



# Matthew's Story

*I wish to meet my Formula 1 idols*

**Matthew, 14**  
cystic fibrosis



Shortly after Matthew was born, a routine blood test for newborns revealed a disheartening diagnosis: Matthew had cystic fibrosis. At present, there is no cure for cystic fibrosis marking his diagnosis as the beginning of Matthew's difficult health journey. Matthew has daily medical and physiotherapy routines that feel both tedious and intrusive and consume a significant portion of his everyday living. Still, Matthew and his family remain positive, knowing these tasks are to keep him healthy.

Today, at 14 years old, Matthew remains resilient and in good spirits. In his spare time, Matthew is active in sports and enjoys playing the saxophone or drums. Matthew has been particularly fond of motorsports for most of his life. More notably, he loves Formula 1, so much so that Matthew dreams of becoming an engineer for the super-fast single-seater formula racing cars. When Matthew found out that he was eligible for a wish, it came as amazing news, and he instantly knew his most heartfelt wish was to meet his Formula 1 idols.

Not only was this wish an unforgettable experience, but it reinforced Matthew's goal to become a race engineer. Matthew's mom, Jennifer, reflects on the wish experience, "This was a trip of a lifetime. We will have amazing memories for life. Matthew met so many of his racing heroes and spoke to them. This has boosted his self-confidence."

Hope is essential for children with critical illnesses, and its life-changing power is unlocked when wishes like Matthew's are granted. It is thanks to the generosity of our donor community that we can continue to transform lives, one wish at a time.



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