

For many donors, their support of the Make-A-Wish Foundation® began after hearing a child's heartwarming wish story and feeling the joy it brought to everyone involved. Now you can create that same joy for another wish child through the Adopt-A-Wish® program.

The Scillitani family has been great supporters of the Adopt-A-Wish® program since 2007. They have sponsored a dream trip to Walt Disney World Resorts® for Jacob and his family; provided therapy playground equipment for Patricia so she can feel the freedom of life outside a wheelchair; granted Cameron the once in a lifetime chance to visit Mattel®, and have a car created that he designed; and they are currently in the process of giving sweet little Ella a chance to set sail with Minnie Mouse on a Disney Cruise®. Each time they granted a wish they had the opportunity to connect with their wish child and the family. For Patricia it was a party in her backyard the day the equipment was installed. For Jacob, it was a Chick-fil-A® send off party the day before he left for Walt Disney World Resorts® and for Cameron, it was a post wish party where Cameron was only too excited to show them his car and where the Scillitani family received a pictorial book of thanks outlining the entire wish trip. While every experience was different, the one commonality was the human connection to their giving.



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If you could have
one wish,
what would it be?

Adopt-A-Wish®

Adopted by the Scillitani Family

*Why we donate to
Make-A-Wish®?*

"When my wife and I were researching charities to donate to, Make-A-Wish® met our criteria. We were looking for a charity that would direct our funds to a specific person in need. We found Make-A-Wish® in 2007 and have been adopting wishes ever since. From having therapy playground equipment built, to an unforgettable trip to Walt Disney World Resorts®, to an amazing trip to Mattel to design a racing car. Knowing that our donation is directly affecting a specific child with a life threatening illness is immeasurable. Meeting the children and their families has had a huge impact on us, especially our 12 year old son."



Philanthropy is very personal.

Giving to the Make-A-Wish Foundation® is personal. We grant the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy. Wish children endure the stress of prolonged medical treatment as well as the pain and fear of their illness. Their siblings are often sidelined by the care required for the sick sibling, and their parents face the stress of hiding their own heartbreak in order to support the family. That is where the Make-A-Wish Foundation® comes in. Whether it's meeting their favorite celebrity, going on a Caribbean cruise, swimming with the dolphins, going on a shopping spree or any number of special wishes, the wish experience offers a much needed break from hospitals and treatments. The Make-A-Wish Foundation® takes care of all the planning and all costs associated with the wish for the whole family.

Through the Adopt-A-Wish® program, you have the chance to grant the one true wish of a special child with a life-threatening medical condition. It provides the opportunity for you to become personally involved in the life of a child. You can be as active in the wish as you'd like. You can meet your special wish child. You can see them off at the airport or be part of the team that delivers that computer they've been dreaming about. You can make magic happen in the life of a child who hasn't been feeling very magical lately. You will feel the true joy of giving. You will make a dream come true.

Perhaps you have a special interest in princesses and want to see a young girl take her dream trip to Walt Disney World Resorts®. Maybe you have an interest in the arts and want to help a budding artist visit Italy or France. Do you like to see how technology inspires creative young minds? Whatever your interest...our children need your help.



When Julia Heffring was 10 years old she bet her dad she could climb Mt. Kilimanjaro when she was 15. While planning the trip she thought it would be a great way to do a fundraiser for the Make-A-Wish Foundation®. To her amazement, Julia raised over \$7,000 - enough to fully adopt a wish.

Bonnie, a beautiful girl who suffers from numerous ailments and is unable to walk, was the lucky recipient of Julia and her dad's hard work. She and her family were off to Walt Disney World Resorts®. While Julia and her dad will have wonderful memories of their time together and the sights they saw while climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro, it was made even more special after meeting Bonnie and her family

at their send-off party. Participating in Adopt-A-Wish® made this climb even more fulfilling for Julia and her father.

With the Make-A-Wish Foundation®, you can restore smiles and laughter to children with life-threatening medical conditions. We invite you to be part of this very special, personal experience through our Adopt-A-Wish® program.

