



Partnership in Power

One day people everywhere will *share the power of a wish*®.

At a glance...

- The mission of Make-A-Wish® Greater Virginia is to grant the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy.
- Locally, since 1987, we have fulfilled the wishes of over 3,700 children. Nationally, over 200,000 wishes have been granted; one wish is now granted every 40 minutes.
- The average cost of each wish is \$8,000.
- More than 81 cents of every donated dollar goes directly to a child's wish.

Who is eligible for a wish?

- Any child between the ages of 2 ½ and 18 years who suffers with a life-threatening medical condition as defined by their doctor
- The child may not have received a previous wish by any wish granting organization.
- The child must be able to comprehend the wish experience.

Are there restrictions on the wish?

- In most cases, the wish is only limited by the child's imagination
- Our chapter has local policies to protect the child and family
- Nationally, no wish can be granted that includes firearms, such as hunting or target shooting

How can you help?

- Become a volunteer to do wish interviews, grant wishes, meet & greet at airports, fundraise or represent us at events
- Donate your unused frequent flier miles
- Donate funds
 - Did you know that just \$40 will pay for one day's worth of meals for a child on their wish?
 - Did you know that just \$50 will pay for an educational piece of software for a computer wish?
 - Did you know that just \$100 will pay for souvenirs for a wish child at Disney World?
 - Did you know that just \$1,000 will pay for a limo for an entire day of a shopping spree?
 - Did you know that just \$8,000 provides a family with an entire wish – an experience of a lifetime?

Wishes symbolize the innocence, sincerity and uniqueness that only a child can truly achieve. Wishes have the power to deliver hope, strength and joy. They come in all shapes and sizes. Many children dream of visiting Cinderella's castle, some wish for shopping sprees or hope for a new computer, while others aspire to swim with the dolphins or meet a celebrity. Whatever their wish, Make-A-Wish® Greater Virginia does everything possible to ensure that the wish experience is one that the entire family will forever remember and cherish. For more information, please contact us at:

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