



*I wish to be  
a superhero*

**Aiden, 5**  
heart condition

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## How you make wishes come true

When you invest in Make-A-Wish®, you do even more than bring joy to children with critical illnesses. Research shows, and doctors agree, wishes have proven medical and emotional benefits that can give children with critical illnesses a higher chance of survival.

### YOU CONNECT OUR COMMUNITY

Together, we create life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses. Our core purpose is to connect people in our community who want to make a difference in the lives of children and families in need.

### YOU FUND A GROWING NEED

Every day, at least one child in Alaska and Washington is diagnosed with a critical illness. Many will receive a wish while some will not. We need you more than ever so we can reach our vision to grant a wish to every eligible child.

### YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE

When a wish is granted, a child replaces fear with confidence, sadness with joy and anxiety with hope. Doctors, nurses and social workers use wishes as part of their treatment arsenal to bring muscle to their medicine.

## How you can help



### GIVE

Make a donation of cash or frequent flier miles, participate in or sponsor an event.



### SHARE

Sign up for our emails, follow us on social media and share our need within your community.



### VOLUNTEER

Meet wish families face to face and help plan their wishes, staff our events or speak about Make-A-Wish at community events.



### REFER

Know a child who might qualify for a wish? Refer them today!

## GET INVOLVED

Learn more about these opportunities and other ways you can help by getting in touch with us!

Seattle: 800.304.9474

Spokane: 888.790.7005

Anchorage: 844.510.9474

[akwa.wish.org](http://akwa.wish.org)  
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“We as doctors and nurses focus on the medical problems and treating the medical issues that we see. But that’s not what’s really important to children. It’s their lives outside of the hospital, the future. And Make-A-Wish is a way to get past the medical issues, clinic visits and hospital stays, and focus on big dreams and big goals that may not seem possible because of a life-limiting illness, but become possible because of Make-A-Wish.”

—Dr. Doug Hawkins, Pediatric Oncologist, Seattle Children’s Hospital



*I wish to ride horses in the mountains*  
Carmel, 3  
progressive genetic disorder

### CHILDREN WHO QUALIFY FOR WISHES ARE:

- Between the ages of 2½ and 18 years old
- Living with a degenerative, progressive or malignant condition currently placing their life in jeopardy
- Have not previously received a wish from Make-A-Wish or any other wish-granting organization



*I wish to go to LEGOLAND®*

Tao Tao, 5  
congenital heart condition

“This trip has lit a sparkle in him we didn’t know existed. Having his one dream come true will surely propel him through surgery and help motivate him during the long recovery.”

—Rebeka, mom of wish recipient, Tao Tao

### Top 5 Qualifying Critical Illnesses



46%

of children have cancer



19%

of children have heart conditions



6%

of children have cystic fibrosis



5%

of children have refractory seizures/epilepsy



4%

of children have chronic kidney disease



20%

of children have other qualifying critical illnesses