

OUR MISSION

Together, we create life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses.

WISH IMPACT STUDY

100% of medical providers said the wish experience improves a child's emotional well-being.

95% of wish alumni felt more hopeful for their future after their wish.

91% of wish parents believe the wish experience gave their child a better chance of surviving their critical illness.

Interested in learning more about ways you can help or get involved with Make-A-Wish?

Scan the QR code with your smartphone camera to get started.



QUICK FACTS ABOUT MAKE-A-WISH® WESTERN NEW YORK:

- We grant **140+** wishes annually in the greater Buffalo and Rochester regions, serving children and families in **17** counties.
- Make-A-Wish does not receive federal or state funding. We rely exclusively on donations from individual contributions, special events, corporate donations and sponsorships, foundation grants, workplace giving and planned gifts.
- Over **200** active volunteers throughout Western New York help to make wishes come true.

Make-A-Wish is the largest wish-granting charity in the world with **58** chapters throughout the United States and its territories, and 40 international affiliates on **six continents**. Our national office is located in Phoenix, Arizona.

Since 1992, Make-A-Wish Western New York has granted **over 3,750** life-changing wishes to children with critical illnesses throughout the area.

Children who **qualify** for a wish are between the ages of 2½ and 18 and have been diagnosed with a **critical illness**.

They are **not necessarily terminal**. In fact, many wish kids overcome their medical conditions or learn to live with them and go on to lead **strong, vibrant lives**.

A wish is not simply a wish. In the fight against a critical illness, a wish serves as a catalyst for renewed strength and encouragement for every child and family on their journey. In fact, **wishes have proven physical and emotional benefits that can give children with critical illnesses a higher chance of survival**. And wishes not only help these children - they also have far-reaching, positive impacts on their families and communities.

Right now, there are more than **270** children in Western New York who are **waiting for their wish to be granted**. Every one of these kids needs a wish to give them strength and help them heal.

Put simply, we believe a single wish transforms lives.



I wish to hug a koala

Selene, 7 leukemia

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