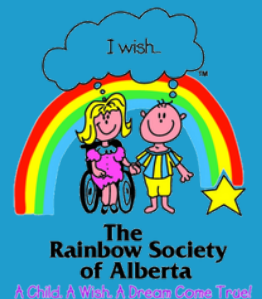


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Current Wish List

Take a look at the wishes waiting to be granted, and get to know the wonderful children behind the dreams.

We know childhood is all too short. And for children fighting an illness, it can feel even shorter because of the day-to-day struggles they face. A wish can make a life-changing difference to their life.

March 3, 2023

Wish #1185

Life changed for this 14-year-old and her family in April 2022 when she developed an ear infection which unexpectedly led to being airlifted to the Stollery Hospital in Edmonton and 2 weeks in the ICU on a ventilator. After over 9 weeks of hospital stays throughout 2022, numerous tests, and visits with specialist, she finally has her GPA (Granulomatosis with Polyangiitis) under control. She loves volleyball, hanging out with her friends, and doing crafts. This adventurous and creative teen makes and sells her own jewelry, hair scrunchies, and now mittens through her social media pages. We cannot wait for her to create amazing new memories on her "14th Birthday Re-do" Trip to Las Vegas to see Katy Perry live in concert with her family.

Wish #1184

This vibrant and happy young girl was born in 2014 and was your typical toddler when her family started noticing that she was failing to achieve some of her developmental milestones; in fact she was starting to regress and lose some of the skills she had already learned. These changes were just the beginning of this family's long journey to a diagnosis of Rett Syndrome in 2017. Now 8 years old, she enjoys spending time with her family, and likes to be right in the middle of everything that is going on, she is very social. She adores Paw Patrol, My Little Ponies, play dough, drawing, and all animals (but specifically dogs and horses). The family spends their time together camping, down hills skiing, and being outdoors together as often as possible in the Rocky Mountains of Alberta. According to her older brother, this young girl especially loves to be in the water swimming – no matter how cold she gets. We cannot wait for this family of 4 to enjoy an all inclusive family trip to Mexico, to make new memories, play in the sand and warm water, and to go on some new adventures in a new place.

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Wish #1183

On a trip back to Canada to visit his family at approximately 6 months of age, this Australian born, sweet and kind teenager developed hydrocephalus. After numerous surgeries to insert and re-insert V-P shunts to relieve the pressure from his brain, this now 16 year old boy is non-verbal, suffers from an intellectual disability, as well as autism. Fortunately, this teen is able to use his iPad as an AAC device to give him a voice and to be able to effectively communicate with his family, friends, and community. He is a wonderfully happy young man who loves to jump on his trampoline, music, lights, bright colors, and is comforted when wearing his over-ear head phones. With his numerous medical concerns he also has significant challenges being able to sleep. We cannot wait to work with his occupational therapists to build him a super special and safe sensory bedroom with a new iPad to keep him resting easier and communicating his wants, needs, and feelings with those around him.

Wish #1182

Before she was born the doctors told her parents she would never, walk, run or jump like other children but this very vibrant and confident 7-year-old girl does all those things and more. Though diagnosed with spinal dysgenesis, bilateral clubbed feet, and neurogenic bladder, she loves horseback riding, going to the zoo, camping, sit skiing, Halloween, musical theater, and hanging out with her friends. In her spare time she also creates crafting videos for her You-Tube channel. We cannot wait to make her Ultimate Crafting You-Tuber's Bedroom Makeover a reality.

Wish #1180

This happy-go-lucky young boy was only 6 months old when his parents noticed there was something wrong with his vision. Diagnosed with septo-optic dysplasia, he is legally blind with cerebral palsy, multiple brain malformations, and newly diagnosed epilepsy. In addition to his love of music, snuggling, tickling, and wrestling, this now 8 year old enjoys being outdoors with his family. We cannot wait to get him moving through the rugged terrain on the trails near Calgary with his wish for a GRIT Freedom Chair Junior.

Wish #1179

This 4 year old girl was diagnosed with Glycogen Storage Disease type IX at just 2 years of age. She suffers from bouts of ketotic hypoglycemia that end up requiring multiple visit to the emergency room each month. This active and busy girl loves everything princess, pink, or horse related. We are excited for her to burn off some energy with her siblings playing on her new backyard playcenter.

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Wish #1177

This passionate and articulate 11-year-old girl's symptoms began back in 2017 and it took over a year of numerous hospital and doctors visits, tests, and bloodwork to finally diagnose her with Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis. Since her diagnosis and the trial and error process to find the right treatments to keep her symptoms manageable, this young girl went from being unable to walk up the stairs of her home back to taekwondo, swimming, playing at the park, and creating art. She enjoys building and creating with Lego and loves everything Harry Potter. We can't wait for her and her family to make their way through Hogwarts™ School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, soar above the castle grounds, and come face-to-face with magical creatures at the Wizarding World of Harry Potter - Universal Studios Hollywood.

