

## Wish Fulfillment Organizations

Wish fulfillment organizations provide chronically or seriously ill children and their families the opportunity to have a dream come true.

Wishes usually fall into one of three categories: trips, celebrity meetings or a special item. Most organizations grant wishes to children between the ages of 3 and 18, exceptions are noted on our listing below. It is important to let the child choose their wish, apart from the influence of others, because most organizations allow a child to have only one wish granted. Geographical boundaries, if any, are listed next to each listing. Also, some organizations require that a health professional make the initial contact.

It is important to understand the requirements of the wish organization before proceeding with the request. Contact the organizations directly for specifics of their wish granting programs.

### For Children

#### **Believe in Tomorrow National Children's Foundation**

800-933-5470

[www.believeintomorrow.org](http://www.believeintomorrow.org)

Provides a variety of programs and services to children with life-threatening illness including hands on adventures, dreamsurfer website, and retreat housing in various locations throughout the United States, free of charge.

#### **Children's Wish Foundation**

800-323-WISH

[www.childrenswish.org](http://www.childrenswish.org)

Children under the age of 18 with a life threatening illness. Grants final wishes.

#### **Clayton Dabney Foundation**

214-361-2600

[www.claytondabney.org](http://www.claytondabney.org)

Provides gifts, last wishes and financial assistance to families which will facilitate quality of family life and create everlasting memories. Child must be considered terminal, under the age of 21 and be referred by a healthcare professional. Cap per family is usually \$2,000.

#### **Disneyland**

714-781-1576

The Medical Compassion Program will provide free passes for children with cancer.



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## **The Dream Factory**

800-456-7556

[www.dreamfactoryinc.com](http://www.dreamfactoryinc.com)

Grants wishes to children with life-threatening illness or who are chronically ill.

## **Give Kids the World**

800-995-5437

[www.gktw.org](http://www.gktw.org)

Wishes are granted for a trip to Disney World or other Florida attraction.

## **Kids Helping Kids**

973-783-0697

[www.kidshelping.org](http://www.kidshelping.org)

An organization of teens that raise funds to provide equipment, services, companionship and special wishes for children who have been affected by catastrophic illness or injury.

## **Kids Wish Network**

888-918-9004

[www.kidswishnetwork.org](http://www.kidswishnetwork.org)

Grants wishes to children ages 3-18 with a life-threatening illness.

## **Lighthouse Family Retreat**

678-290-2955

[www.lighthousefamilyretreat.org](http://www.lighthousefamilyretreat.org)

Provides a seaside family retreat for children with cancer and their families at no charge.

## **Make-A-Wish Foundation**

800-722-WISH

[www.wish.org](http://www.wish.org)

Grants wishes to children with a life-threatening medical condition up until the age of 18.

## **Marty Lyons Foundation**

212-977-9474

[www.martylyonsfoundation.org](http://www.martylyonsfoundation.org)

Provides wishes to children ages 3-17 who have been diagnosed as having a terminal or chronic life threatening illness.



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## **Memories of Love**

800-625-1566

[www.memoriesoflove.org](http://www.memoriesoflove.org)

The Memories of Love vacation is provided to parents who are living with a life threatening medical condition. The focus is on helping them create joyful family memories for them and their children. The vacation includes a six day vacation to Orlando as well as tickets to local theme parks, food vouchers and \$200 for any out of pocket expenses.

## **Nicki Leach Foundation**

904-280-8916

[www.nickileach.org](http://www.nickileach.org)

Provides assistance to children and young adults between the ages of 16 and 25 diagnosed with a life threatening, malignant medical condition. Helps with the costs of items they normally would not ask for but would love to receive, and provides a momentary diversion from the reality of living with cancer. Funding may help with car expenses, clothing, hair or makeup as well as for the purchase of a camera, computer or special trip.

## **Operation Lift Off**

314-298-9770

[www.operationliftoff.com](http://www.operationliftoff.com)

Offers wish trips for children with a life-threatening illness.

## **The Rainbow Connection**

877-649-4743

[www.rainbowwishconnection.org](http://www.rainbowwishconnection.org)

Grants wishes to children between the ages of 3 and 18 with life-threatening illness in Michigan only. Also offers scholarships and financial assistance to past wish recipients.

## **A Special Wish Foundation**

800-486-WISH

[www.spwish.org](http://www.spwish.org)

Grants wishes to children in the United States as well as Moscow up to the age of 20, including infants.

## **Sunshine Foundation**

800-457-1976

[www.sunshinefoundation.org](http://www.sunshinefoundation.org)

Provides trips to Disneyland for children ages 3 to 18.



