



Oscar's Story

I wish to travel to Walt Disney World® Resort

Oscar, 4
genetic disorder

When Oscar grows up, he aspires to dig holes and move around dirt with an excavator. The four-year-old has two cats and his favourite animal is a lion. If he could, Oscar would eat strawberries and hotdogs, drink only apple juice, and wear his pajamas, all day long.

Oscar was born with a genetic disorder and various other health conditions. His special wish to visit the Walt Disney World® Resort and stay at the nearby Give Kids the World (GKTW) Village, an 89-acre resort in Kissimmee, Fla, took place in August with his parents, two sisters and brother.

His mom Tracy said it was “surreal” when she was notified by Make-A-Wish by telephone that her son’s wish would take place.

“Oscar had such an amazing time,” Tracy said. “Seeing our kids meet their favourite Disney characters, physically hug them, and the huge smile on their faces wiped away all the worries for the future – at least in those moments.”

She added that putting up Oscar’s star in the Castle of Miracles at GKTW was emotional and humbling for the family.

“(The trip) gave us renewed hope and appreciation that so many people care about these kids. It was an amazing experience being able to spend time together as a family and for a week, not worry about the future, the unknowns, and all the medical things. We are so grateful.”

Since returning home, Oscar hasn’t stopped talking about the resort, his favourite characters and rides. Tracy and her husband Eric’s three other children, Hannah, Penelope and Jonah also can’t wait to return to some day. Tracy said as a parent with a sick child, it’s easy to overlook the challenges experienced by their siblings. She was thankful that her other children were also included in Oscar’s wish.

Hope is essential for children with critical illnesses, and its life-changing power is unlocked when wishes like Oscar’s are granted. Together we can continue to transform lives, one wish at a time.