Wish #1176

Born at only 27 weeks gestation this little girl spent her first several months of life in the NICU. Due to her extreme prematurity she suffers from global developmental delay, autism, severe oral aversion, a chronic cough, and frequent serious respiratory infections. This 6-year-old girl enjoys rides and spending time with her family. With both parents working, often opposite shifts outside the home, we know that their time away together, on a trip to Disneyland, will bring them joy and create lasting memories.

Wish #1169

This young man was born with CHARGE Syndrome, a genetic disorder that affects many areas of his body. He has many challenges to his life, including cardiac and lung issues, and requires the constant care and supervision of his mom. A quiet and well-mannered boy, he is very task-oriented and likes to finish whatever he starts. One of his favorite pastimes is knitting, and he also enjoys going for drives and being outside. To make his outdoor time more enjoyable, we are only too pleased to gift him an outdoor gazebo living space as his special wish.

Wish #1168

What would a princess wish for? Born with a condition called Mast Cell Activation, this 6-year-old princess has severe life-threatening allergic reactions to multiple sources due to her over-active immune system. She has learned to immerse herself in fantasy play as an escape from some of the day-to-day struggles she faces and, as a result, she has a huge imagination. She's also very empathetic and kind-hearted, and we know she's going to be thrilled to receive a Castle of her very own!

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Wish #1166

This upbeat and good natured little boy just celebrated his 4th birthday. Born with Cerebral Palsy and a chronic lung disease, he faces many challenges each day. Happy by nature, he loves nothing more than being outside and enjoying time with his family. He longs for adventure, and a pull-behind travel trailer is just the special wish that will allow him, and his family, to share special moments and create memories together.

Wish #1164

Born with an extremely rare and highly complex condition, Acromelic Frontonasal Dysotosis, this 3-year-old girl is the personification of spunk and determination. Because of her condition, her breathing, swallowing, and speaking abilities are all highly compromised. Additionally, she was born with severe club feet requiring the amputation of both feet. None of these issues slow her down for long. When she's not hosting tea parties for her dollies, she loves to be outdoors with her family. For her special wish, she will be receiving a pull-behind camping trailer.

Wish #1161

Now 7-years-old, this fun-loving little boy was born with Chiari Malformation Type 1 and has undergone multiple surgeries. Resultant from his diagnosis, he has absent seizures, chronic respiratory issues, sleep apnea and bowel issues. His sunny disposition belies these difficulties and he enjoys playing with his friends, building LEGO, playing video games and watching the Toronto Maple Leafs. He loves to entertain and have people visit and this will become even more fun once he receives his outdoor playcentre and trampoline as his very own "backyard makeover"!

Wish #1160

Diagnosed with Cri du Chat Syndrome as an infant, this young boy is now 13-years-old. While he is able to walk unassisted, his gait is very unsteady and as such, he must use a wheelchair whenever he's out of his home. He's developmentally delayed and, while understands a great deal, he's unable to vocalize his own thoughts. He loves Baby Einstein videos, swimming, horseback riding, and especially loves penguins and stingrays. For his special wish, he will receive a fabulous shopping spree at West Edmonton Mall, play at the attractions, and have a one-night's stay at the Fantasyland Hotel with his family

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Wish #1157

Now 13-years-old, this young boy was diagnosed with grand mal seizures three years ago. He's on multiple medications and follows a strict KETO diet which helps with seizure control. He loves water, and water animals (especially hippos and penguins), music in all forms, and thrilling amusement rides. For his special wish, he'll be enjoying all that Orlando has to offer when he and his family spend a week at Disney World!

Wish #1147

This young man has a severe brain injury due to a stroke he suffered when he was just two years old. The stroke left him with left-spastic hemiplegia and global developmental delays, but he has risen above these issues and lives his best life. An avid bowler, with many trophies to prove it, he also loves swimming and horseback riding, and everything Superheroes. We know he'll have the time of his life during his week-long trip to Disney World!

Wish #1146

Now 14-years-old, this young girl was born with a chromosomal deletion, and has also been diagnosed with Quadriplegic Cerebral Palsy. She suffers from chronic respiratory problems and must have care and consideration for all aspects of her daily life. Her joy comes from sensory stimulants and she especially likes listening to music, swimming, water play, and watching Baby Einstein videos. Memories will be made when she and her family visit Disney World as her special wish fulfillment.

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"... Someone close to us recently said, "Take care of each other." It immediately made me think that those words have been brought to life through The Rainbow Society and their Sponsors. We had such a wonderful experience in Disneyland and watching Clark's expressions as he saw so many amazing and thrilling adventures was a real joy! To see him laugh and play, to see the joy on his face, to actually live out a dream, made my heart swell. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for granting this very special boy his amazing dream, and for the magic and memories this has created."

- Clark, a charming, friendly little guy was diagnosed at birth with Cutis Marmorata Telangiectatica Congenita and Polymicrogyria. We're happy to say that Clark's wish for a trip to Disneyland came true in July 2016!

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