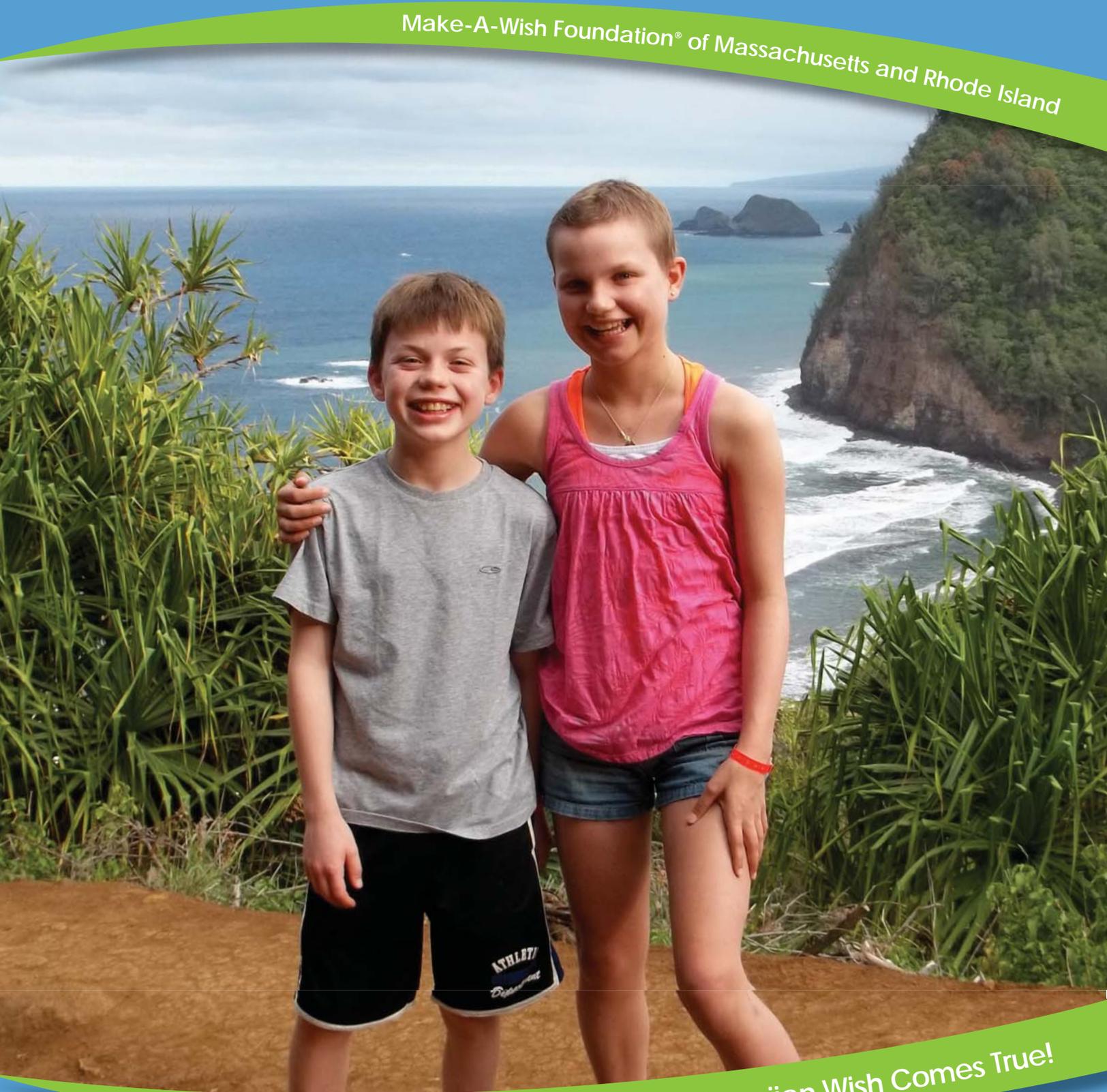


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Nora's Hawaiian Wish Comes True!

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Working Together Towards our 25th Anniversary

Dear Make-A-Wish Friends,

As the eve of our 25th year of granting wishes in 2012 approaches, we reflect on all that has changed and what remains the same.

