

* Mais's Story

I wish to travel on a road trip

Mais, 11 brain tumor

Mais is a typical 11-year-old who loves staying up late, shopping, and exploring new surroundings. For her wish, Mais wanted to go on a road trip with her family "somewhere far". This past summer, Mais, her parents, and little brother Marwan packed up their car and drove 10 hours to Vancouver to have an adventure, see the sights, reconnect and try new food.

Vancouver was a long way from the hospital where she was diagnosed with a brain tumour. After surgery, chemotherapy and radiation, the trip was a chance to be away from medical treatments and be a kid again.

Her favourite part of the trip was visiting the Vancouver Aquarium, going on a boat tour, and walking around the city waterfront. Being so close to the water also helped her to overcome her fear of the water.

"I was happy to share this experience with my family," said Mais. "Life is all about making memories that gives us the push to keep going in life." She remarked that her little brother enjoyed the trip and was "thrilled" with all the unique adventures.

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



