

*Still wishing ...*

Bella, 5  
heart condition



Bella is a 5-year-old shoe fanatic who loves going for walks on the beach and eating her favourite treat, chocolate Rice Krispie squares! She has also been battling a serious heart condition since birth.

Once it was discovered that Bella would be born with significant heart defects, it was required for her Mom, Sarah, to leave Prince Edward Island and deliver her baby in Toronto, Ontario. At only 6-days-old, Bella underwent life-saving open heart surgery. While one open heart surgery is concerning enough, Bella needed to have another open heart surgery as a toddler. Once again, the family was required to leave PEI, so that the surgery could be carried out in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Since that time, Bella has had numerous follow up appointments, which are still required to this day. It is currently unknown whether she will be required to under-go another surgery.

As Bella's mother lovingly describes, "If you were to meet Bella, you would never know she had any underlying conditions; she's full of life and there is no holding her back from the things she loves to do! Bella is the littlest kid with the loudest voice!"

While most of the world is shut down, the need for the hope of a wish has remained essential. Wish children like Bella are among the most vulnerable Islanders. Make-A-Wish PEI is working hard to ensure we can continue to deliver our mission for Island children living with critical illnesses during these difficult times.

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