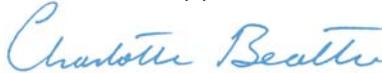
Over the last two decades, our organization evolved to encompass all of Massachusetts and Rhode Island and its reach now brightens children's lives in towns and cities across these two states. The number of wish-eligible children has also grown steadily, reminding us that young people are faced with the challenges of serious illness every day and that the generosity of our supporters is needed now more than ever.

With all of these changes, the power and impact of a wish has stayed true. Our reflections are thankful and joyous as we think about the children and their families who have been uplifted by a wish, and our friends and supporters who enable these wishes to be granted. You will meet some of these children, as well as some of your fellow supporters, in our newly redesigned *Well Wisher*.

As you read through this issue, we hope you are reminded of the importance of our mission and the difference your support makes in the lives of our wish children. Whether you support the Foundation through donating airline miles, volunteering, referring a child, organizing a fundraiser, or contributing financially, we are very grateful to you.

We look forward to your continued partnership and also to welcoming new supporters into the Make-A-Wish community as we journey together to our 25th year and beyond!

With sincere appreciation,



Charlotte A. Beattie
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On Our Cover: 11-year-old wish child Nora with her brother, Owen, in Hawaii.

Wish Safari: A Roaring Success!



Sixth Annual Gala raises over \$700,000 for wishes

On March 26th, nearly 500 guests ventured deep into the jungle on an inspiring wish safari at the 2011 Make-A-Wish Gala, held at the Intercontinental Boston. Attendees unearthed auction treasures and enjoyed dinner and the upbeat sounds of the Dartmouth Aires. Their energizing a capella performance set the stage for Master of Ceremonies **Liz Brunner** (WCVB-TV) to introduce wish child explorers Aastha, Anna, Meg, Nicole, Philippe, and Ryan along

with Wish Family Ambassadors Mark DiBattista and Denise Fitzsimmons. These children and parents captivated the audience with their inspiring stories and wish adventures.

Emmy-award winning hosts and Massachusetts natives **Jeff Corwin**, wildlife biologist, and outdoorsman **Charlie Moore**, better known as "The Mad Fisherman," served as honorary safari guides, leading the audience through Ryan's San Diego Zoo wish trip and a spirited "live wish reveal" of young John's wish to fish for blue marlin. Generosity truly ran wild throughout the evening, which raised over \$700,000 — enough to bring the thrill of a wish fulfilled to more than 100 children throughout Massachusetts and Rhode Island in 2011! Thank you to all who contributed to the Gala's resounding success and a special thanks to Presenting Sponsors **Steve and Deborah Barnes** and Star Sponsors **Joshua and Anita Bekenstein**, **Hal and Jodi Hess**, and **PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP**.



Clockwise: Wish child Ryan tells Jeff Corwin about his wish trip; Master of Ceremonies Liz Brunner; and Charlie Moore announces the granting of John's wish to fish for blue marlin, including a personal gift of a fishing rod from Charlie himself.

Macy's Believes in Wishes

The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Massachusetts and Rhode Island was proud to honor **Macy's with the 2011 Community Spirit Award** during the 2011 Make-A-Wish Gala. Through the shining success of the 2010 *Thanks for Sharing* and *Believe* holiday campaigns, Macy's continues as one of the Foundation's strongest corporate supporters. Since 2003, the company has donated over \$43 million to the organization nationwide and more than \$1.7 million in Massachusetts and Rhode Island alone. Thank you, Macy's customers and associates, for all that you do to help make wishes come true!

Board Chairman Steve Barnes presents the Community Spirit Award to Macy's Vice President and Store Manager Andrea York escorted by wish child Anna.



Remembering Our Children

Our Make-A-Wish family is deeply saddened when a wish child passes away. Each child is a star that shines on forever. We offer our heartfelt sympathy to the families of the following children:

Amanda M. • Brittany R. • Charlotte F. • Charlotte O. • Christopher M. • Erica M. • Esther E. • Fernely A. Jelani F. • John F. • Mary E. • Raine H. • Reynolds S. • Richard S. • Ryan H. • Yarielis R.

Volunteer Spotlight



Gloria Blanco-Kelly Braintree, MA

With fond memories of her daughter Vanessa's wish trip to Hawaii in 2005,

Gloria possesses a strong desire to give back to the Foundation. Gloria recently joined her two daughters, Amanda and Tiffany, among the Make-A-Wish volunteer ranks and enjoyed her first volunteer experience at the 2011 Gala.



