



Welcome to the A Wish Come True Family!

Since 1982 we have granted over 1,650 Wishes and we are excited to begin planning yours!! We understand you need a break right now. You need positive and fun family time and we will make that happen. We know this has been a very challenging journey for all of you. As you get to know us and talk more with us, you will see that we provide many resources to you to help you deal with the emotional, financial and physical stress of all of this. This brochure outlines some of the ways we can help you, and this support lasts long after your Wish is granted. Nicole White is the Director of Program Services and will be your contact. She is also a Wish Mom and understands what you are going through!

Welcome to the Family,
Mary-Kate O'Leary
Executive Director

About Us

A Wish Come True grants Wishes and provides resources to the families of children ages 3-18 who have been diagnosed with a life-threatening illness. Founded in 1982, A Wish Come True is the oldest Wish-granting organization in Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts, serving up to 30 Wishes a year. In addition to granting Wishes, A Wish Come True (AWCT) provides on-going support to the children's families. This includes the Wish of Wellness for parents, support groups, emergency funding, hosting local events for the family, game tickets, in-kind donations, and holiday support. A Wish Come True is not associated with any national company and all funding goes directly to supporting local children and their families.

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Granting Wishes to Children 3-18

How do I refer a child to A Wish Come True, Inc.?

As part of our Wish program, we accept all referrals of a child living in Rhode Island or Southeastern Massachusetts with a life-threatening illness. To refer a child, you may email Nicole@awishcometrue.org, or contact us at 401-781-9199, and we will do the rest.

Does a child's condition have to be terminal to qualify for a Wish?

No, any child with a life-threatening illness, as determined by the child's physician, is medically qualified. The AWCT staff follows guidelines and works closely with the Wish Child's physician to determine the safest and most appropriate way to grant the child's Wish.

What is the most requested Wish?

The most requested Wish is a trip to our partners at Give Kids the World in Florida which includes tickets to Disney World, Universal and SeaWorld. Other popular Wishes include shopping sprees, sports related experiences and to meet celebrities. These are just a few examples of the over 1,650 Wishes we have granted during the last 39 years.

Are you associated with a national Wish organization?

No, A Wish Come True is not associated with any national organization. We are a local Wish granting agency and we are the only ones providing emergency funding, resources, and the Wish of Wellness for the entire family.



FAQ

How much does a Wish cost?

The average cost of granting a Wish is between \$5,000 and \$7,000. This varies depending on the Wish, size of the family, and if there are any special medical needs to consider.

Does the family have to pay for the Wish?

No, all Wish expenses are fully covered by A Wish Come True, including all travel accommodations and spending money. This is a time for you to relax.

Does the family have to meet income qualifications before a child can receive a Wish?

No, the family's income does not determine whether a child is eligible to receive a Wish.

"A Wish Come True organizes everything for the whole family. It will blow you away."

The Wish of Wellness for Parents!

Life is stressful, especially when you are caring for a child (or multiple children) with a life-threatening illness. A Wish Come True knows that in order for family members to be strong, they must prioritize their own health and well-being. Catherine DeOrsey, a volunteer since 2015, is our certified Health Coach.

Monthly Healing Days: For parents, a 5-hour relaxation and supportive experience where you get to meet other Wish Families and learn techniques to help you lower your anxiety and fears during this difficult time. Held at Raffa Yoga in Cranston, it is the only full relaxation center in New England. For Wish kids and siblings, monthly get togethers providing fun, education, and wellness techniques.

Individualized Health and Lifestyle Coaching:

A time for you to reflect on ways to keep yourself healthy, especially now.

Parents Be Well Support Group:

Through a private Facebook group and in-person, you can talk to others who are facing similar challenges, so you do not feel alone.

Meghan K. Duffy Hardship Fund:

The Hardship Fund was created to help families struggling with day to day, emergency funding needs. Through an application process you can apply for emergency funding to help with grocery bills, utility bills, car repairs, etc. to help you in an emergency.

For information on any of these programs please contact Nicole at nicole@awishcometrue.org.

"I needed this program so much! It has changed my life." -Erika, Wish Mom

