

MAKE-A-WISH®

Stories of hope, strength, and joy from the Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Oregon

Spring 2005

Dear Make-A-Wish® volunteers and supporters –

We have revered your Foundation for years. When our daughter, Taylor, was diagnosed with leukemia in February last year, we contacted your organization. Realizing that we were in a position to utilize your great efforts brought us to tears. We didn't know that it would be the pivot of hope that carried us through the next six months.

In May, wish-granting volunteers Brenda Bertram and Christine Myers came to our home to meet with Taylor, who is four years old. Her dream was to go to *Disneyland*® Resort and ride on the Dumbo ride. Little did we know, that dream



Taylor, 4, of Lake Oswego, meets Pluto.

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would get her through her scheduled hospital stays without complaint for 20 nights over the next six months. If she'd get hesitant the night before a hospital stay, we'd say, "Now, how many more stays until Disneyland?" She'd ponder and yell out, "Oh, yah! Only five!"

Taylor has spent about 70 days and nights at Doernbecher Children's Hospital receiving chemotherapy treatment. The Make-A-Wish trip was her light at the end of the tunnel and our family's milestone.

It's hard to put into words the joy and the impact of what this wish has brought to Taylor and our family. This was a

once-in-a-lifetime experience that gave our little girl joy to replace all the tough times she's had to endure. Disney treated our children like royalty. They were made to feel special, but most importantly, they felt normal. They were sure all the attention was simply because they were such fun kids to hang with. After months of great fear, you had us re-enter the world in a grand way.

We want to thank Make-A-Wish, Ron Tonkin and its employees, Disney and all of the supporters who make it possible for Make-A-Wish to bring such happiness to so many special children in need. We feel indebted to you.

Warm wishes,
Taylor and family



Taylor enjoys the beaches of Southern California.

Erica's Birthday Wish is Granted

Erica, of Sublimity, had an unusual request for her 11th birthday: She wanted to go on a Caribbean cruise. She suffers from autoimmune hepatitis, a life-threatening medical condition that affects her liver.

When wish-granting volunteers visited Erica and her family, Erica had a checklist for her wish: 1. She wanted to go on a cruise; 2. The destination should be someplace warm; and 3. She wanted to travel over her birthday.

After careful research, Erica chose an Eastern

Caribbean cruise by Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd. because she found activities that each member of her family would enjoy.

Erica and her family arrived in style at the Sheraton Hotel at the Portland Airport in a limousine, provided by VIP Limousine of Salem. After traveling to the East Coast and spending one night in Miami, the family boarded Royal Caribbean's Explorer of the Seas for Erica's wish-come-true. Once aboard the ship, Erica was treated like royalty. Royal Caribbean assigned one staff person to Erica and her family to answer any questions and give

them special one-on-one attention throughout the entire seven-night cruise.

In fact, Erica told her parents that she wanted to live aboard the ship. She had such a wonderful time that on the last night of the cruise, she cried because she didn't want to come home.

The Make-A-Wish experience changed Erica and her family, said her mother. After having dealt with illness, medications and other complications, Erica and her siblings saw that life isn't always unpleasant. "It helped her outlook on life," her mom said. "It helped her be more positive. It's not just bad things that happen, and good things happen sometimes, too. It was a good lesson for them to learn."



Erica (right) sits atop cannonballs with her brother and sister while on a shore excursion.

We dedicate this newsletter in memory of the following wish kids. Each child has touched our lives and hearts.

Boy, age 5
 Girl, age 6
 Girl, age 6
 Tyler C., age 11

Our Mission

The Make-A-Wish Foundation® grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength, and joy.

About Our Chapter

Thanks to the generosity of hundreds of volunteers and donors, the special dreams of more than 1,400 local children have been fulfilled since this chapter began in 1983. Of each dollar spent in 2004, 82 cents was used for program services, 11 cents for fundraising and 7 cents for management.