Morris Englander Boston, MA

As an Airport Greeter, Morris lends a helping hand to families before their flights

to ensure that check-in goes smoothly. He also volunteers to greet arriving wish children who travel to Boston for their wishes. Morris' knowledge of the city and upbeat personality make him a wonderful ambassador of the Foundation.



Tony Sampaio East Providence, RI

All the Foundation has to do is ask and Tony is there to help! He volunteers for numerous

fundraising events, meets with wish children to determine their wishes, and also inspires others to become involved by regularly representing the organization through speaking opportunities. Tony's seemingly endless energy, his willingness to share his time and experience, and his passion for the Make-A-Wish mission are remarkable.

Welcome, New Volunteers!

We applaud the following new volunteers for their commitment to the children we serve and look forward to collaborating with them.



Left to right: Dana Butler, Wish Program Coordinator, with new volunteers at a recent training session in West Springfield: John Fioroni, Larry Valliere, Jennifer Blanchette, Roland Bolduc, Katelin Bolduc, Elizabeth Haire, and Richard Grenier.

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Postcard from Hawaii: Nora's Big Island Adventure

Relaxing on a beautiful Hawaiian beach, sunglasses on and book in-hand, 12-year-old Nora turns to her father and says, "You know what this is? This is the life."

This glowing paradise is a world away from the medical challenges Nora knows all too well. Following her cancer diagnosis in 2009, she spent several months in the hospital undergoing treatment. Nora's parents, Jennifer and Bob, learned about her eligibility for Make-A-Wish early on, giving the family a positive focus among the difficulties they faced.

Throughout her long hospital stay, a thoughtful and well-traveled neighbor sent Nora postcards selected from his expansive collection. Arriving almost daily with upbeat notes, Nora hung them on her wall. Among them was a picture of a towering waterfall in a lush Hawaiian forest. If a picture is worth a thousand words, this postcard was worth a thousand adventures, for it inspired Nora's wish: to travel to Hawaii with her family.

"We understand that, ultimately, the Make-A-Wish Foundation exists to restore hope, strength, and joy to the lives of kids – not to mention the families and friends – whose wishes are granted. If that is the Foundation's ultimate goal, then Make-A-Wish has truly shared the power of a wish with Nora."

– Nora's mother, Jennifer

Last November, Nora's wish came to life as she and her family savored a week-long vacation on the island of Hawaii. They were treated to a sun-splashed medley of excursions, beach time, rich local history and culture, and incredible natural beauty, none of which was lost on Nora. From hiking in Volcanoes National Park, where she and her brother, Owen, giggled as they lifted enormous boulders of nearly weightless volcanic rock, to attending an authentic lu' au, swimming with wild dolphins, and visiting a mesmerizing waterfall much like the one on the inspirational postcard, Nora's treasure box of memories from the trip is overflowing. Perhaps one of the greatest gifts from the vacation, says Jennifer, was sharing a week of uninterrupted family time.

Jennifer and Bob know the trip was more than Nora could have imagined. "The week our family spent in Hawaii was magical in every way. Nora came home from the 'Big Island' with a renewed sense of wonder and joy, with refreshed energy to fight her disease, and with – of course – absolutely incredible memories."

Recently, Nora was given a school assignment to describe where she would want to live for a year. She knew exactly where: on the gorgeous island of Hawaii, surrounded by the natural beauty and unlimited adventures that left an indelible mark on her.

Wish Volunteer Team: Sue Glovsky & Tracie Hauge



Thank you

to the 51 medical professionals who referred children with wishes granted September 1, 2010-January 31, 2011:

Susan Arsenault, LMHC
Betsy Arseneau, MA, CCLS
Judith August, LICSW
Daniel Bauer, MD, PhD
Natalie S. Bezler, MD
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Tufts Medical Center
Hasbro Children's Hospital
Massachusetts General Hospital
for Children
UMASS Memorial Medical Center

MEDICAL OUTREACH

Referral Connection



Fran Prunier, LICSW

Pediatric Social Worker, UMass Memorial Medical Center

"The Make-A-Wish Foundation is a gift not only to children who are granted wishes but also to the medical professionals who refer families to the organization," says Fran Prunier. "It gives children an opportunity to forget their illness and do something so special, and is a positive and unusual tool for the medical community."

"To watch a family move from despair to daydreaming about and articulating a wish, to anticipating the experience, to living it and feeling its thrills, and then the joy and pride that children and their families have in recounting the wish granting and their memories, it's a beautiful thing."

