



Celebrating over 30 years, 22,000 wishes and countless smiles.

Joy is a wonder drug

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Dear event participants,

Twenty eight years and over \$2.7M donated to Children's Wish. This incredible support has granted 373 wishes! What an outstanding achievement and wish granting legacy!

It is because of the kindness of people like you that wish kids and their families have the opportunity to share special moments together, away from the rigorous treatments, hospital visits and difficulties so often associated with childhood illness.

We may not tell you enough, but we at Children's Wish are truly appreciative of your loyal support over the past three decades. Thanks to you, Children's Wish grants more than 1,000 wishes each year to children diagnosed with high-risk, life threatening illnesses like leukemia and cystic fibrosis. Recently we expanded the scope of our mission and are now serving a new emerging population of children living with genetic and neurological illness. This expansion would not be possible but for the generosity of our friends – thank you!

As I reflect on our partnership and how far we've come, I'm reminded of a message I once received from a wish child's mom. "Katherine doesn't show her excitement too often. We said before we left that the trip would be worth every bit of everybody's effort if she smiled once, and she lit up! It was one of those things for us that money couldn't buy," she said. "There was no way we ever could have taken her without the help of Children's Wish"

You have made a profound impact in the lives of the families that we serve. For that you can be immensely proud. Thank you for everything.

Sincerely,

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Chief Executive Officer

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