If you're interested in making a donation of time, money, product or service, please contact (800) 934-WISH or visit our Web site at www.orwish.org.

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Message from Executive Director

Dear Make-A-Wish® Friends & Supporters,

With 2005 well underway, the Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Oregon is on schedule to realize a significant increase in the number of wishes granted this year. This is a direct result of growth in support provided by so many of you throughout Oregon and Southwest Washington. Generous donations of time, treasure and talent combine together everyday to help the organization respond to wishes as quickly as feasibly possible.

While we are glad to share news of this positive momentum, sadly, the Foundation has not reduced the number of children awaiting their wish-come-true. On average, 60 children annually have told the Foundation what they have wished for, yet are waiting for it to be granted. Despite our recent growth in wishes, this number is not decreasing due to more referrals and rush wishes than ever before.

Therefore, the Oregon chapter board of directors has developed an outreach project, termed *Share the Power of a Wish*®. Defined in simple terms, the goal of this project is to significantly increase local major gifts thus allowing the chapter to substantially increase the number of wishes granted annually.

Share the Power of a Wish® project is a term you will here us use in the weeks and months to come. It's



important to all of us at the Foundation to do our best in granting a wish to every eligible child. In doing so, we will be seeking gifts of \$5,000 or more from individuals, businesses, foundations, clubs and schools as we aim to raise \$300,000 in the coming year through this project alone.

We will soon begin matching those children who are now waiting all across Oregon and Southwest Washington with these *Adopt-A-Wish*® partners.

In our effort to expand the types of wishes the Foundation is able to grant while continuing to increase the number of wishes fulfilled each year, we critically depend upon your growing investment in this mission.

Please join our partners in this very important project and help us expand the Make-A-Wish community of supporters.

As you share in the hope, strength, and joy highlighted in this newsletter, I hope you'll learn more about how community members directly help wishes come true – and most importantly, what a wish gives to a child and his or her family.

Warm Regards,

Andrew Asato
 Executive Director

Meet a Board Member: Dr. Mary Jo Rice

Dr. Mary Jo Rice knows matters of the heart. She is a pediatric cardiologist at Doernbecher Children's Hospital and has served on the board of directors of the Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Oregon for the past six years.



Mary first joined the board because she hears firsthand from her patients and

families how a wish brings them so much joy, allowing everyone in the family to focus on something fun and enjoyable.

She and her husband, Rob, have been longtime supporters of the Foundation. Every year they are sure to be seen with friends

at *Food, Wine & Wishes* — they've never missed this gala yet.

Wish Highlights: Photos From the Families We Serve

I wish to have... my bedroom redecorated

Nickeya, age 5
Portland, Oregon



Volunteers:
Lezli Goheen & Angie Balough

Special thanks to:
Andrews Furniture,
Cold Stone Creamery

Adopt-A-Wish® partner:
Beaverton High School

I wish to go... on a Caribbean cruise

Steven, age 16
Grants Pass, Oregon



Volunteers:
Kara Minkoff, Sarah DeMulder
& Hayley Mete

Special thanks to:
Embassy Suites Portland,
Royal Caribbean Cruise Line

Adopt-A-Wish® partner: Mac's

I wish to go... visit my best friend in California

Nikki, age 8
Dallas, Oregon



Volunteers:
Denise Wunderlich
& Katie Craig

Special thanks to:
Beard's Framing, AAA Oregon,
Art with Heart, Pro Limo, Avis,
Ghiradelli, Pier 39 & Simco Group,
Golden Gate Park, Aquarium of the
Bay, Club Libby Lu, Build-A-Bear
Workshop, Chuck E. Cheese,
Cold Stone Creamery

Adopt-A-Wish® partner:
Jewelers For Children
& Brixius Jewelers

I wish to have... an Acer tablet PC

Ryan, age 18
West Linn, Oregon



Volunteers:
Janae Zolna McLane & Cheri Roulet

Special thanks to:
Acer, Microsoft, Domino's Pizza,
Cold Stone Creamery, OfficeMax

