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Dear Potential Make-A-Wish Volunteer:

Thank you for your interest in the Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Missouri. As a nonprofit organization, we rely on the dedication and enthusiasm of over 140 volunteers throughout the state to accomplish our mission of granting wishes to children with life-threatening medical conditions. As a volunteer, you will be able to work with us to enrich our children's lives with hope, strength, and joy. Since our chapter was chartered in 1983, over 1,100 wishes have been granted to Missouri children.

Included with this letter, you will find a volunteer application, a listing of volunteer positions, Make-A-Wish Foundation of Missouri statistics, a questionnaire for new Wish Granters, and a Make-A-Wish Foundation of America facts sheet. I also encourage you to frequently visit our Web site at www.missouri.wish.org. Here you will find examples of our quarterly newsletter, which features wish stories and other pertinent wish information. You may also visit the national Web site at www.wish.org for more information about the Make-A-Wish Foundation® of America.

If you remain interested in volunteering for our organization, please fill out the volunteer application and questionnaire for Wish Granters (if applicable) and mail to our office at the address listed above. After your application has been received, we will contact you regarding a mandatory training session in your area. After you have attended the training, we will request a criminal background check and a reference check.

We look forward to working with you to make more wishes come true for our children. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call. We would be more than happy to inform you about our organization.

Best wishes,

The Make-A-Wish Staff

Volunteer Application

Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Missouri

Please note that certain volunteer positions require completion of a criminal background check every three years.

Please print legibly

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone Numbers (home): _____ (work): _____

Employer: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail address: _____

May we contact you at work? Yes No

In case of emergency, who should we contact?

Name: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Relationship: _____

What position are you applying for?

- Board Member Wish Granter Special Events
 Other (Please describe): _____

Do you hold a valid driver's license? Yes No If yes, which state? _____

Have you ever had your driver's license suspended or revoked? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

Do you use illegal drugs? Yes No

Volunteer History

Do you have volunteer experience? Yes No

If yes, please list, beginning with present or most recent experience.

Organization Name: _____

Address: _____

Position and Responsibilities: _____

Supervisor's Name and Title: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Dates of Service: _____

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Supervisor's Name and Title: _____ Telephone Number: _____
Dates of Service: _____

Have you ever been asked to relinquish a volunteer position? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

Personal References

Please provide three non-family references:

Name: _____
Address: _____ Work Phone Number: _____
Telephone Number: _____ Relationship: _____

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Address: _____ Work Phone Number: _____
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If you would like to include additional information about yourself, please do so on the back of this form.

I HAVE COMPLETED AND REVIEWED THIS ENTIRE FORM AND ATTEST THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IS TRUE. ADDITIONALLY, I UNDERSTAND THAT CERTAIN VOLUNTEER POSITIONS MAY REQUIRE THE COMPLETION OF A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK.

Applicant Signature & Date _____

Adult Volunteer Consent and Release

Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Missouri

Name: _____

Position applied for: _____

The volunteer position you have applied for upholds considerable responsibilities. You may be entrusted with valuable assets of the Foundation, most importantly our wish children and wish families. As a condition of your potential service to the Foundation as a volunteer we may perform a background investigation. Your participation in this process is voluntary; however, if you choose not to sign this release, you may be eliminated as a possible candidate for the position you have applied for.

ALL INFORMATION PROVIDED WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL.

I hereby authorize the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Missouri to schedule and complete a personal background check, including a criminal history.

Do you have any prior names, maiden names or surnames? Yes No

If yes, please list name(s): _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Social Security Number: _____

Driver's License Number: _____ State: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Return form to the Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Missouri, 1510 W. Elfindale, Springfield, MO 65807

Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Missouri Volunteer Positions

Wish Granters

Wish Granters are trained individuals who meet with our children to determine their wishes. Wish Granters must be over 21 years old and must pass background and reference checks. They must also attend a mandatory training session. These volunteers work closely with the Make-A-Wish staff to make each wish come true. Most Wish Granters meet with wish families in the evening or on the weekends and help them fill out the needed paperwork. Wishes can be granted in just several days, or may take up to a year to complete. If you are interested in becoming a Wish Granter, complete the Volunteer Application and Wish Granter Questionnaire, and we will add you to our training list.

Administrative and Office Assistance

Administrative volunteers provide much of the necessary hands-on work needed to coordinate Make-A-Wish projects. Duties may include data entry, answering or making phone calls, making copies, writing thank you cards, and preparing mailings, among other tasks. Our office volunteers are very important to us! Volunteers interested in this position must be available during our office hours, which are 8:30 am - 5:00 pm Monday through Friday, in Springfield, Missouri.

Special Events

The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Missouri relies primarily on fundraising to provide the funds necessary to fulfill the wishes of the children in our area. Many events and fundraisers occur throughout the year, most in the evening and on the weekends, requiring volunteers to work a two to three hour shift. If your organization, church, sorority, fraternity, or family is interested in hosting or volunteering for a fundraising event, feel free to contact us.

