

# WishLife

WishLife is produced twice a year for the friends of  
**MAKE-A-WISH**  
NORTHERN ALBERTA

Make-A-Wish® **SPRING 2018**

## Looking Back

*Celebrating 20 Years of Life-Changing Wishes*



Back in March 1998, the Northern Alberta chapter of Make-A-Wish® was founded by volunteers working from their homes and donated office space. It was truly a grassroots movement, initiated by committed members of our community.

And that community is more

committed than ever. Since our first wish was granted—Anita, 15, wished to visit the set of Days of Our Lives—and with the help of our generous donors, we've granted over 1,050 wishes!

To celebrate 20 years of wish granting, we're catching up with some of our past wish kids and sharing the stories

of where they are now. You can find more of these stories on our website at [www.makeawishna.ca](http://www.makeawishna.ca).

We are grateful to all our donors, partners, sponsors, volunteers and wish families. Thank you! You've made the past 20 years of wishes possible and continue to transform lives today!

# Make-A-Wish. ROPE FOR HOPE®

Make-A-Wish **Rope for Hope** is a unique and challenging event that calls on participants to be brave, just like our wish kids. There are three easy steps involved:

- 1 Fundraise:** Raise a minimum of \$1,500 to support wish granting efforts in Northern Alberta.
- 2 Rappel:** Experience the adrenaline rush as you rappel down a skyscraper. In Edmonton, it's the Coast Edmonton Plaza. In Red Deer, it's Stantec Executive Place.
- 3 Grant Wishes:** In 2017, we raised over \$160,000 thanks to the efforts of 72 rappellers. That means 16 wishes were granted!

Since 2012, \$2 million has been raised by over 1000 participants all across Canada. This year Rope For Hope takes place in Edmonton on July 11 and in Red Deer on July 21. Feeling brave? Register today!

[www.ropeforhope.ca](http://www.ropeforhope.ca)

## Where Are They Now? *A wish kid update*



"I'm in grade four and I am in swim club. I really like the backstroke and I got third place in the swim meet."

### *I wish to meet Mickey Mouse*

**Andrew, wish granted 2012**  
leukemia



"I am currently attending college as a first year Psychology student. Experiencing a life-threatening illness is never easy on anyone. My wish trip to Australia reminded me how lucky I am to be where I am today!"

### *I wish to go to Australia*

**Shelby, wish granted 2012**  
cancer



"I'm in grade three. I have two cats and one dog."

"After the wish Kira seemed to shine more. It gave us a chance to just be a normal family." (Kira's mom)

### *I wish to meet Buzz & Woody*

**Kira, wish granted 2013**  
brain tumour



*"A heart surgery was a pretty unforgettable thing to little five-year-old me but somehow, they did it! Make-A-Wish helped me forget all about it!"*

### *I wish to go to Walt Disney World® Resort*

**Anna, wish granted 2011**  
congenital heart disease



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**Rebels With A Cause:**  
**Jasper Place High School**

Kids helping kids is what **Kids For Wish Kids** is all about, and for the past three years, the students at Jasper Place High School have made a huge difference in the life of our wish kids.

Each year the school holds their annual **Rebels With A Cause 24 hour Bike-A-Thon**, with proceeds going to Make-A-Wish. This year, 543 participants on 92 teams pedaled to raise money for wishes, collecting donations and fundraising for months leading up to event day.

Many other local schools hold bike-a-thons and other events as part of our Kids for Wish Kids program. We are so grateful for your support!

*“Although I had a life-threatening condition, I had the privilege of what I believe to be a miracle. The wish I received gave me and my family a happy time after a very stressful time for all of us. It allowed us to embrace life through the changes we all experienced, and find some normalcy again.”*

*I wish to meet Alex Burrows of the Vancouver Canucks*

**Rees, wish granted 2011**  
 neurological condition

## May is *Leaving A Legacy* Month



It takes a community to make a wish come true. Leaving a gift to Make-A-Wish in your will costs nothing during your lifetime, but you're ensuring future generations of wish children and their families have life-changing wish experiences. It is a wonderful way to ensure your memory lives on while helping Make-A-Wish continue granting wishes.

We honour and welcome the opportunity to recognize and connect with our legacy gift donors, and invite you to consider informing us of your plans.

Learn more about the legacy gift options available by visiting [makeawishna.ca](http://makeawishna.ca).

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- ★ **Make-A-Wish 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Golf Classic:** June 6, 2018
- ★ **Rope For Hope:** July 11, 2018 (Edmonton) & July 21, 2018 (Red Deer)
- ★ **Wishful Baking Week:** October 1 to 5, 2018
- ★ **Calendar of Wishes:** December 1 to 22, 2018

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# Congratulations Sheikh!

## 2018 Make-A-Wish Northern Alberta Spirit Award Winner



Sheikh Shakeel has worked tirelessly to support our chapter with our office administration duties. He has volunteered with

Make-A-Wish for five years and in 2017 alone, spent 438 hours assisting with data entry! He has been instrumental in ensuring that important records are up-to-date. His work has made a measurable impact

Sheikh embodies all of the qualities of our mission that create life-changing wishes

for children with critical illnesses in our community.

### Are you looking for a valuable volunteer experience?

Volunteers, like Sheikh, feel more grateful, thankful and compassionate as a result of their experience helping to make a wish come true

We have many different opportunities to get involved with Make-A-Wish, including wish granting, office work, or helping with our exciting events. We can find a fit for you and your skills! Apply today by calling Kim at 780-444-9474.



*“Ainsley will always remember this trip. She still talks about the fun she had each day she was in Hawaii. It was a light at the end of a very long and dark tunnel.”*

*I wish to ride a horse in Hawaii*

**Ainsley, wish granted 2010**  
cancer

## YES! I want to help grant a child's wish.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Prov: \_\_\_\_\_ PC: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\$250  \$100  \$50  \$25  Other:

Yes! Please make my gift monthly and sign me up as a Monthly Star.

Yes! Please keep me informed about the wishes I am helping to grant.

Gifts will be acknowledged and an official tax receipt for tax purposes will be given. In accordance with Section 4 (1) of the Alberta Charities Fundraising Act, MAWNA projects annual fundraising revenue to be \$2.8 M with fundraising expenses of \$381,960. Revenue from this campaign will go to the Foundation's wish granting program. Make-A-Wish® Northern Alberta is a Registered Canadian Charity #86890 2768 RR0001

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and wish stories.

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★ CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF WISHES ★

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