I wish to go... to Sea World in San Diego

Emily, age 4
Portland, Oregon



Volunteers:
Katie Craig &
Denise Wunderlich

Special thanks to:
Oregon Limo
Service, Avis,
Sea World,
San Diego Zoo,
Legoland, Party City,
Catamaran Hotel, San Diego Wild
Animal Park, Cold Stone Creamery,
Domino's Pizza

Adopt-A-Wish® partner:
HW Grantor Trust

I wish to meet... Michael Vick of the Atlanta Falcons

Daymon, age 12
Hillsboro, Oregon



Volunteers:
Beverly Gill,
Tom Phillips,
Shelly Simpson

Special thanks to:
Atlanta Falcons,
Delta Airlines,
Western Limousine Service, Avis,
Westin Hotel, World of Coca-Cola,
Domino's Pizza

Adopt-A-Wish® partner:
McKesson HBOC, Inc.

A Company With Heart!



IBM makes more than just computers; they make wishes come true. Over the past five years, the company has contributed more than \$81,000 to the local chapter. The majority of that money is from individual employees who have designated the Foundation as a recipient of donations in their annual workplace giving campaign. Many small gifts combine together to make IBM one of the Oregon chapter's largest supporters. Dan McGee,

program director of Linux Technology at IBM and Make-A-Wish board member, says, "IBM is a great company to work for with its diversity of people and products. It's very inspiring for me to see my co-workers contributing to a cause that does so much in the community and around the world."

The Foundation is thankful for all that IBM continues to do for wish children throughout the state of Oregon and Southwest Washington.

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Thank You UAW-GM

UAW-GM generously sponsored Jesse's wish to meet a NASCAR champion. Prior to his wish, Jesse, 9, of Vancouver enjoyed his wish party at Portland International Raceway. Hosted by Gary Bockman – driver and owner of BSI Racing – Jesse and his family enjoyed lunch and behind-the-scenes access to pits, racing teams and track during the practice sessions. He also met UAW-GM spokesperson, Marti Smale. Stay tuned for our next newsletter when we will feature photos and details about the celebrity racer Jesse met.



43 Local Wishes Granted: December 1, 2004 - March 31, 2005



Tyna, 14, of Pendleton



Dillon, 10, of Portland



Sara, 7, of Hillsboro

Brandon, 13,
of Beaverton
"I wish to meet
... Kobe Bryant"

Brandon, 16, of Stayton

Name	Age	City	Wish
Adam	17	Milwaukie	Laptop computer
Alec	12	Medford	Caribbean cruise
Aurielle	15	Vancouver	Meet my favorite teen celebrity
Boy	11	Salem	Walt Disney World® Resort
Boy	15	Newport	Desktop computer
Boy	17	Vancouver	Paint his 1972 Dodge Charger
Brandon	13	Beaverton	Meet Kobe Bryant
Brandon	16	Stayton	Electric guitar
Cianna	6	Milwaukie	Disneyland® Resort to meet Cinderella
Cory	17	Stayton	Laptop computer for gaming and schoolwork
Daniel	7	Portland	Caribbean cruise
Daymon	12	Hillsboro	Meet Michael Vick of the Atlanta Falcons
Deanna	6	Molalla	Disneyland® Resort to meet Snow White
Dillon	10	Portland	Shopping spree at Niketown
Emily	4	Portland	Sea World San Diego
Emily	6	Sherwood	Disneyland® Resort to meet Jasmine
Erica	11	Sublimity	Caribbean cruise
Erika	14	Salem	Disneyland® Resort
Gabriel	17	Salem	Macintosh computer
Girl	9	Amity	Disneyland® Resort
Grace	5	Hillsboro	Hot tub
Jackson	11	Portland	Caribbean cruise
Jacques	15	Vancouver	Walt Disney World® Resort
Jake	13	Bend	Shopping spree for electronics
Joseph	13	Beaverton	Walt Disney World® Resort
Kodie	15	Vancouver	Walt Disney World® Resort
Luke	11	Jefferson	Visit family in Minnesota over Christmas
Nathan	17	Oakridge	Laptop computer
Nathan	17	Keizer	Computer
Nickeya	5	Portland	Bedroom set with canopy bed
Nikki	8	Dallas	Visit her best friend in California
Nikolas	16	Forest Grove	Laptop computer
Percilla	15	Dallas	Sea World Orlando
Preston	12	Vancouver	Walt Disney World® Resort
Ryan	13	Brookings	Disneyland® Resort
Ryan	18	West Linn	Acer Tablet PC
Sara	7	Hillsboro	Disneyland® Resort
Sean	16	Portland	Laptop computer
Steven	16	Grants Pass	Caribbean cruise
T.J.	16	Vancouver	Laptop computer
Taylor	12	Beaverton	Caribbean cruise
Tyna	14	Pendleton	Shopping Spree at Clackamas Town Center
Wesley	5	Vancouver	Sea World Orlando to see Shamu
Xiomara	13	Salem	Walt Disney World® Resort



