We are delighted that you believe in the power of a wish. Your contributions in 2016 helped make children’s wishes come true. Please continue to help us grant wishes.

Here are the stories of children you helped last year:

**Ashley’s Getaway Golf Cart**

Ashley is a cheerful 12 year old girl who enjoys being outside and watching movies. When asked about her one true wish, she said, “I’m always trying to find something to drive; I love to drive!” Ashley battles hypogamma hemoglobin anemia, which causes weakness, shortness of breath, twice a week infusions and the constant worry of her illness getting worse. Her wish for a golf cart to drive came from her longing to be independent.

She loves driving her golf cart to the bus stop to pick up her sister, exploring with her friends and getting away from the realities of living with a life-threatening condition. Despite the confines of her illness, her granted wish has brought Ashley endless outdoor adventures and a whole lot of fun!

**Jackson’s Disney in December**

This 10 year old is always on the go! Meet Jackson, an energetic and fun-loving little boy. Jackson has autism, epilepsy, IGG mitochondrial disease, and difficulty in sensory processing, but that doesn’t stop him. Jackson swims in the Special Olympics, plays games with friends at school and loves Christmas lights.

When it was time for Jackson’s wish to be granted a visit to Disney World in December was a dream come true. Jackson was able to see an amazing array of Christmas lights and attended Mickey’s Very Merry Christmas Party. He even got to visit his friend Elmo at Busch Garden’s Sesame Street attraction. Jackson’s wish trip was a magical experience and has enriched Jackson’s life by creating childhood memories. Make-A-Wish Georgia hopes that Jackson’s strength and joy will grow as he continues to learn and thrive.
Daniel’s **Gaming System**

Daniel is an intelligent and adventurous 18 year old from Cobb County. He loves video games, hanging out with his friends and watching football. When Daniel was visited by the Georgia Make-A-Wish Foundation he knew what his wish was right away. He wished for a gaming set up that would take his mind off of his life-threatening illness. Daniel battles with immune dysregulation, polyendocrinopathy, enteropathy, X-linked or (IPEX) which is a genetic syndrome that effects his skin, intestines, endocrine glands, pancreas and blood.

Daniel finds refuge from his illness by playing video games and enjoying time with friends, fellow gamers and his brothers. Receiving this gaming system has given Daniel a great way to enjoy life with his friends while he continues his fight with IPEX.

Khalon’s **Meeting with Mickey**

Khalon absolutely loves dancing, listening to music and Mickey Mouse! In 2015 he was diagnosed with CHARGE syndrome, a genetic disorder that involves extensive medical and physical difficulties. Developmentally, Khalon is on a two to three year old level. For Khalon’s wish there was nothing better than to go to Disney World and meet Mickey Mouse at the castle!

Along with his mom and step-dad, Khalon flew to Orlando and stayed at Give Kids the World, which is an exclusive resort for families of wish-granting organizations. Khalon’s family visited the Disney parks, as well as Universal Studios, SeaWorld and Islands of Adventure. Khalon had a wonderful time visiting all the parks and meeting his friend Mickey Mouse!

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