



General Information

A Special Wish Foundation, Inc. ~ Chicago Chapter is a non-profit charitable organization dedicated to granting the wishes of children through the age of 20, within the greater Chicago-land area who have been diagnosed with a life-threatening condition.

Founded in 1982, **A Special Wish Foundation, Inc.** was one of the first wish-granting organizations in the United States, and now has chapters across the U.S. and one in Moscow, Russia. Since 1982, wishes have been granted to thousands of qualifying children. We are the third largest wish granting organization in the U.S.

A Special Wish Foundation is the only major wish-granting organization in the United States that grants wishes to qualifying infants, children, and adolescents from birth through the age of 20 years.

Four Kinds of Wishes:

A Special Person



So many children dream about someday meeting their special hero, whether it be a sports figure, government leader, rock star or other entertainer. A personal visit is a true morale boost for the child, as well as a memory for the unsure times ahead.

A **Special** Place



Whether it's a visit to a special friend or relative, amusement park, or other wish destination, A Special Wish Foundation, Inc. handles complete travel and lodging arrangements for the child and members of the immediate family. This includes air transportation, hotel expenses, meals, spending money, and all other aspects of the travel wish.

A **Special** Thing



Computers, televisions, stereos, video gaming systems, shopping sprees and room make-overs are included among the wishes we have granted. These wishes can captivate children and help take them away from the pain and uncertainty caused by their disorder.

A **Special** Event



Many of us not fighting a daily battle take certain things for granted....birthday parties, the opportunity to attend a special anniversary celebration and family reunions are just a few of the events we have hosted for wish recipients and their families.

*Whenever possible, immediate family members are included in the granting of wishes, to maximize the joy and memories for the child. **A Special Wish Foundation** offers their services to all qualifying children, and does not discriminate based on race, gender, nationality, or ethnicity.*