



Dreams Do Come True

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Imagine the difference a wish can make. At The Children's Wish Foundation of Canada, they not only imagine it, they see the difference wishes make to children and their families every day. Since its inception 25 years ago, the Foundation has granted over 15,000 wishes.

Once a child is deemed eligible, they are asked a simple question; in the wide realm of possibilities, what would bring them the greatest joy? Whatever the wish, The Children's Wish Foundation is committed to using its talents, time, energy and resources to ensure that each and every child realizes their dream. The Foundation has never denied an eligible child their wish, despite having had to deliver some of the most complex wishes imaginable.

The children served by the Foundation all have something in common; they've been diagnosed with a life threatening illness. A wide range of afflictions meet Foundation eligibility criteria ranging from cancers and cystic fibrosis to genetic syndromes or organ dysfunction and this list grows everyday.

For Peyton, a little boy who suffers from a massive brain tumour, all he wanted for his 5th birthday was to have Mickey and Goofy deliver his birthday cake! So in March, Peyton, his mom, dad and 3 sisters departed for Florida, leaving behind all the worries and sad emotions associated with Peyton's illness. Jodi, Peyton's mom said that having "Mickey and Goofy stand by Peyton as he blew out the candles was a wish come true," and the wish made him able to "forget about his pain and live his dream."

Peyton is just one of the thousands of children whose lives have been touched by the magic of a wish. Since 1984, the Children's Wish Foundation has established itself as one of the most recognizable children's charities in Canada and the premiere wish-granting organization. To refer a child, explore how to get involved or to simply learn more, please visit their website at www.childrenswish.ca or call 1(800) 267-9474.