

COBB COUNTY 5K
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Georgia

Your contributions in 2015 helped make their dreams come true. We are delighted to have you share the power of a wish. Please continue to help us grant wishes. Your contribution makes a big difference in the lives of these children.

Here are the stories of children you have helped last year:

Adam's Italian Enlightenment

Besides eating sushi, watching "The Walking Dead" and playing tennis, one of thirteen-year-old Adam's favorite things is studying history. He became enamoured with Italy's rich history in his history class. Adam is a studious kid whose passion for learning is not overshadowed by having Tetralogy of Fallot, a disease of the lungs present at birth. The condition occasionally weakens and tires Adam, but that does not stop him from enjoying life and living it to the fullest. Adam dreamed big and wished to travel to Italy to explore and learn the country for its vast, rich history. Make-A-Wish® Georgia granted his dream vacation and flew him and his family to Italy where they spent the week touring the boundless historic sites Italy has to offer: Vatican, St. Peter's Basilica, the Sistine Chapel in Rome, Colosseum, Leaning Tower of Pisa and Roman Forum. When they returned home, Adam and his family raved all about their Italian adventure. This was an experience that will stick with him and his family for a lifetime!



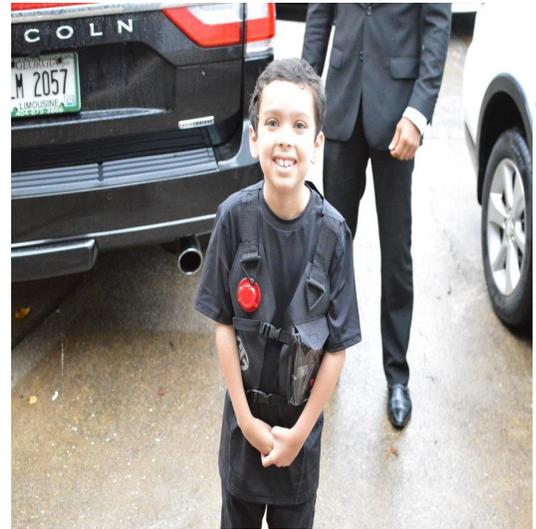
Grace's Hawaiian Escape



Twelve-year-old Grace is the epitome of an active and brave girl. She has completed three 5K's and currently swims on two swim teams, and loves singing to Taylor Swift, eating pizza and being surrounded by her friends. In 2014, she was unfortunately diagnosed with osteosarcoma, a bone cancer. She has been a warrior throughout her cancer journey. Grace found strength beyond her years when faced with a rigorous treatment requiring 18-rounds of chemotherapy. The cancer spread to her lungs, which led to her having two lung surgeries and a partial leg amputation. Undeterred by her circumstances, she stayed positive and eager to fight. In 2015, Grace gained some independence back when she received a prosthetic leg. She's what we call a cancer warrior! Make-A-Wish® Georgia was overjoyed to bring this warrior's dream to life-- a trip to Hawaii. Grace wanted to go to Hawaii after watching a movie that took place there. She dreamt of the excitement of staying at a resort and doing countless outdoor activities. Grace and her family spent a week-long vacation in Big Island, Hawaii. Grace's mother said Grace was able to have a break from reality and be back to "normal." While there, she went to Kailua Kona to see turtles, went zip lining over valleys and an enormous waterfall and Grace and her sister were thrilled when they swam with dolphins. When they returned home, Grace said she gained a sense of pay it forward after seeing how much people gave to her. Due to her medical care, it was hard for Grace's family to all be together. This trip allowed them to all come together and experience gratitude while on Grace's Wish trip!

Derek, the Innovator

Derek is an imaginative, passionate eight-year-old. When he isn't thinking of new ideas, he loves eating chicken nuggets, building with his Legos or collecting knick knacks. Despite being diagnosed at age five with congenital myopathies, a weakening of the muscles, he continues to pursue his dreams and uses his imagination where anything is possible. Make-A-Wish® Georgia was excited to bring Derek's imagination to life. He allowed his creativity to take the lead and wished for spy gear to be a spy! With the help from other generous secret spies, Agent Derek was presented with his spy gear and was able to play with his friends and turn his dream into a reality. "Before his wish, Derek was shy and hesitant," said his mother. "But now he understands although I'm different, I can do anything I put my mind to." Derek's imagination continues to grow everyday as he opens up and learns more about the world. The possibilities are endless!



Jaden's Magical Adventure



Jaden, 8, is a sweet boy from Smyrna, Georgia who is bravely fighting his cystic fibrosis, which requires him to spend two to four hours everyday on treatments. Due to his treatments, he is unable to go outside for extended periods of time to play with his brother and friends. Instead, he finds entertainment with his friends through video games. Jaden's heartfelt wish was to go somewhere he could play and be outside while spending time with his family away from hospital visits. Make-A-Wish® Georgia granted Jaden's wish to go to the most magical place on Earth--Disneyworld! He and his family enjoyed their Disney trip while staying at Give Kids the World Village. His favorite attractions were Dinosaur World, where he dug up bones, and visiting Sea World, where he saw all the different sharks up close. This was especially meaningful to him because it was the first time, since his diagnoses, that he was able to go outside for an extended period of time. He was able to relax and the trip helped him and his brother grow closer! Jaden still

talks about his amazing trip to Disney, and the happiness and sense of relief the trip gave him. This trip is a memory that will be on repeat for years to come!

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