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Help make a Child's Wish Come True: Make-A-Wish Foundation® Seeking Local Volunteers

ANCHORAGE- Wish mom Julia believes in miracles. Four years ago, her son, Abraham, was diagnosed with stage three, T-Cell Lymphoblastic Leukemia.

In 2008, Abraham was offered an once-in-a-lifetime opportunity by the Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Alaska & Washington, a nonprofit organization that grants wishes to children with life-threatening medical conditions. Abraham dreamed of visiting Ireland, but at the time, Abraham never thought he would see his wish come true.

But just this summer, now 18-year-old Abraham and his family witnessed his wish come to life when they boarded a plane to Ireland for Abraham's dream vacation.

Abraham's 10-day wish trip to Ireland was as much a vacation from medical treatments and doctors' appointments as it was a celebration of Abraham's tremendous battle for his life. After touring historic castles, sightseeing geological wonders, and visiting culturally-rich museums, Abraham returned to Anchorage with a lifetime of memories with his family. His mom, Julia, returned with a renewed appreciation for the magical, miraculous experience of a wish. "That's what the wish seemed like, a miracle."

The Make-A-Wish Foundation needs your help to continue making miraculous wishes like Abraham's come true. The local chapter is hosting two online volunteer trainings for potential volunteers on December 14th and January 17th in Anchorage. For more information and/or to register, please contact Juli McClave, volunteer manager, at juli@nwishes.org or 800.304.9474.

ABOUT MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION OF ALASKA & WASHINGTON:

*Celebrating 25 years of granting wishes to children with life-threatening medical conditions, the Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Alaska & Washington has brought hope, strength and joy to more than 4,725 local children through its wish granting process. This year, the local chapter will grant nearly 300 wishes. For more information about the local chapter and how you can **share the power of a wish**® please call 877-510-WISH or visit www.northwestwishes.org.*

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