A social worker for 30 years, Fran has spent the past four years working primarily with young cancer patients through the hematology/oncology department at UMass Memorial Medical Center in Worcester, MA. He has referred dozens of families to the Foundation, setting them on a path to making their dreams a reality. Many families do not realize they are eligible for a wish and Fran feels privileged to deliver the news. "'People do that?' families often say. They just can't get over the fact that complete strangers will take the time to get to know their child and grant a wish. And the Foundation staff provides them with seamless support by managing every detail of each wish."

For Fran and his co-workers, being part of the wish process is a meaningful experience. They enjoy wish stories and photos shared with them by families and are enthusiastic cheerleaders along the way.

Wish referrals may be made by medical professionals treating a potential wish child, the child's parents or legal guardians, or by the child. For full eligibility requirements and to submit a referral form, visit www.massri.wish.org or contact 1.888.354.9474 or info@massri.wish.org.

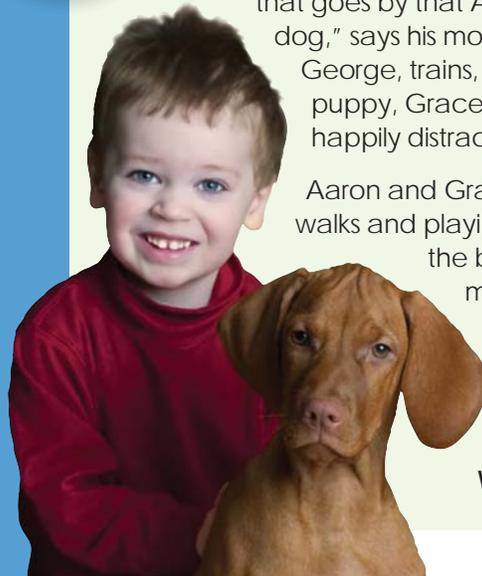
Wish Spotlight

A Pawsitive Delight

Furry snuggles and constant companionship were delivered to three-year-old Aaron when his wish to have a Vizsla puppy was fulfilled. "There is not a day that goes by that Aaron doesn't tell me how much he loves having a dog," says his mother, Lisa. An animal lover who also enjoys Curious George, trains, and Legos, Aaron has a brain stem tumor. His new puppy, Grace, offers plenty of tail wags, kisses, and mischief to happily distract him from his rehab and medical treatment.

Aaron and Grace love spending time together, especially taking walks and playing outside. "The two of them are quite the pair and the bond is so obvious already," says Lisa. "It means so much to my husband, Nate, and me to know that Aaron will grow up with Grace, experiencing both the fun and unconditional love that she offers. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for giving our son such an amazing gift."

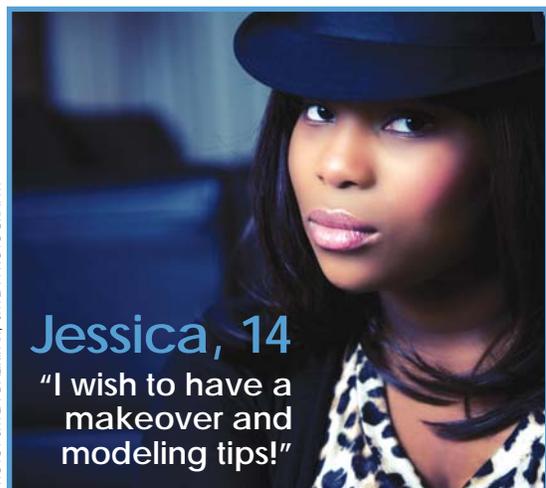
Wish Volunteer Team: Arlene Sullivan & Casey Lutz



Wishes Granted...Thanks to You!

Wishes Fulfilled through 2nd Quarter of 2011 Fiscal Year

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Jessica, 14

"I wish to have a makeover and modeling tips!"



Aastha, 6

"I wish to go to Disney World!"

I wish...

