



# Koraleigh's Story

## *I wish to go to Vancouver*

**Koraleigh, wish granted 2022**  
autoimmune disorder



Koraleigh is an enchanting soul. She is an avid reader and passionate writer. She finds joy in wandering through worlds woven in pages and crafting her own tales. At 15 years old, Koraleigh began experiencing sore joints. Koraleigh shared a glimpse into the challenges she faced. "At first, I played it off as growing pains or being sore after a gym class. But the pain persisted. It got to the point where I could not get out of bed, brush my hair, or get dressed by myself." After numerous tests at a children's hospital, she was diagnosed with two autoimmune disorders. "My whole family was in shock at my diagnosis—it came on so sudden and flipped our lives upside down." Koraleigh continues, "We often had to travel several hours to a children's hospital. We were trying to find a treatment that would help, which involved a lot of trial and error." Despite the challenges, her and her family's bond is stronger than ever.

Now, managing her symptoms with multiple medications, Koraleigh embraces each day. "It is still a struggle dealing with my autoimmune disorders, but at this point, they seem to be under control and in remission." She adds, "Every day is different though, so I just have to take it one day at a time!" When Koraleigh is not lost in the mesmerizing embrace of storytelling, she thrives on exploring the outdoors. After learning she was eligible for a wish, Koraleigh immediately knew her heart's desire. "I have always loved the outdoors, and in recent years, I have taken up hiking." Koraleigh adds, "I immediately knew that my wish was to go to Vancouver. I wanted to experience hiking amongst the beautiful big trees and mountains!"

In 2022, her wish to explore Vancouver's majestic landscapes came true. Koraleigh recalled the treasured memories, "My wish experience was such a fantastic trip! We stayed at the Fairmont Pacific Rim in an incredible room with access to the pool." She continues with joy in her expression, "The staff treated us amazingly! They planned specific activities for my family and I during our stay. For example, they organized a movie night and brought us loads of delicious food. The manager even went to the movie theater to get popcorn for us to enjoy. They also arranged a spa day and a meal at their restaurant." As part of her wish, Koraleigh and her family enjoyed personalized excursions at the Capilano Suspension Bridge, Sea to Sky Gondola (with a guided ATV tour), and zip-lining in Whistler. Each experience added thoughtful touches like providing lunches while Koraleigh's favourite music played. Also, a table full of her favourite treat: Kit-Kats and small, memorable gifts she can cherish for a lifetime.

Reflecting on her wish trip, Koraleigh shares with enthusiasm, "This wish trip was an incredible opportunity for me and my family. We did not have to worry about anything other than having a good time and making unforgettable memories!" She added, "A wish truly makes such an impact on the lives of wish kids." For Koraleigh, this quality time with her family to create new cherished memories was life changing.