in "his" locker space! Much to Michael's surprise, he was involved in every aspect of the practice: passing the puck around with Vinny to warm up, leading the entire team in stretches and the first lap around the rink and playing a scrimmage game where he scored a couple of goals! After practice, the head coach presented Michael a bag of official Lightning pucks and gathered the team in the center of the ice for a photo. Before the end of the day, Vinny signed his hockey stick and gave it to Michael. In return, Michael gave Vinny a framed letter stating that he was his #1 fan and that he really likes the way he plays.

Wish Them Joy

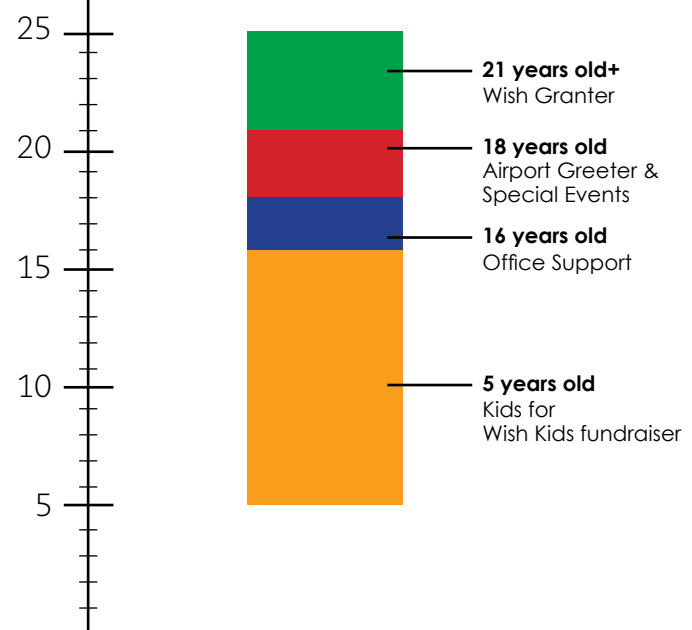
"The most rewarding experience as volunteers is just watching the smiles and excitement of the kids when their wish is fulfilled. We get as much out of it as the kids."

-Dave and Nancy Moffett

Volunteers are the heart and soul of the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Our generous and compassionate volunteers enable us to fulfill our mission.

- Become a Wish Granter
- Help Plan a Signature Event
- Enlist in our Speaker's Bureau
- Assist at an Event
- Get involved with Kids for Wish Kids
- Volunteer as an Airport Greeter
- Provide Office Support
- Apply for an Internship

VOLUNTEER AGE REQUIREMENTS



ELIAN | 6 | WISHED TO MEET EMERIL LAGASSE

"Even though I promised myself that I wasn't going to cry, I finally shed tears of happiness to see my son full of so much joy. It was almost impossible to believe that such a dream was finally becoming true."

-Elian's Mom

Amanda celebrates eight years cancer-free!

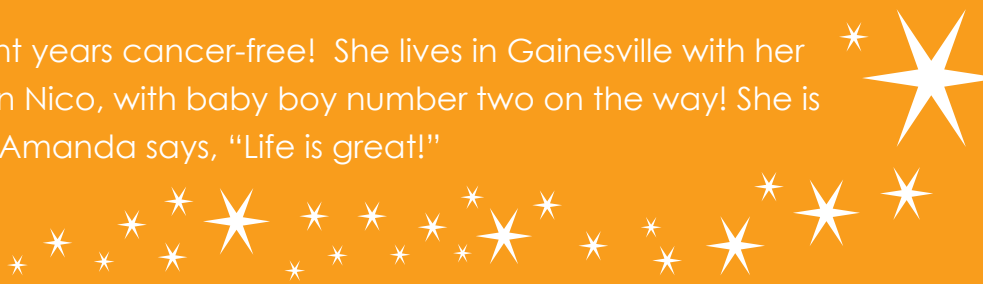


“Where Are They Now”

As staff, volunteers and supporters of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Central and Northern Florida, there's only one thing more rewarding than seeing the smile on the face of a child when his most heartfelt wish comes true...it's watching how that wish transforms their lives and often gives them the strength to fight their illness and experience the gift of life for years to come.

Amanda is a perfect example. In April 2001, her wish to have a walk-on part on the soap opera “Passions” was granted. Her experience was absolutely magical. The producers gave her the biggest dressing room, escorted her through wardrobe and make-up and made an appearance in seven scenes! The cast fell in love with the Orlando beauty and asked her to stay to have lunch with them. Amanda left Hollywood with photos, autographs and hugs, but more importantly the hope, strength and joy that she needed to fight her illness, Hodgkin's Disease.

Today, Amanda, 25, celebrates eight years cancer-free! She lives in Gainesville with her husband Dave and her beautiful son Nico, with baby boy number two on the way! She is a stay-at-home mom and LOVES it. Amanda says, “Life is great!”



What We Wish For



Child's Name Brianna Age 8

Wished to be a singer.

Whether we are enabling children to experience life in the day of a firefighter or ice skate with their favorite hockey player, the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Central and Northern Florida is creating magical moments for local children with life-threatening medical conditions. We look forward to putting smiles on the faces and hope in the hearts of families throughout the state for decades to come. But we can't do it without your help.

Please contact your nearest office to discuss how you or your organization can share *the power of a wish®* and make our wish come true.



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