... to have a puppy

Aaron, 3
Sara, 7

... to have a playhouse

Cody, 4
Domenic, 8

... to have a room makeover

Emerson, 5
Erica, 11

... to have a hot tub

Jacob, 6

... to have a Disney-themed party

YiFan, 6

... to have a computer

Guadalupe, 13

... to have two Cyclocross bikes

Thomas, 17

... to have season tickets for the Boston Bruins

Tara, 18

... to meet Prince Royce

Wydalis, 9

... to meet Tom Brady

Fernely, 16

... to meet Drake

Claudio, 16

... to meet Buddy the Cake Boss

Katherine, 16

... to visit the set of CSI: Las Vegas

Asa, 17

... to go to the Dominican Republic

Justin, 3

... to go to Disney World®

Kristen, 3
Eva, 3
Trevor, 3
Cody, 3
Dylan, 3
Alexis, 3
Kathryn, 3
Mark, 4
Joshua, 4
Charlotte, 4
Brennan, 4
Meghan, 4
Courtney, 4
Benjamin, 4
Calvin, 4
Colin, 4

Brianna, 5

Kaitlyn, 5

Ryan, 5

Emily, 5

Alexis, 5

Hayoung, 5

Alexander, 5

Sean, 5

Victoria, 5

Tyler, 6

Alexa, 6

Andrew, 6

Jason, 6

Shane, 6

Rayliana, 6

Genevieve, 6

Paulina, 6

Nicholas, 6

Sarah, 6

Patrick, 6

Keren, 6

Marcus, 7

Kharma, 7

Emily, 7

Ramon, 7

James, 8

Emily, 8

Soteris, 8

Calvin, 9

Kyle, 10

Marshall, 11

Marquisa, 11

Justin, 11

Audrey, 12

Felicia, 14

Karissa, 14

Shantall, 15

... to go to New York City

Sofia, 8

... to go on a cruise

Gwendolyn, 9

Wesley, 11

Deanna, 16

... to go to Hawaii

Haylee, 10

Nora, 12

... to go to Brazil

Catherinna, 12

... to go to Disneyland®

Nicholas, 14

... to go to Sedona, AZ

Leah, 17

... to go to Puerto Rico

Carmen, 18

... to go on a shopping spree

Evelin, 4

Yarielis, 4

Sarah, 15

Daniel, 15

Jose, 16

Dylan, 17

Aaron, 17

Koriean, 17

Seshu, 18

Rhiannon, 18

Ashley, 18

... to be a fashion designer

Brianna, 16

... to have a special family celebration

Elizabeth, 17

Anna, 10

"I wish to go to Atlantis!"



Join Us!

Upcoming events to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

May 23: 11th Annual Swing for Wishes, Hopkinton, MA

Hopkinton Country Club
Contact Stowe & Degon LLC at 508.983.6700

June 6: 2011 Make-A-Wish Golf Classic, Agawam, MA

Crestview Country Club
Contact Peg Wheble at 413.733.9474 or pwheble@massri.wish.org

June 27: 19th Annual Make-A-Wish Golf Tournament, Peabody, MA

Salem Country Club
Contact Jo-Anne Spillane at 617.367.9474 or jspillane@massri.wish.org

July 4: Harvard Pilgrim 10K at Patriot Place, Foxboro, MA

The Foundation is one of several charity beneficiaries of this popular race. Visit www.harvardpilgrim10k.com for details. A sell-out is expected so register early!

Autumn 2011: Rhode Island Celebration

We are excited to announce that the Foundation will host a major event in Rhode Island next fall, chaired by Bill and Doris Loehning. Additional details will be provided as available.

Ongoing: Panera Bread Operation Dough-Nation Newburyport, MA

55 Storey Avenue Location
Customer donations to the Community Breadbox will be matched by Panera Bread and will support our children's wishes.

Visit www.massri.wish.org for more details on upcoming events and promotions.



Wishmakers on CAMPUSSM

Every year, students at universities across Massachusetts and Rhode Island contribute their energy to the Make-A-Wish Foundation and its wish children through the Wishmakers on Campus program. Last semester at **Salem State University's Bertolon School of Business** in Salem, MA, associate professor Dr. Jakari Griffith challenged his four classes to fundraise as much as they

could during their five-week class period. Students rose to the occasion, raising \$20,000 through events including walk-a-thons, comedy shows, and restaurant charity nights. Through various Wishmakers on Campus activities, **Chi Omega** student members and alumni remain long-standing supporters of the Foundation. Most recently, at the University of Rhode Island, the Chi Omega chapter raised almost \$1,000, partnering with local vendors to offer up "Wings for Wishes" to fellow students. Thank you to all of the students who take time out of their busy schedules to raise awareness and funds for the Foundation through creative fundraisers.

