

CHILDREN'S WISH FOUNDATION INTERNATIONAL



Children's Wish Foundation is a registered charity dedicated to fulfilling wishes for children under the age of 18, suffering from a terminal or life-threatening illness.

The Foundation was established in America in 1975 by Linda Dozoretz, in memory of her 14 year old daughter, Susan, who tragically died from bone cancer.

The Charity was formed in the UK approximately 10 years ago and through the generosity of our supporters, as well as fulfilling hundreds of wishes for these children, we have also been able to provide much needed support in the community.

The Foundation frequently provides to hospitals toys, games and essential items for use by the children who are often confined to their hospital rooms and wards for very lengthy periods of time, never really knowing what tomorrow will bring.

We hold many Christmas parties throughout the United Kingdom, in particular, on all the wards at Great Ormond Street Hospital.

We are delighted to have linked with Sargent Cancer Care and the Muscular Dystrophy Group, well-established charitable organisations offering help to families where a child has been diagnosed with one of these terrible diseases. They have a large number of social workers and family care officers employed in major hospitals, and whilst their income is substantial, it does not extend to providing wishes. We are privileged to be able to help children in their care.

Imagination is a wonderful thing, nothing quite so incredible as a child's. The requested wishes are enormously varied and we do everything in our power to make a wish come true. Throughout long hospitalisations and often frightening procedures, the gift of a wish being fulfilled provides a magical experience away from the constant thoughts of painful needles and treatments.

The children are able to wish for new 'state of the art' computer systems, a holiday with the family, or to visit relations abroad, to meet their sporting or pop idol, to own a puppy, and so much more.

Katrina and Hollie met the Spice Girls at Wembley, George plays on his new tractor 'almost all day long', Anna had the honour of meeting with the Pope at the Vatican, where she received a private blessing.

Referrals for wishes are received from hospitals, social workers, relatives – although anyone can refer a wish to us.

Thank you for taking the time to read about the Foundation. The Children's Wish Foundation gives children the time of their life, before life runs out of time.

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