Taylor, 12, of Beaverton

Make-A-Wish® Volunteers and World's Largest Ice Cream Cake Social

The Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Oregon is fortunate to be supported by more than 200 dedicated volunteers. Many of these volunteers work with the wish children directly, while others volunteer at events or make public presentations on behalf of the Foundation.

In April, volunteers passed out information and helped raise money at Cold Stone Creamery locations

around Oregon and Clark County, Washington. This is the fourth year Cold Stone Creamery has partnered with the Foundation to celebrate the World's Largest Ice Cream Cake Social. Free slices of ice cream cake, created by a Make-A-Wish® child, were given to ice cream lovers in exchange for a donation to the Foundation on this special day.

THANK YOU

to all of the volunteers who donated their time to this event, which raised thousands of dollars for local wishes!

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| Carol Alcock | Tanja Homrichausen |
| Sally Baker | Jodi Hoskins |
| Tracy Bean | Karen Koch |
| Jamie Bernasconi | Joel Kuhl |
| Andrea Bernhardt | Joe Mackey |
| Ann Bernhardt | Laura Matin |
| Geneice Bryans | Jo Ann McQueary |
| Angie Byrd | Hayley Mete |
| Kat Coker | Loren Mirsky-Piatkin |
| Katie Craig | Bill Montee |
| Sarah DeMulder | Monica Nguyen |
| Sue Drouin | Samantha Piwonka |
| Leah Findtner | Ray Prichard |
| Randi Fisher | Sharon Prichard |
| Bonnie Franklin | Vivian Taunton |
| Darcy Gallagher | Brandi Randall |
| Eti Gal | Barbara Rhyne |
| Ginette Gill | Jessica Roberts |
| Amy Grile | Jessica Shannon |
| Wendy Gutmann | Shelly Simpson |
| Peggy Harvey | Bonnie Star |
| Wayne Harvey | Shannon Stutzman |
| Lori Holcomb | Hank Sussenguth |



Volunteers, Ginette Gill and Joe Mackey, greet Corvallis Mayor Helen Berg (center) during the Ice Cream Social.



Volunteers, Sally Baker (center) and Cathryn Hedberg, visit with wish child Logan at the Eugene Cold Stone Creamery.



Nicholas Gilman (center), owner of the Cold Stone Creamery Tigard store, poses with volunteers Wayne and Peggy Harvey and wish child Kendra.



Volunteers, Laura Matin (left), Jessica Roberts and Carol Arbogast, display donations collected at the Hillsboro Cold Stone Creamery.



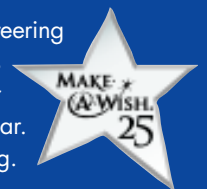
Volunteers, Beverly Gill (left), Wendy Guttman, Loren Mirsky-Piatkin and Randi Fisher, were joined at the Barnes Road store in Portland by wish child Christian.

