



Transform lives, one wish at a time.

OUR MISSION

*Together, we create
life-changing wishes for children
with critical illnesses.*

OUR WISHES

*Wishes typically fall into these
fives categories:*



I wish to go...

Travel throughout Canada or internationally



I wish to have...

Special gifts like shopping sprees, room makeovers or gaming equipment



I wish to meet...

A hero, favorite celebrity, athlete, musician or band



I wish to be...

A zoo-keeper, celebrity, firefighter, prime minister or even a superhero



I wish to give...

Toys to cancer patients or instruments to a highschool band

THE STORY OF MAKE-A-WISH® CANADA

After being moved and inspired by the work that had been done by the organization in the United States, in 1983, Nigel Brown and Robb Lucy from British Columbia started a small committee in Canada to help grant the wishes of more children with life-threatening medical conditions.

A 13-year-old girl named Debbie, who was suffering with leukemia, wished to go visit her grandparents in Germany. When Nigel and Robb heard about her story, they paid for the trip personally, and Debbie's wish was fulfilled. Debbie was given a chance to enjoy a heart-warming and intimate experience with her family before she passed away. But the joy and love she received in that time didn't go unwarranted. As a result of Debbie's wish, Make-A-Wish® Canada took off and kept running.

QUICK FACTS

- Make-A-Wish is the world's leading children's wish-granting organization, serving children in every community across Canada, and in more than 50 countries worldwide.
- Make-A-Wish® is on a quest to bring every eligible child's wish to life.
- When a wish is granted, a child replaces fear with confidence, sadness with joy and anxiety with hope. Such transformative moments are shared by wish families, Make-A-Wish staff, volunteers, and everyone involved.
- Together, generous donors, supporters, staff and volunteers across the country help grant more than four wishes per day, on average.
- Since 1983, Make-A-Wish® Canada has granted over 36,000 wishes across the country.
- In 2021, we granted over 900 life changing wishes. Challenges related to COVID-19 persisted through last year, and we still have thousands of wishes waiting to be granted.
- A wish is an integral part of a child's treatment journey. Research shows children who have wishes granted can build the physical and emotional strength they need to fight their illness.
- A wish isn't just a nice thing to receive, it is essential.