Kids for Wish Kids®

Kids For Wish Kids is a program that enables students to discover philanthropy by selecting their own fundraising project and managing it from start to finish, with little or no help from their teachers. Students develop leadership skills, build self-esteem and learn about teamwork while working towards a final goal, making a difference in the life of a child who is fighting overwhelming odds. Through Kids For Wish Kids, our goal is to provide students with interesting service projects that will enhance their learning as well as help those who are less fortunate.

Program Objectives

- Increase awareness among children and teenagers to grant wishes to children living with life-threatening illnesses
- Encourage young people to become actively involved in fulfilling wishes through the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Missouri
- Foster the value of community service, using this program as a hands-on learning experience for children
- Create school spirit and help students learn how to work together for a common goal
- Provide interaction among students, teachers and parents

Wishmakers® on Campus

Wishmakers on Campus is a program that raises funds to help make wishes come true for children diagnosed with life-threatening illnesses. To participate in our Wishmakers on Campus program, you can choose an activity from a list of project ideas, or you can devise a project of your own. Once you have decided what project you would like to do, complete and submit an event proposal form. It's that easy! It's best to do a Wishmakers on Campus project with a group of friends, with an organization you are involved in on campus, with a fraternity or a sorority, or with your dorm.

MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION® OF MISSOURI
Wish Granter Questionnaire

Name _____ Date _____

1. How did you learn about Make-A-Wish?
2. Why do you want to be a Wish Granter?
3. Have you even known a child who has had a wish granted by MAW or any other wish-granting organization?

Tell us what you know about their experience.

4. What other volunteer experiences have you had and when?

What did you like best about it?

What did you like least?

5. What is your experience with persons diagnosed with a life-threatening medical condition?
6. How do you relate to children?

7. How do you spend your leisure time? Hobbies, special skills, talents?

8. How would you describe your personality and temperament?

9. What are your pet peeves?

10. How do you handle stress and frustration?

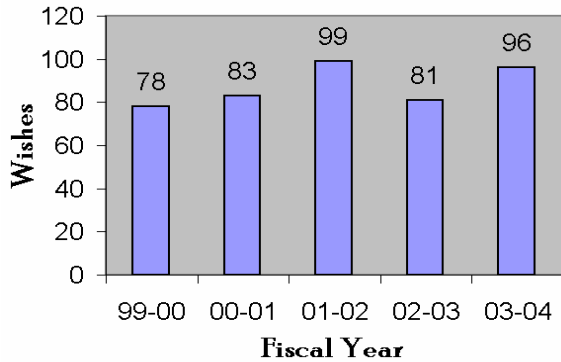
11. Wish granting is a team effort. What kind of teams have you worked with?

12. Make-A-Wish of MO covers 99 counties within our state. How far would you be willing to travel?

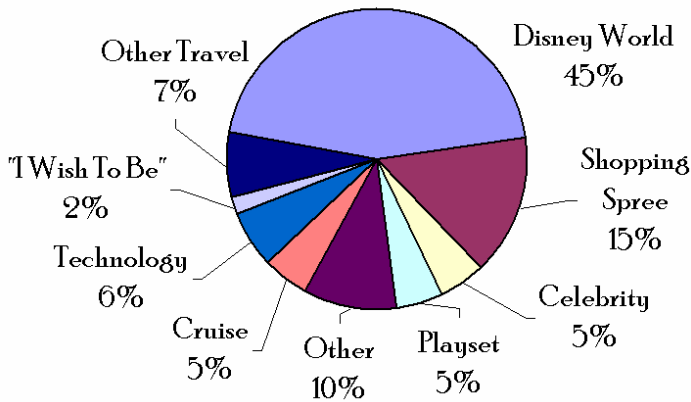
13. Make-A-Wish grants wishes to children of all races, religions, financial backgrounds, family situations, etc. Do you have any reservations about working with families from all walks of life?

Missouri Chapter Statistics

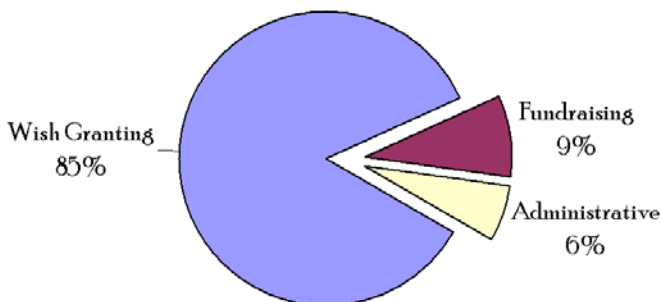
Wishes Granted



2003-2004 Wish Distribution



Revenue Allocations



- The Missouri chapter serves children throughout 99 counties
- The chapter's first wish was granted in 1984. Wish Kid Ryan met baseball player Darrell Porter of the Kansas City Royals.
- The office building, the Wish House, was donated in 1999 by an anonymous contributor
- A total of 96 wishes were granted in 2004, an average of 8 wishes per month
- Over 1,100 wishes have been granted by the Missouri chapter since its inception in 1983
- The average cost per wish is approximately \$5,000
- The Missouri chapter is an independently-funded chapter of the national organization
- The most popular wish in Missouri is to go to Walt Disney World in Orlando
- An average of 80 wishes are waiting to be granted at any given time
- The Missouri chapter is aspiring to grant 105 wishes in 2005
- Ninety percent of fiscal years' 2002-2004 wishes granted were referred from the following six hospitals:
 - Children's Mercy Hospital, Kansas City, MO
 - University of Missouri, Columbia, MO
 - St. Louis Children's Hospital, St. Louis, MO
 - St. Jude's Research Hospital, Memphis, TN
 - Cardinal Glennon, St. Louis, MO
 - St. John's Regional Health Center, Springfield, MO