Monica Nguyen (left) and Sandy Redmond greet customers at the Cold Stone Creamery on NE 162nd in Vancouver.



Wish family, Susan (left) and Kate, sit with volunteers Amy Grile and Jamie Bernasconi, at Cold Stone Creamery's Tualatin location.

Our events continue to be successful fundraisers for local wishes because of our dedicated volunteer force! Volunteering for events is the perfect opportunity for those of you who have limited time, but enjoy donating an occasional few hours or day out of your busy schedule. We are preparing for our annual *Food, Wine & Wishes* gala auction in October and will be looking for more than 60 volunteers to help raise enough funds to grant 55 wishes in the coming year. If you're interested in helping with events, please contact Kara Minkoff at 800-934-9474, ext. 26 or kara@orwish.org.



Make a Million for MAKE-A-WISH®

Presented by Spirit Mountain Casino

Make a Million for Make-A-Wish® was made possible by these generous sponsors:



Make a Million Unites Local Wish Supporters

As donations continue to trickle in, we'd like to thank all of the businesses, schools, organizations and individuals who collectively raised \$100,000 through the 10th annual *Make a Million for Make-A-Wish*® campaign, presented by Spirit Mountain Casino. Once again, Hollydale Elementary in Gresham was the top-collecting participant in the state with a donation of \$8,653.15.



Spirit Mountain Casino presents its *Make a Million* sponsorship contribution to Foundation Board Chair Toby Wiltse.

The Foundation would also like to thank its presenting sponsor, Spirit Mountain Casino, and statewide partners United Auto Workers-General Motors, U.S. Bank, Regence BlueCrossBlueShield of Oregon and The Oregonian. The program was also supported around the state with media partners K103 and KATU in Portland, BendBroadband and 98.3FM The Twins in Central Oregon, KOOL 99.1FM and KMTR in Greater Lane County, as well as KTVL and all



UAW-GM representatives show their support of the *Make a Million* campaign.

ClearChannel Radio stations in Southern Oregon. We could not have raised this amount of money for local children's wishes without the help of these supporters!

Spirit Mountain Casino Adopts Kylee's Wish

Through Spirit Mountain's affiliation with *Make a Million*, it has generously become an *Adopt-A-Wish*® partner. Four-year-old wish child, Kylee, of Hillsboro, has struggled with a life-threatening condition that has already required 18 surgeries. For four days, Kylee and her two sisters, were able to forget about her circumstances and enjoy just being kids during her wish to visit *Disneyland*®



Kylee, 4 of Hillsboro, helped kick off the *Make a Million* campaign at the downtown Portland U.S. Bank branch.

Resort. Kylee's mom described the trip as a chance to "just be a family" again. She is so appreciative of everyone, including Spirit Mountain Casino, who helped make this wish a reality for her daughter.

Make a Million Miles

Supporters had another giving option during the March campaign by donating Alaska Airlines frequent flier miles. During the last two weeks of March, the Foundation received an out pouring of generosity from people who donated 440,000 miles collectively for local children's travel wishes – enough for 11 airline tickets!



Human Hotdog and Friends Adopt Brittney's Disneyland® Resort Wish

Students, staff and parents of Hollydale Elementary were busy in March raising money during the *Make a Million for Make-A-Wish®* campaign. In its ninth year of participating, Hollydale raised money for wishes in a variety of ways, including



Hollydale students show the fine paint job on Principal Tomac's "Make-A-Wish Mobile"

lemonade stands, bake sales, car washes, pop can collections and yard sales.

As a reward for smashing their \$6,000 goal, students received a fun week of activities. Some highlights included painting



Brittney, 5, of Gresham

Show with staff performing wacky songs and skits in Disney-garb. This exciting assembly started off with a check presentation to the Foundation for \$8,653.15 and culminated with Mickey the Wizard turning Mr. Tomac into a human-sized hot dog, where kids doused him with ketchup, mustard, relish, sauerkraut, and chili!

