

Your company can help make wishes like Jesse's come true!

Diagnosed with a Wilms' tumor at only five years-old, Jesse quickly underwent surgery to have the tumor removed shortly after diagnosis. Unfortunately for Jesse, doctors were devastated to learn his tumor had ruptured, requiring he undergo intense treatments of aggressive chemotherapy to rid the cancer from his small body.

This meant Jesse didn't get to start kindergarten with his friends, or experience the joys of recess, school plays, or birthday parties. Instead, Jesse laid in a hospital bed, surrounded by teams of doctors who worked to save him from a life-threatening illness. Because of his high susceptibility to germs, Jesse was often confined to the indoors and felt he was becoming a stranger to the outside world.

To escape his reality, Jesse often turned to video games, his favorite being Minecraft. For Jesse, Minecraft was his way of feeling like he was outside. As Jesse played, the graphics and characters in the game seemed to come alive, and even if only for a few moments, Jesse was given the gift of forgetting about the illness that threatened his life.

When speaking with volunteers from Make-A-Wish about his one true wish, Jesse shared this love for Minecraft and the gift this game gave to him. Jesse's Wish Granters were quick to speak with mom and dad about a wish that would be both safe for his fragile state and healing to his spirit.

As Jesse continued to share his love for the game, Wish Granters and Jesse's parents determined a wish to have a Minecraft Room Makeover would be just the thing to bring joy back to Jesse's life.

When the day finally came, Jesse filled with hope and joyful excitement as the once thought of his favorite reality became a very real presence in his life. Jesse now wakes in a room that sparks his imagination, leaving him feeling happy with no threat of his illness in mind.



Jesse, 6

Wilms' tumor

I wish to have a Minecraft Room

Makeover

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A Wish for Every Child

Each year, hundreds of children throughout Southern Nevada are diagnosed with life-threatening medical conditions.

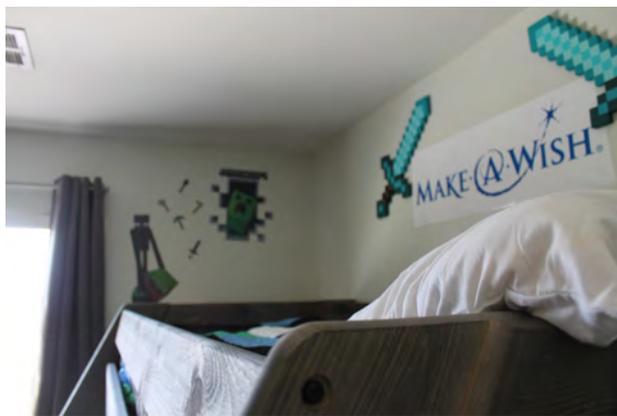
When a child is diagnosed, their world suddenly collapses. They are robbed of a carefree childhood and are forced to deal with realities that no child should have to undergo.

So, imagine the joy, elation and gratitude that these children and families experience when they receive an unconditional wish.

This gift is unparalleled and unique to Make-A-Wish[®]. It is something that no medicine, no doctors and no nurses can provide. And, you can help by becoming an Adopt-A-Wish partner!

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Different ways your company can Adopt-A-Wish

Give the Gift of a Wish – Every occasion is an occasion to give the gift of a wish in lieu of a present. What better way to honor your employees or clients, than to adopt a wish in their honor. Giving the gift of a wish is an excellent substitution for holiday cards, anniversary gifts, or employee recognition. Choose from three convenient options to acknowledge your gift; each a unique and heart-warming surprise.

Wish Boards – Placing a child's wish board in your office allows clients and employees the opportunity to participate in adopting a wish through the various expenses associated with a single wish. Choose from one of our four types and receive a wish board that breaks down your child's wish expenses, line by line. Encourage coworkers to go in on line items together, or offer a match for the overall funds raised.

Wish Reveal Planning – A wish reveal is a special event in which we tell our Wish Kids that their one true wish is coming true. Rally your team and with the support of a Make-A-Wish representative, plan every element of a real child's reveal. We'll provide the child's All About Me form, and ensure you have everything you need to plan the perfect reveal.

Wish Planning – Some of our wishes don't involve travel and stay local! Be a part of the magic and work with your team to plan a real child's full wish experience! We'll provide the child's All About Me form, and ensure you have everything you need to plan a once in a lifetime kind of wish.

Adopt-A-Wish investment

The Adopt-A-Wish program offers the ultimate connection by partnering your company's philanthropic investment with a specific child's heartfelt wish.

Every dollar donated leverages another dollar of in-kind goods and volunteer services to make each wish come true. **Anyone size company can adopt a wish!** Small businesses, large corporations, and start ups can contribute to the Adopt-A-Wish program.

How your company can make an impact

A chapter representative will work with you to develop an integrated and strategic alliance that aligns with your company's philanthropic vision.

We do our best to pair a child based on any number of factors, including medical condition, wish type, individual interests or age, based on our list of adoptable wishes.

For the children, families and our community, your company's support can make all the difference. Our vision is a wish for every eligible child in Southern Nevada.

To adopt a wish or for more information, please call us at 702.932.2800.



“The thought of Jesse's wish coming true gave him the excitement and strength he needed to get through painful treatments.”