



Fact Sheet

General Information about the Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Eastern North Carolina

Mission: The Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Eastern North Carolina grants wishes to children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy.

Number of Children's Wishes Granted: more than 1,900 as of August 1, 2009

Territory: 49 counties of North Carolina east of the Alamance/Orange County line

Organizational Details of Make-A-Wish Foundation of Eastern North Carolina

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Date Founded: September 1986

Date Incorporated: December 3, 1987

Tax status: Non profit 501(c)(3) - ID # 58-1792140

Board: 15 volunteer members

Paid Personnel: 8 full time staff, 1 part time

Volunteers: more than 200

National Affiliation, Make-A-Wish Foundation® of America

Year Founded: 1980

Number of Chapters in the U.S. and Territories: 65

Number of International Affiliates: 28, spanning five continents

Number of Wishes Granted in the U.S. and Territories: more than 174,000

Funding

The Eastern North Carolina chapter operates solely through generous donations of individuals, corporations and foundations. We do not receive any funds from the federal or state government, nor are we a United Way agency.

Requirements for Wish

Referral: Make-A-Wish® does not solicit wish referrals, and only accepts referrals from parents/legal guardians, medical professionals working with the child and from the child himself or herself.

Medical Eligibility: The child's doctor (osteopathic or allopathic doctor of medicine) makes the medical determination of the child's medical eligibility. The doctor must also authorize the child's specific wish request once it has been determined. The Make-A-Wish Foundation® works closely with medical personnel to ensure the wish is granted in a timely fashion.

Procedure: Following the doctor's eligibility of a child, a team of volunteers meets with the child and his/her family to determine the wish request. All requests will be approved based on current policy and guidelines. The volunteer team and Program Services' staff work together with the family to grant the wish to each child. Family financial position is not a concern of the Make-A-Wish Foundation and is not a consideration when reviewing a wish request.

Cost of wish: The average cost of a wish is \$6,500 (this includes in-kind donations). The cost of the wish is secondary to meeting the primary wish of the child.

Examples of wishes granted:

Justin's wish was to go to the All-Star Game; after he went he said "Having my wish granted gave me a week of not thinking about cancer." Ciera's wish was to go on a Disney Cruise, upon return she told us "Being able to ride on the cruise ship, experience new things, make new friends and meet new people was a great adventure."