To learn more about the Wishmakers on Campus program: **Melissa Carroll, 617.367.9474, mcarroll@massri.wish.org (MA); Ashley DeSimone, 401.781.9474, adesimone@massri.wish.org (RI).**

Salem State students (top) and members of Chi Omega at the University of Rhode Island organized recent Wishmakers on Campus fundraisers.



Partners in Philanthropy

Congratulations to the **Atlantic Tuna Club** and **Edward White**, who were honored by the Association

of Fundraising Professionals as 2010 Partners in Philanthropy in late 2010. The Atlantic Tuna Club, the oldest big-game fishing club on the East Coast, has raised over \$44,000 since 2005 through its annual dinner and auction. Led by the enthusiasm and commitment of event coordinators Everett Petronio, Jr., and Kim Toegemann, the club has funded the wishes of six Rhode Island children.

Edward White is a leader among the Foundation's volunteers and selflessly shares his time and talent to help fulfill children's wishes in both Rhode Island and Massachusetts. In 2010, he volunteered during a very special day for wish children and their families when the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds held a private demonstration for them prior to the Rhode Island Air Show.

Partners in Philanthropy award recipients Everett Petronio, Jr. and Kim Toegemann from the Atlantic Tuna Club (second and third from right).



Have an idea for a fundraiser?

Share your thoughts and request planning tools and support by contacting the Foundation at 1.888.354.9474 or info@massri.wish.org.

Jeans For WISHES

A fun way to show your support!



Foster team spirit by taking a break from the routine to make wishes come true! Organize a dress-down day or week at your company, organization, or school. Participants make a donation to the Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Massachusetts and Rhode Island for the opportunity to wear something out of the ordinary. A simple and fun way to support our wish children, you set the donation amount and tailor your campaign to appeal to your colleagues or students. Whether jeans, sports jerseys, or Hawaiian shirts, try tying it in with a holiday, sports event, or to celebrate a company success or school achievement.

To request a Jeans For Wishes campaign kit, contact Melissa Carroll at 617.367.9474 or mcarroll@massri.wish.org.

Above, employees at the Hyatt Harborside proudly support Jeans For Wishes.



Salute to a Corporate Partner: Dorel Juvenile Group

Through the sale of specially-marked Safety 1st® products featuring the Make-A-Wish logo, Dorel Juvenile Group is helping to make wishes come true across the country! The Foundation is grateful for this generous commitment as well as Dorel's focus on fostering employee involvement in the Make-A-Wish mission. Marianne Pylotis, PR and Social Media Manager at Dorel, shares her thoughts on the exciting new partnership:

How does Dorel's business philosophy align with the Make-A-Wish Foundation?

At Dorel, our mission is to make the world a safer place with our products. That's at the forefront of every product we develop and we find this closely aligns with the Foundation's mission of granting children's wishes.



What is the value of the partnership for your employees?

Being a part of the extended Make-A-Wish family gives our employees a sense of greater purpose. By nature, each one of our jobs, from marketing to engineering, is to help keep children safe. The Make-A-Wish Foundation brings another element to that purpose and gives identity to the children we are helping.

How have local employees supported the Make-A-Wish Foundation?

In Massachusetts and Rhode Island, many of our employees are trained volunteers, assisting with special events and office support. We've also

organized send-off parties for wish children at our main office in Foxboro, MA. Activities like this contribute to positive employee morale. Whether participating in a golf outing, sponsoring events, or holding penny drives, we're motivated to devise new ways to keep the partnership fresh and in sync with our greater mission.

For information about Dorel's Safety 1st products, available at major retailers, and its partnership with the Make-A-Wish Foundation, visit www.safety1st.com.

Dorel employee Jennifer Mahonen (above, left) answers Wish-A-Thon calls.

Discover the many ways you can help spread joy to children this spring and summer!

ENROLL in our Monthly Wishmaker® Club

Support wishes through all seasons! Monthly gifts ensure that our wish-granting program receives funding all year long. We invite you to join the Wishmaker® Club with a pledge of \$15 or more per month for one year and choose the payment method that works best for you.

CREATE a Friends and Family Page

Start an online campaign to raise funds and awareness for a mission close to your heart! We will provide you with a Make-A-Wish "Friends and Family Page" that you can customize with your own personal message and easily send the link by email, or through your Facebook page, to everyone you know! It's a fun way to show your support and will certainly help to fund the many summertime wishes we aim to fulfill.

