

A WISH COME TRUE™

## Help Us Make Dreams Come True

Granting Wishes and Providing Resources to Families  
with a Child Struggling with a Life-threatening Illness



## Who We Are:

A Wish Come True, established in 1982, is the oldest Wish granting organization serving Rhode Island and Southeastern Mass. Over 1,650 local children have been granted one memorable Wish with their family. Most Wishes cost between \$5,000-\$7,000 depending on the size of the family. The most common Wish is to our partners at Give Kids the World in Florida. They organize magical visits to Disney, Universal and Sea World.

A Wish Come True is not associated with any national company and all funding goes directly to supporting local children and their families.

## What Makes Us Unique?

We have adapted to change. When we started granting Wishes in the 1980s and 1990s, it was often the child's final Wish, as more than 60% of our children did not survive. Thankfully today our Wish Kids are surviving and living with their illnesses. However, the stress and anxiety for families is unimaginable coping with life-long illnesses.

In 2020, we expanded our mission to include helping the family navigate through the trauma, stress and anxiety that has led to emotional, mental, physical and financial issues as they worry about their child relapsing. We are the only Wish granting organization assisting the parents with emergency hardship funds. We also provide support to families including: Parents Be Well support groups; relaxation and health guidance from a certified health coach; individual life coaching and case management. We also provide monthly health and wellness programs for the Wish Kids and their siblings!

## How We Do It:

Our annual budget is nearly \$600,000 and growing. Over 73% of donations go directly to support our Wish Programs. We have two full time and one part time staff that work hard to meet the needs of the child and their families.

For more information, contact Mary-Kate O'Leary, Executive Director at [marykate@awishcometrue.org](mailto:marykate@awishcometrue.org).



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## Ways You Can Help:

### Make a Donation

By making a gift at any level, you will help a Wish Child through a very challenging time.

Donate Directly at [www.awish.org](http://www.awish.org)

### Sponsor a Wish

You and/or your company can directly fund a child's Wish. This includes meeting the Wish Family and encouraging them to go relax and enjoy their Wish. (Average cost: \$5,000)



### Attend an Event or Host an Event

There are always different events and sponsorship opportunities to help support our Wish Program.



### Leave a Legacy

Include A Wish Come True in your estate plans, donate stock, airline or credit card points to help A Wish Come True serve children for years to come.

### Make a Tribute Gift

Honor a loved one with a tribute that helps provide healing and hope to a Wish Family.



### Sponsor a Wish & Family

When a child has a life-threatening illness, the entire family goes through trauma, stress and anxiety leading to emotional, mental, physical and financial issues. Often times they can't meet their family's basic needs because of their financial challenges. Will you be willing to help support the Wish as well as the family? (Additional \$2,500 which will cover costs for family to receive wellness services and for you to be able to support the family during birthday and holiday times.)





YOU NEVER  
KNOW HOW  
STRONG  
YOU ARE UNTIL  
STRONG IS THE  
ONLY CHOICE  
YOU HAVE.

**You can make a difference when a child has no hope, and a family has the weight of the world on their shoulders.**

*"A Wish Come True is by far the most caring group of people we have ever met. They stay in contact after the Wish and they have helped us through challenging times when we couldn't pay our bills and didn't know who to turn to. It is A Wish Come True!!" - Wish Mom*

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