Did You Know? Factoids

MISSION STATEMENT

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

THE MAKE-A-WISH® PHENOMENON

The Make-A-Wish Foundation® is the world's largest wish-granting organization. Somewhere in the world, every hour of every day, the Make-A-Wish Foundation grants a wish to a child with a life-threatening medical condition. The Make-A-Wish Foundation serves every local community in the United States and has chapters in the territories of Guam and Puerto Rico. To locate the chapter or international affiliate serving your local community, please visit the "Find Us" section of the Make-A-Wish national Web site at www.wish.org.

THE BEGINNINGS OF THE MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION

On April 29, 1980, a vibrant, dynamic 7-year-old boy named Chris Greicius realized his lifelong dream to become a police officer. Chris' incredible day included riding in a police helicopter, receiving his own custom-tailored uniform, and becoming the first and only honorary state trooper in Arizona history. Many of those responsible for fulfilling Chris' wish wanted to do the same for other children with life-threatening medical conditions and founded the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Since 1980, the Make-A-Wish Foundation has granted wishes to more than 127,000 children around the world.

GLOBAL IMPACT

The Make-A-Wish Foundation has truly become a global phenomenon. For well over a decade, Make-A-Wish international affiliates have been forming all around the world. Today, the Make-A-Wish Foundation serves children in 27 countries on five continents – North America, South America, Europe, Australia, and Asia – and has granted more than 16,000 wishes outside of the United States.

SOURCES OF FUNDING

The Make-A-Wish Foundation finances its work through the generous contributions of individuals, corporate sponsorships, planned gifts, and grants. In-kind donations of goods and services also help finance the Foundation's mission. More than 77 percent of expenses are devoted to the Foundation's mission -- far exceeding the program service allocation standards set forth by the nation's leading charity watchdog groups, including the Council of Better Business Bureaus. The Make-A-Wish Foundation **does not** raise funds by door-to-door or telephone solicitation.

ARE MY CONTRIBUTIONS TAX-DEDUCTIBLE?

The Make-A-Wish Foundation is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. As such, contributions are deductible for income tax purposes. The Foundation's annual financial statements are prepared by Grant Thornton, LLP and are available on the Make-A-Wish national Web site at www.wish.org.



THE WISH PROCESS

Every wish is a unique and memorable experience for the wish child, the family, and for those who participate in the wish. Below is the process through which the Make-A-Wish Foundation is able to create moments of hope, strength, and joy for children with life-threatening medical conditions.

STEP ONE: The Wish Referral

Out of respect for the privacy of the children and families the Make-A-Wish Foundation serves, a child can be referred for a wish by one of the following three sources:

- A medical professional treating the child (doctor, nurse, social worker, or child-life specialist)
- The child's parents or legal guardians
- The potential wish child

STEP TWO: Determining the Child's Eligibility

Children over the age of 2½ and under the age of 18 at the time of referral, who have been determined by a physician to have a life-threatening medical condition, may be eligible for a wish. The child's physician makes the final determination of whether a child is medically eligible to receive a wish. Also, the child cannot have previously received a wish from another wish-granting organization.

STEP THREE: Choosing a Wish

After the physician confirms that the child is medically eligible to receive a wish, the child's local Make-A-Wish chapter assigns a volunteer wish team to create a magical wish experience for the child. During the wish team's visit, they ask the child what his or her one favorite wish is.

STEP FOUR: Making a Wish Come True

After the child has determined his or her wish, the child's wish granters and local Make-A-Wish professionals work to create it. Every effort is made to involve each member of the child's immediate family in the wish experience. Quite often, the impact of a wish experience will touch the lives of dozens, sometimes hundreds, of people who help to fulfill a child's wish.

VOLUNTEERING

More than 25,000 volunteers generously give of their time and energy to fulfill the mission of the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Volunteers serve Make-A-Wish chapters across the country in a variety of capacities, including wish granting, office administrative support, special event planning and coordinating, Web site design, development and fund raising, and much more. Please contact your local chapter to find out how you can volunteer for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.



KIDS FOR WISH KIDS®: A number of Make-A-Wish chapters across the country coordinate a Kids For Wish Kids program, which enables children to raise money in their schools to help wish kids served by the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Kids For Wish Kids is truly unique because kids themselves manage it. Although each chapter does not have a Kids For Wish Kids program, there are opportunities in every Make-A-Wish community for young people to help make wishes come true. To find out how you can help wish kids in your community, please contact your local Make-A-Wish chapter.