

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 more than 265 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 hope 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.

4,286

Number of wishes the chapter has granted since our inception in 1983.

269

Number of wishes the chapter granted in FY2019.

400+

Number of volunteers who help us grant wishes.

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"Everyone was super happy, and the experience itself gives you a boost of energy again, to carry you through to the next stage and hold onto regardless of what happens. It was special for Max."

-Max's mom, Linh

I wish to have a penguin interaction

Max, 6, Portland
brain tumor



“My son’s wish was more than just a grand adventure, it was healing and it was hope!”

-Danton’s mom, Vanae

I wish to meet my favorite chocolate chef, Jacques Torres

Danton, 12, Salem
lymphoma



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 unaudited fiscal year 2019 financials.



82%
Wish Granting & Program Services



13%
Fundraising & Events



5%
Management & General

“It was an incredible experience knowing that people had done so many acts of kindness to get me to a place where I felt the best that I had in a long time. When I got to Australia, it was like the past two years hadn’t happened. I could just be a kid again, have fun with my family, no one knew I was sick. I just had an amazing time.”

I wish to go to Australia

Erin, 16, Hillsboro
lymphoma

