

The Rainbow Society of Alberta

A Child. A Wish. A Dream Come True!

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Dear Rainbow Society Supporter,

Like you, we are welcoming the gradual return to activities we're seeing throughout our province and our country. While the virus won't be eradicated until a vaccine is widely available, we can know, as Albertans, and Canadians, we can count on each other to do our part to slow the spread of COVID-19.

While Niki, Roxanne, and I continue to adapt to the ever-changing regulations for operations, we want you to know our mission of granting wishes for Alberta children has not changed. Our Society has been operating since 1986 – and we have no plans to stop.

If anything, this crisis has given us an even greater appreciation and understanding of the magic of a wish, and of the "routines" many of our wish families experience every day. Isolation, social distancing, infection protocols, essential trips, frequent hand washing, self-quarantine...are all part of daily life for a family whose child has a compromised immune system. If they can do this, surely, we can too.

At the beginning of the pandemic, we had to place a temporary suspension on our wish granting program. That suspension has now been lifted and we're very excited to say **we're once again granting magical wishes** for children in our program. That said, we will not be granting, or fulfilling, any travel related wishes until such time as it is safe for our children to have those experiences.

Our in-person fundraising events such as our [2020 Swing Fore Dreams Golf Classic](#) scheduled for early summer are all being moved back in the hopes it will then be safer for people to gather together. In the meantime, we're working on events that can be run on virtual platforms, keeping everyone safe while raising much-needed funds. As you know, we are not government funded; **every dollar raised comes from the generosity of individual people and companies like you.** Once this crisis is over, we know we'll need to work harder than ever to ensure we never have to say no to a child due to lack of funding.

Remember, when you choose hope, anything is possible.

Sharing hope with you today, tomorrow, and always.



Craig Hawkins
Executive Director