JOIN our Legacy Society

One day, the Foundation hopes to grant a wish to every Massachusetts and Rhode Island child living with a life-threatening medical condition. Please consider sustaining the organization's future by naming the Foundation in a will, charitable remainder trust, or other estate planning instrument. We will recognize your generosity as a member of our Legacy Society — and a creator of hope for our next generation of wish children!

To learn more about these opportunities, contact Nicole Ferranti at 617.367.9474 or nferranti@massri.wish.org (MA) or Paula Montgomery at 401.781.9474 or pmontgomery@massri.wish.org (RI).

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Wishes In Flight

Every year, the Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Massachusetts and Rhode Island has a critical need for airline miles. More than 70 percent of our children's wishes involve air travel, making plane tickets the most significant cost of our wish-granting program. Your donation of unused airline miles has the power to lift many children's wishes off the ground!

DONATE miles

1. Visit our website: www.massri.wish.org/miles

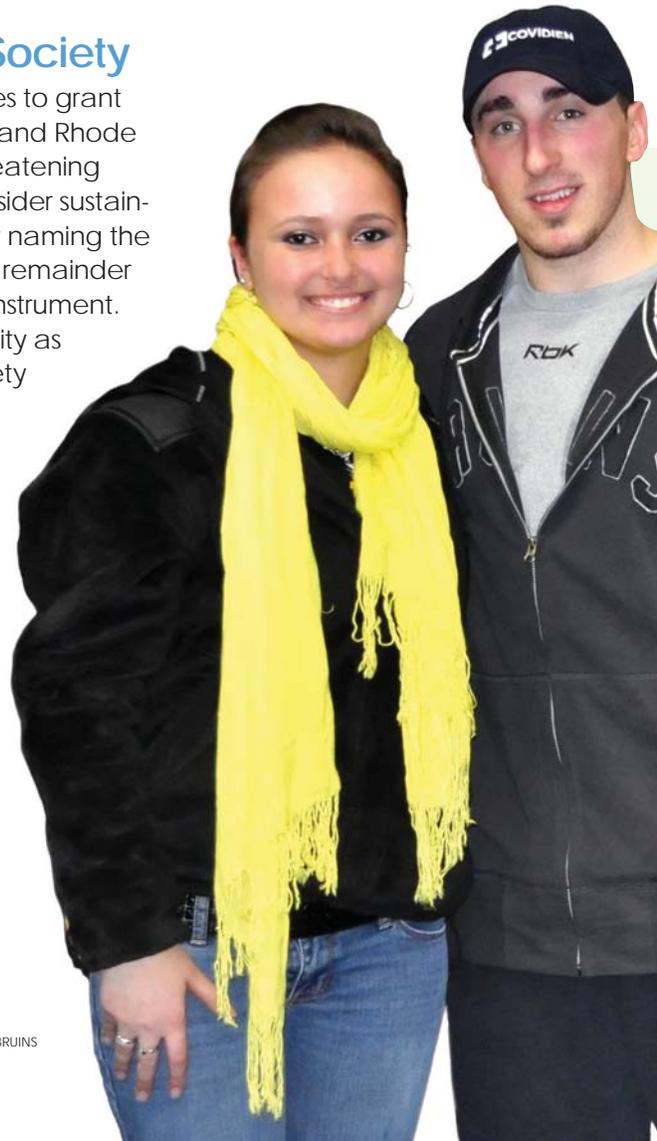
Complete and submit our online miles donation form or download and mail the completed form to our office.

2. Call our office: 1.888.354.WISH (9474)

Speak with Melissa Carroll to learn more about donating your miles and request a form to be mailed to your home or office. You can also email Melissa at mcarroll@massri.wish.org.

3. Enroll your company in a "miles-raising" campaign

If your employees or co-workers accumulate airline miles during business travel, you can start a campaign to collect and donate those miles to our wish children! Contact Melissa Carroll at 1.888.354.9474 or mcarroll@massri.wish.org to learn more and enroll your company.



SPONSOR a Child's Wish!

More than 200 wishes have already been expressed by children who are eligible to receive wishes this spring and summer, including:

- **6-year-old Julia of Marstons Mills** who wishes for an outdoor play structure!
- **4-year-old Emmanuel of Worcester** who wishes to go on a shopping spree at Toys "R" Us!
- **7-year-old Dean of Saunderstown** who wishes to experience Legoland in California!
- **3-year-old Carlos of Holyoke** who wishes to have a Disney *Cars*-themed room makeover!
- **11-year-old Paula of Pawtucket** who wishes to travel to Atlantis in the Bahamas!
- **15-year-old Jan of Springfield** who wishes to go on a Hawaiian cruise!