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## **Wishing Star Foundation**

800-685-6956

[www.wishingstar.org](http://www.wishingstar.org)

Grants wishes to children ages 3 to 21 with life-threatening disease. Children must reside in Idaho or Washington.

## **For Adults**

### **Compassion Partners**

407-828-2298

Provides admission to several parks in Central Florida including Disney Theme Parks, Sea World, Universal Studios Orlando and Busch Gardens. Passes are available for those facing a life-threatening or terminal illness and their family members as well.

### **Crossing the Finish Line**

267-708-0510

[www.crossingthefinishline.org](http://www.crossingthefinishline.org)

Offers a one-week excursion for adults between the ages of 24 and 50 that have been diagnosed with cancer. Patients must reside in Delaware, Pennsylvania or New Jersey.

### **The Dream Foundation**

805-564-2131

[www.dreamfoundation.com](http://www.dreamfoundation.com)

Grants final wishes to terminally ill adults over the age of 18.

### **Forever Young**

901-299-7515

[www.foreveryoungseniorwish.org](http://www.foreveryoungseniorwish.org)

A non-profit organization whose purpose is to reach out to residents of nursing homes, assisted living facilities, hospice programs, home-bound individuals and adult day care facilities, regardless of age, to help make their dreams come true.

### **Never Too Late**

317-823-4705

[www.nevertoolate.org](http://www.nevertoolate.org)

A non-profit organization that grants wishes to the elderly (over 65) or to those that have a terminal illness. They will also grant wishes to a permanent nursing home resident regardless of their age.



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## **Reeling and Healing Midwest**

866-237-5725

[www.reelingandhealing.org](http://www.reelingandhealing.org)

A non-profit organization that hosts several fly-fishing retreats for women and men with cancer throughout the year. Also offer a retreat for family, friends and caregivers once each year as well.

## **Second Wind Dreams**

678-624-0500

[www.secondwind.org](http://www.secondwind.org)

A non-profit organization that grants wishes to older adults living in eldercare facilities or in hospice care. They have granted wishes throughout the United States, Canada as well as India.

## **Sunset Wish Foundation**

336-978-WISH

[www.sunsetwishfoundation.com](http://www.sunsetwishfoundation.com)

Provides wishes to adults 18 years and older who have a prognosis of less than one year. Must be a resident of the United States.

## **United Special Sportsmen Alliance**

800-518-8019

[www.childswish.com](http://www.childswish.com)

A non-profit Christian organization that coordinates with other agencies to grant terminally ill and disabled sportsmen and women an outdoor adventure of their dreams.

## **International**

### **The Children's Wish Foundation of Canada**

800-267-9474

[www.childrenswish.ca](http://www.childrenswish.ca)

For Canadian children only.

### **Donna's Dream House**

01253 75222

<http://donnasdreamhouse.org>

Offer children with life-threatening illnesses a chance for a free holiday with their families.

### **Make-A-Wish Foundation International**

602-230-9900

[www.worldwish.org](http://www.worldwish.org)

Grants wishes to children with a life-threatening medical condition up until the age of 18 in 28 countries and regions outside of the United States.



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## **A Special Wish Foundation**

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[www.spwish.org](http://www.spwish.org)

Grants wishes to children in Moscow as well as in the United States up to the age of 20 who are diagnosed with a life threatening disorder.

## **Starlight Children's Foundation, UK**

020 7262 2881

[www.starlight.org.uk](http://www.starlight.org.uk)

Provide wishes for children, between 4 and 18, suffering from life threatening or life shortening illness. They also have branches in Canada, United States and Australia.

## **Sunshine Dreams for Kids**

800-461-7935

[www.sunshine.ca](http://www.sunshine.ca)

Makes dreams come true for Canadian children ages 3 to 18 who are challenged by severe physical disabilities or life-threatening illnesses.

## **When You Wish Upon a Star**

0115 979 1720

[www.whenyowishuponastar.org.uk](http://www.whenyowishuponastar.org.uk)

When You Wish Upon a Star's endeavor is to provide a unique wish experience for as many of these brave and courageous children as possible ages 2 to 16 who are facing a life threatening illness.

## **In addition. . .**

The Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Foundation publishes a listing of wish fulfillment organizations. Their list can be obtained by calling: 800-366-2223.

*This information is not intended as a substitute for professional medical advice and does not provide advice on treatments or conditions for individual patients. All health and treatment decisions must be made in consultation with your physician (s), utilizing your specific medical information. The American Brain Tumor Association does not endorse any of the organizations listed or guarantee that individuals will qualify for the services they provide. Please contact each organization for their specific guidelines.*

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