The same day that Mr. Tomac was saturated in condiments, Hollydale's adopted wish kid Brittney was on her way to *Disneyland®* Resort, where her wish to meet Belle came true.

Principal Tomac's van to create the "Make-A-Wish Mobile," playing in a Student vs. Staff Extreme Dodgeball Game, and having an assembly featuring a Toon Town Variety



Principal Chuck Tomac – the Human Hotdog – gets covered with all the fixin's by Hollydale students for surpassing their goal in the *Make a Million* campaign.



Marie Lamfrom Charitable Foundation Kicks Off Outreach Project

Upon hearing about the 60 children waiting for their wishes to be granted, the trustees of the Marie Lamfrom Charitable Foundation decided there was something they could do to help. With a gift of \$50,000, the *Share the Power of a Wish®* project began. The goals of this initiative are to reduce



Generous help by the Marie Lamfrom Charitable Foundation made a wish possible for *Xiomara (right), age 13, of Salem.*

the wait time for a child's wish-come-true, while simultaneously increasing the number of wishes granted by the Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Oregon.

With 10 wishes adopted by this charitable foundation, the Oregon chapter is off to a wonderful start with this important fundraising project.

Young Professionals Make Wishes Come True

The Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Oregon's junior board comprises young professionals throughout the state of Oregon and Southwest Washington who gather quarterly to help support the Foundation's fundraising and event-planning efforts. Under the leadership of board chair, Michelle Franceschi, a broker



with Cushman & Wakefield, the board plans to work together in organizing *Wishful Putting*. The event will be held September 15, at the 200 Market Building in downtown Portland. Additionally, the board members network with their personal contacts in order to support the wish-granting work of the Foundation throughout the year.

How to Help

If you are interested in participating in the Junior Board, becoming an *Adopt-A-Wish®* partner or learning more about the *Share the Power of a Wish®* project, please contact director of development, Laila Cook at 503-292-2280, ext. 24 or laila@orwish.org.

Planned Giving

Planned giving is the integration of sound personal, financial and estate planning concepts with the individual donor's plans for lifetime or testamentary giving. There are many ways to make a planned gift to the Foundation, creating a meaningful experience in which both the donor and the wish children can benefit greatly. If you would like more information on planned gifts, charitable gift annuities, wills, bequests or other estate gifts, please contact Laila Cook at the chapter office 503-292-2280, ext. 24.



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Items for Wishes:

(all items must be new and unopened)

- Gifts for teenagers
- Hand-held travel games
- Princess-themed items
- Long-distance phone cards
- Luggage and backpacks
- Art supplies
- Travel games
- Markers
- Beach towels
- Sunscreen (minimum 30 spf)
- Disney® balloons & mylar balloons
- Disney® stickers
- Disposable cameras & 35mm film
- Film developing
- Limousine rides (to and from the airport)
- Gift certificates for family-fun restaurants
- Gift certificates for video stores (\$15 increments)
- Gift certificates for music stores (\$15 increments)
- Gift certificates for book stores (\$15 increments)
- Gift certificates for electronic stores (\$15 increments)

Items for Use in Office:

- Postage stamps
- Plain white copy paper (8 1/2 x 11)
- Color laser printer (for high-volume jobs)
- 19" or larger computer monitors



Grace, 5, of Hillsboro
In-kind Wish Supporters:
Marquis Spas & Your Back Yard

Turn Miles into Smiles

Many wish children take to the skies in a plane to begin their "I wish to go ..." experience. For some, this in-flight adventure is almost as exciting as the wish-come-true upon landing. Fortunately, most major airlines have created programs that allow members of their frequent travel loyalty programs to donate unused miles to charity.

Such contributions have enabled the Foundation to send thousands of children and their families on the trip of a lifetime, and have saved the organization millions of dollars each year. For a complete listing of participating airlines and more information, please visit www.wish.org and click on "Giving" to turn miles into smiles.



Deanna, 6, of Mollala

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