Would you like to help sponsor one of these heartfelt wishes?

For a generous gift of **\$6,500 or more**, you can become a **Wish Grantor** and sponsor a child's wish in its entirety. Or, collaborate as a **Wish Partner** by making a gift of **\$3,000**.

Wish sponsorship offers a meaningful way to gain special insight into the joy of a wish come true! With every sponsored wish, you will receive a brief story about the wish experience you make possible.



Cole, 7
"I wish to go to Disney World!"

Wish Spotlight



Tara's Story

Stepping off the Zamboni during a Boston Bruins hockey game, Tara sports team colors and is ready to cheer her B's on to victory as the game resumes. "That was probably the best thing I've ever done!" the eighteen-year-old says about her ride, which was followed by a meet-and-greet with Bruins players. It's a fantastic moment in a winter of thrills that began when Tara's wish for Bruins season tickets was granted.

While undergoing treatment for acute lymphoblastic leukemia, Tara rested quietly but would always awaken to watch Bruins games on television with her brother. "When she was really sick in the hospital, the Bruins were one of the only things that made her smile," says her mom, Angela. The uplifting power of these games was the catalyst for Tara's wish request.

"There is nothing better than seeing Tara's excitement each time she goes to a game," Angela says. Yet Tara found a way to magnify the power of her wish. All season long, she shared her tickets with not just friends and family but also with young oncology patients she met through the Jimmy Fund, "paying it forward" while watching her beloved team play it forward.

Wish Volunteer Team: Deborah Taddeo and Maureen Patrick

Tara is all smiles as she meets Bruins center Brad Marchand.



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Wish Children Enjoy Royal Events

Tea was served with a magical flourish at the Princess Tea Party hosted at Boston's Taj Hotel, where children who have wished to visit Walt Disney World® gathered in their gowns and tiaras to enjoy an afternoon with Cinderella! The star of *Disney on Ice presents Princess Classics* hugged and posed for pictures with the girls, as did Miss Massachusetts 2010 Loren Galler Rabinowitz. The enchantment continued in Rhode Island when two wish children attended a special performance of *Disney on Ice* and received princess makeovers at Luminous Salon in Providence before the show. The Foundation extends sincere thanks to Feld Entertainment, the Taj Hotel, TD Garden, Loren Galler Rabinowitz, and Luminous Salon for creating these magical days.

If you would like to donate event tickets or other perks for our wish children, please contact Lauren Cotter at 617.367.9474 or lcotter@massri.wish.org.

Our Mission: The Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Massachusetts and Rhode Island grants wishes for children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength, and joy.

Hannah, 6

"I wish to go to Disney World!"

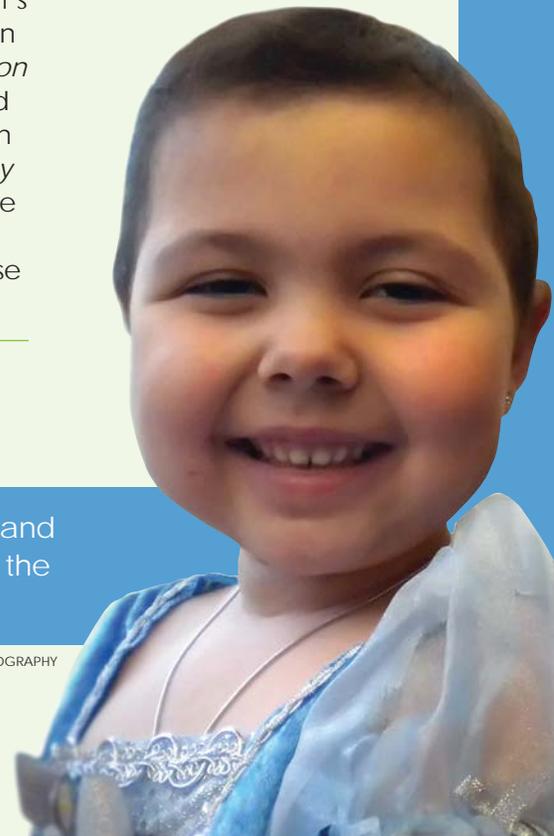


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