

I wish to an adventure!

Ryker, wish granted 2018
Kidney transplant



Magda and Ryker are ready to lace up for Trailblaze For Wishes, a walk/run/hike event in support of Make-A-Wish®.

Ryker spent the first several years of his young life enduring a critical kidney illness that necessitated a transplant by the time he was three years old. It was this illness that qualified Ryker for a wish, which was granted in 2018.

Trailblaze for wishes is the perfect fit for Magda as a way to give back to Make-A-Wish.

“I very much enjoy hiking,” says Magda. “It’s my little escape from all the medical stuff that’s going on and just any time I need to get out into nature. As soon as I heard that Make-A-Wish was doing Trailblaze as a fundraiser – count me in.”

Magda says that Ryker is just as enthusiastic as she is about the event.

“I told Ryker about the different lengths this year and he’s already said he wants to do the 200 kilometre challenge!”

Magda says that her motivation is simple: so that other families are fortunate enough to have a wish granted, just like her family did.

“Whatever it is, those kids are just so excited to do something fun and not have to worry about anything else for a little bit,” she says. “If we can help generate some hope and joy through our efforts, then it’s all worth it.”

Magda said that having Ryker’s wish granted ended three years of their lives revolving around dialysis, and she still looks through the scrapbook of memories from the granted wish.

“I’m forever going to remember that wish, and so is he.”

