



fact sheet

About the Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Alaska & Washington

What is the Make-A-Wish® mission?

We grant the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with *hope*, *strength* and *joy*.

How and when did the local chapter begin?

The Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Washington granted its first wish in 1986 to Sarah who wanted to go to Disneyland®. In that first year, the local chapter granted six wishes and now grants approximately 300 annually to children in Alaska and Washington.

Wishes by the Numbers

25 Number of years our chapter has been granting wishes. This year marks our 25th anniversary!

4,725+ Number of wishes our chapter has granted since our inception in 1986.

295 Number of wishes our chapter will grant this year!




What types of wishes are granted?

The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Alaska & Washington provides spectacular wishes to the children we serve. Most wishes tend to fall into one of the four categories specified to the right.

Who can refer a child?

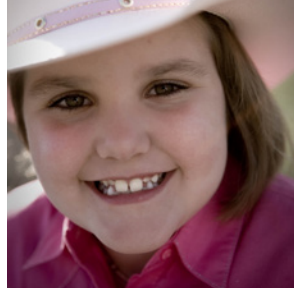
Eligible children may be referred to the Make-A-Wish Foundation by the children themselves, their parents or legal guardians, or by medical professionals such as physicians, nurses, social workers, child-life specialists and therapists.



Contact us: www.northwestwishes.org ★ Find us on   
 Seattle: 800.304.9474 | Spokane: 800.207.8476 | Alaska: 877.510.9474



Madysen wished to go to Disneyland®.



Celebrating 25 years of making wishes come true!



Tamika wished to go to Disney World®.

Peter wished to go to Hawaii.

Alyssa wished to be a cowgirl.

Who is eligible to receive a wish?

Before a wish can be granted, three criteria must be met:

- ★ The child must be between the ages of 2 ½ and 18-years-old.
- ★ The child's physician must medically qualify the child.
- ★ The child must not have received a previous wish from the Make-A-Wish Foundation or any other recognized wish-granting organization.

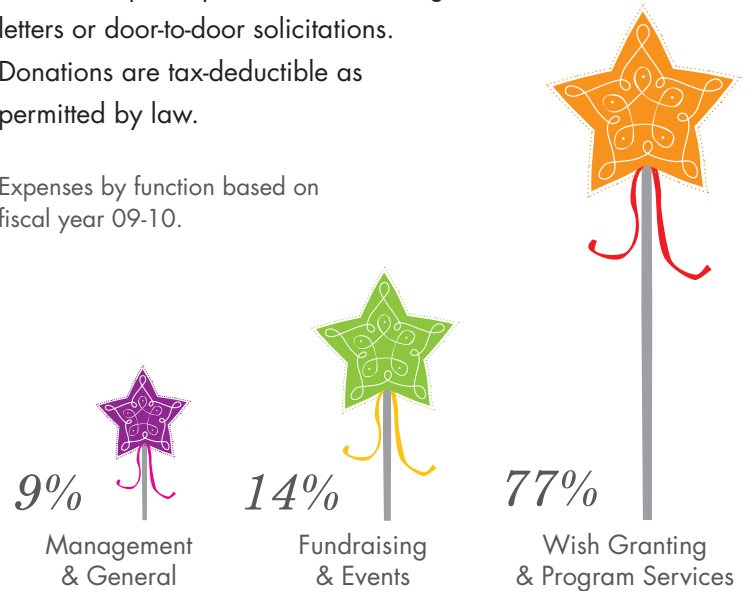
About the Make-A-Wish Foundation® of America

The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Alaska & Washington is a chapter of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of America which began in 1980 with the granting of seven-year-old Chris Greicius' wish to be an Arizona state trooper for a day. From that one special wish, the Foundation blossomed into a worldwide phenomenon with 64 chapters in the U.S. and its territories and 33 international affiliates. To date, the Foundation has granted more than 250,000 wishes worldwide.

How is the local chapter funded?

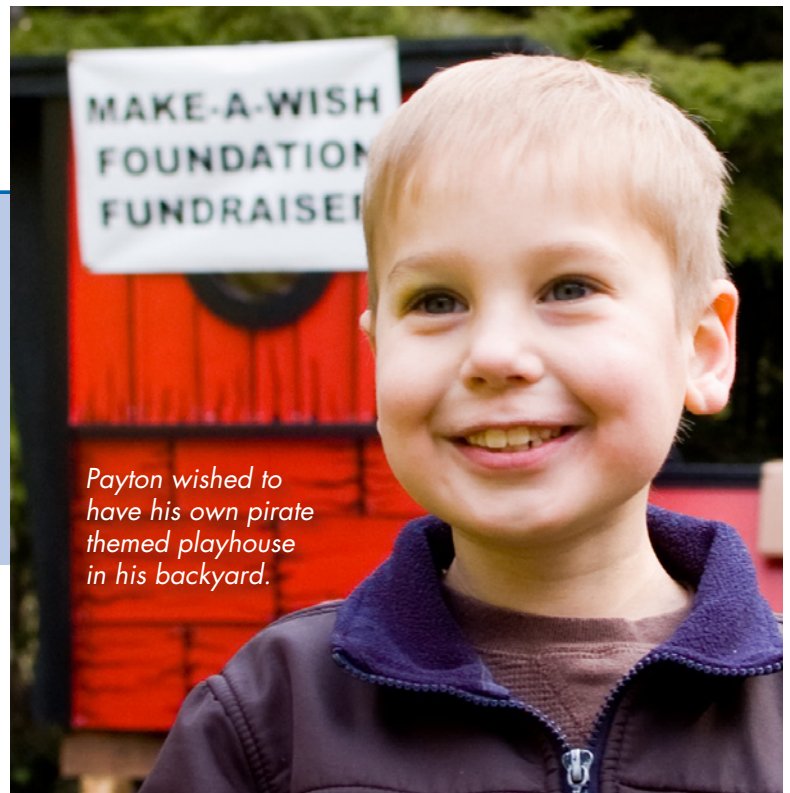
The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Alaska & Washington is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization and is financed solely through private charitable donations and in-kind contributions. We do not participate in telemarketing, chain letters or door-to-door solicitations. Donations are tax-deductible as permitted by law.

Expenses by function based on fiscal year 09-10.



How can I help?

You can help **share the power of a wish®** by volunteering, making a charitable contribution, donating frequent flyer miles, adopting a wish, sponsoring an event or "liking" us on Facebook. Call our offices today or visit www.northwestwishes.org for more information.



Payton wished to have his own pirate themed playhouse in his backyard.

Photo of Payton (right) courtesy of Mindi La Rose Photography.
Photo of Tamika courtesy of Betsey Dougherty.
Photo of Peter courtesy of the wish family.
Photo of Alyssa courtesy of Christiana Childers Photography.