While each wish is a manifestation of each child's imagination or interests, they tend to fall into one of four categories:

**I wish to go...
I wish to be...
I wish to meet ...
I wish to have...**

To make a positive impact on the life of a wish child is an amazing gift. It is truly a magical experience that you and the child will cherish forever.

A member of the professional team of the Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Eastern North Carolina will help you identify a child and his/her wish to adopt. Then, we will provide you with information about the child, pictures, thank you letters and wish child artwork that we receive, and when possible, the opportunity to meet the wish child and family.

Just as each child is unique, so is each wish. There are several levels at which wishes can be adopted. The following is a representation of the types of wishes that fall into the various levels of adoption. The following Adopt-A-Wish® levels represent the average expense related to the type of wish:

\$10,000 +
International destinations
Car Redo
Hawaii travel

\$7,500-\$9,999
Cross-country travel
Island excursions (large family)
Cruises*

\$5,000 - \$7,499
Cruises*
Play Structures*
Walt Disney World Resorts®/Disney Cruises®

\$3,000 - \$4,999
Celebrity Meetings
Electronics
Play Structures*
Pools

\$1,500 - \$2,999
Bedroom Makeovers
Computers
Shopping Sprees

Everyone involved in fulfilling the wish of a sick child is touched by the magic of the experience...magic that brings hope, strength and joy to children and their families during a difficult time.

By adopting a wish you too can be part of the magic. When you, your company, professional club, or student group chooses to adopt a specific child's wish, you have the opportunity to become connected to the wish experience.

By funding a wish, you can create special memories for a child—and yourself.

Adopt-A-Wish Today!

*Some items appear in more than one category due to the variances in family size, space/capacity, etc.

A Hawaiian wish comes full circle.

In 1992, 14-year old Chalon was diagnosed with lymphoma. She was old enough to know exactly what was happening to her and vowed to fight with all her might. Eighteen months into the process, she was exhausted from her numerous

treatments and began to lose some of that fight. It was at that time that the Make-A-Wish Foundation® came into her life. She met with her wish granters and told them that she wanted to visit the most beautiful place on earth, Hawaii. The Make-A-Wish Foundation® started working their magic and this gave her something positive to look forward to. Six months later, Chalon and her family were in Hawaii. She remembers the exact moment that changed her life. She had climbed to the top of Diamond Head, looked out onto all that lush tropical beauty and

vowed to herself that no matter how tired she was, there was too much life left to live to give up. Fast forward 15 years – a university graduate with a great career, Chalon is now living the life she envisioned. One thing she hasn't forgotten is how she felt dealing with the pressures of being a teen while battling a life threatening illness. With the help of her boyfriend, Andrew, and his family, Chalon is going to be on the giving end of a wish. Through the Adopt-A-Wish® program, they are sending 14-year old Justin, who suffers from osteosarcoma, on his dream trip to....where else....Hawaii. A wish has truly come full circle.

Julia Lapierre, a volunteer with the Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Eastern North Carolina, wanted to give more than her time so she approached her co-workers about raising money to Adopt-A-Wish®. She had no idea how many people would partake in the events or how much money they would be able to raise. Together, Julia and her colleagues held a number of events to raise money including: a softball tournament; their conference room turned "restaurant" with food donated by a few local restaurants; and a silent auction where employees got donations from throughout the community. In total, they raised enough money to fully adopt the wish of beautiful Breann, a 3-year old heart transplant recipient, whose wish was to go to Walt

Disney World Resorts®. The wonderful people at INC Research had a welcome home party for Breann at their office where more than 50 people were waiting to meet her family. They served pizza, cake, juice – all of Breann's favorite foods. They showed a slide show including pictures taken during their various fundraising efforts and Breann's smiles as she and her family enjoyed Walt Disney World Resorts®. INC employees connected with "their" wish child as a real link to their philanthropic endeavors. They were very proud.

