

Featured Nonprofit

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Make-A-Wish Kansas

Mission Statement: Make-A-Wish is dedicated to granting the single favorite wish of children between the ages of 2 1/2 and 18 who have life-threatening illnesses or medical conditions.

This year the local chapter of Make-A-Wish is celebrating 25 years of making wishes come true for children in Kansas.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Kansas granted its first wish in January 1985. The first wish was to fly a 10-year-old Rhonda from Hiawatha, KS to Arizona to ride a horse in a parade with her former neighbor. That one child's delight in having her wish fulfilled provided the inspiration for the local foundation.

A wish experience is frequently a source of inspiration for children undergoing difficult medical treatments and a positive force that helps them overcome their obstacles. A wish experience is often more than a dream come true, it provides hope for the future, strength to endure and joy which every child deserves.

Since that first wish, over 1,000 wishes have been made possible for children and their families throughout the state. The foundation anticipates granting another 44 wishes in 2010 with an average wish cost at \$6,500.

Make-A-Wish finances its program services through individual and corporate donations, memorial & tribute programs, grants from public and private foundations, and the efforts of many community organizations and clubs. A minimum of 76 cents out of every dollar donated goes directly to the cost of providing wishes to the children served in the state of Kansas.

For more information about the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Kansas, to view upcoming events and find out how you can help share the power of a wish® visit www.wishks.org.