



Welcome to the **A Wish Come True Family!**

Since 1982 we have granted over 1,900 Wishes and we are excited to begin planning yours!! We understand you need a break right now. You need positive and fun family time and we will make that happen. We know this has been a very challenging journey for all of you. As you get to know us and talk more with us, you will see that we provide many resources to you to help you deal with the emotional, financial and physical stress of all of this. This brochure outlines some of the ways we can help you, and this support lasts long after your Wish is granted. Kelly Bolton is the Director of Operations and will be your contact.

Welcome to the Family,

Mary-Kate O'Leary
Executive Director

ABOUT US

A Wish Come True grants Wishes and provides resources to the families of children ages 3-18 who have been diagnosed with a life-threatening illness. Founded in 1982, A Wish Come True is the oldest Wish granting organization in Rhode Island, Central and Southeastern Massachusetts, and Eastern Connecticut, serving up to 40 wishes a year. In addition to granting Wishes, A Wish Come True (AWCT) provides on-going support to the children's families. This includes the Wish of Wellness, emergency funding, hosting local events, game tickets, in-kind donations, and holiday support. A Wish Come True is not associated with any national company and all funding goes directly to supporting local children and their families.

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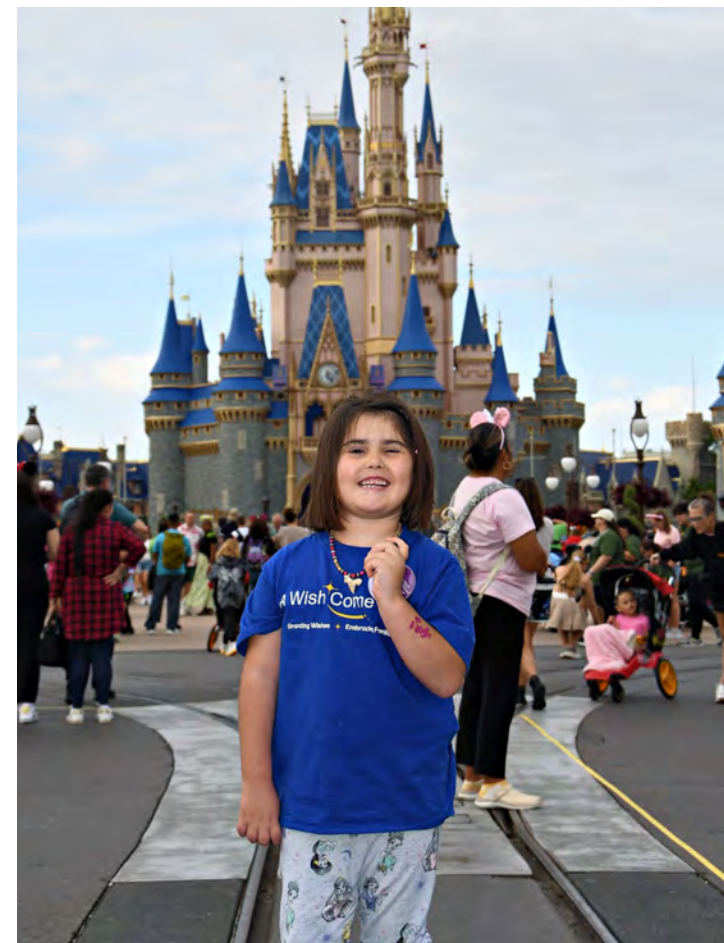
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Granting Wishes to Children 3-18

How do I refer a child to A Wish Come True, Inc.?

As part of our Wish program, we accept all referrals of a child living in Rhode Island, Central and Southeastern Massachusetts and Eastern Connecticut with a life-threatening illness. To refer a child, you may email kelly@awishcometrue.org, or contact us at 401-781-9199, and we will do the rest.

Does a child's condition have to be terminal to qualify for a Wish?

No, any child with a life-threatening illness, as determined by the child's physician, is medically qualified. The AWCT staff follows guidelines and works closely with the Wish Child's physician to determine the safest and most appropriate way to grant the child's Wish.

What is the most requested Wish?

The most requested Wish is a trip to our partner at Give Kids the World in Florida, which includes tickets to Disney World, Universal, and SeaWorld. Other popular Wishes include shopping sprees, computers, cruises, and travel outside of Florida. These are just a few examples of the over 1,900 Wishes we have granted during the last 43 years.

Are you associated with a national Wish organization?

No, A Wish Come True is not associated with any national organization. We are a local Wish granting agency and we are the only ones providing emergency funding, resources, and the Wish of Wellness for the entire family.



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How much does a Wish cost?

The average cost of granting a Wish is between \$5,000 and \$7,000. This varies depending on the Wish, size of the family, and if there are any special medical needs to consider.

Does the family have to pay for the Wish?

No, all Wish expenses are fully covered by A Wish Come True, including all travel accommodations and spending money. This is a time for you to relax.

Does the family have to meet income qualifications before a child can receive a Wish?

No, the family's income does not determine whether a child is eligible to receive a Wish.

"A Wish Come True organizes everything for the whole family. It will blow you away." - Meghan, Wish Mom

The Wish of Wellness for Families!

Life is stressful, especially when you are caring for a child (or multiple children) with a life-threatening illness. A Wish Come True recognizes that support needs to look different for each family and are constantly working to develop a holistic approach that serves their unique community. **Some of these services include the following:**

- ✦ Emergency Financial Assistance through the Meghan K. Duffy Hardship Fund.
- ✦ Care Packages during medical crisis including gifts for the children and parents, gas cards, parking pass, meals, and groceries.
- ✦ Crafts and activities where families will unwind, have some fun together... and be encouraged to share a talent or skill.
- ✦ Quarterly gatherings such as a Summer Fun Day, Trunk-or-Treat and more will remind our families that there is a reason to celebrate and that our community is strong and resilient.
- ✦ Nap's Nook Playroom and Relaxation Room featuring movies, games and activities for the kids and a massage chair with relaxing sounds and dim lights for the parents.

"I needed this program so much! It has changed my life." - Erika, Wish Mom

