

Kids For Wish Kids® Program Toolkit

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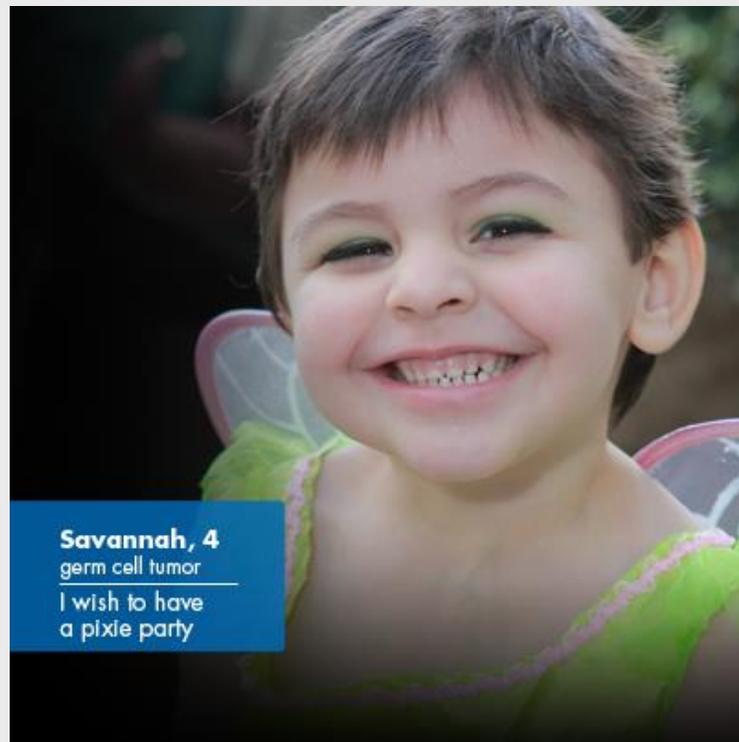
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Overview

THE WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN & WHY

Who? The simple answer is: **kids** (although parents and teachers often help a little). The Kids For Wish Kids program allows kids K-12 to help grant the wishes of kids with life-threatening medical conditions. You are responsible for the program; from brainstorming fundraising ideas, to developing a plan of action and then seeing your idea come to life. Teachers and parents often serve as advisors, but ownership of the project belongs solely to you and the other kids involved.

What? The Kids For Wish Kids program engages kids of all ages, students, youth groups, clubs and organizations in the Make-A-Wish mission. The program provides ideas for kids and teens to raise funds to help grant the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions in their community. Kids and teens of all ages create ideas for fundraisers and then organize and manage their fundraisers from start to finish. The opportunities to fundraise for the Kids For Wish Kids program are endless! Examples include:

- Penny Wars
- Dress Down Days
- Read-A-Thon
- Bake Sales
- Car Wash
- Pie-In-The Face Contest

Where? Make-A-Wish Greater Los Angeles is currently supported by Kids For Wish Kids programs. We currently have 300 active schools involved in this program, raising over \$60, 000 per year.

When? Anytime! The options for when to hold a Kids For Wish Kids fundraiser are as endless as the school days. Often the “when” is answered by the “what.” Start by determining the right fundraising event and then determine when it is best held.

Why? The Kids For Wish Kids program enables youth to help make wishes come true for kids with life-threatening medical conditions.

In addition to granting wishes, kids can expect to walk away with a better understanding of:

- Value of community service
- Volunteerism
- Leadership skills
- Money management
- School spirit
- Teamwork
- Entrepreneurship

Overview

How? Kids and teens of all ages create ideas for fundraisers and then organize and manage their fundraisers from start to finish. Take these easy steps to help get your creative juices flowing:

- Read this toolkit. We have laid out the step-by-step instructions on how to be successful.
- Visit our website www.la.wish.org to read stories of kids, schools and youth organizations that have successfully executed Kids For Wish Kids fundraisers.



Checklist

STEPS TO SUCCESS

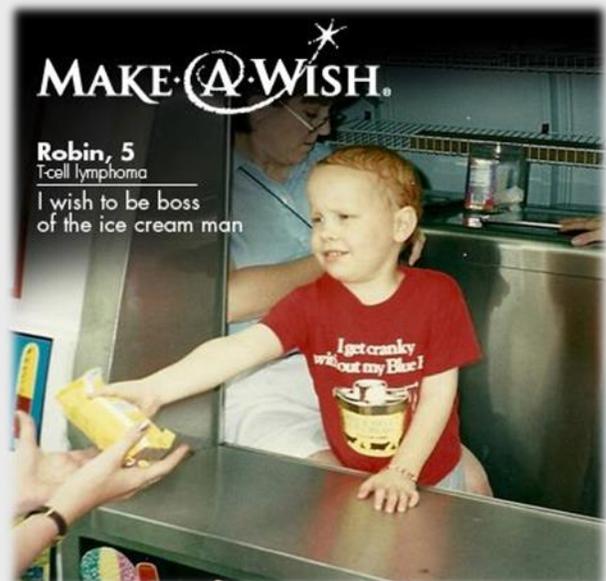
- Read the Toolkit** – Before committing to a Kids For Wish Kids event, take a moment to read through all of these materials. They have been designed to provide you with an overview of the information you will need to be successful and will give you an idea of what to expect from the program.
- Submit the Proposal Form** – Forms can be mailed to Make-A-Wish Greater Los Angeles at 1875 Century Park East, Suite 950, Los Angeles, CA 90067, emailed to Vanessa Petersen at: kfwk@la.wish.org . In return, a Make-A-Wish staff member will send you program supplemental materials and reach out to you via telephone to answer any questions.
- Choose an Activity** – Make-A-Wish staff will provide you with a list of fundraising ideas. Choose from the list or come up with your own creative concept. Most events fall under one of these broad categories:
 - **Fundraising Activity:** Examples include school dances, talent shows, charitable sports games. Generally, funds are raised through a fee that is charged to participate.
 - **Marathon:** Anything can be a marathon – jumping rope, dancing, walking, even reading. Funds are raised through individual participants who solicit sponsors to donate a fixed amount for each hour they perform the task.
 - **Tournaments:** All-day sports tournaments (think basketball, baseball, dodge ball, etc.) are fun for participants and their families. Funds are raised through entry fees and general donations from the crowd.
 - **Sales:** Bake sales, garage sales, star sales, bracelet sales, flower sales...the possibilities are endless. Sales are also an effective way to raise more money at an event (i.e. selling concessions at a sports tournament).
- Create a Budget** – See the enclosed budget form for guidance.
- Plan your activity**– Create a detailed “to do” list. Recruit some people to help you and distribute the tasks. Consider these questions to help you think through the details of your event:
 - What resources and facilities will you need for your fundraiser?
 - What might you be able to get donated?
 - How many people will you need to run your fundraiser effectively and what adult assistance will you need?
 - What opportunities are available to promote your fundraiser within your school, group, and/or community?
 - What assistance will you need from Make-A-Wish to help make your fundraiser a success?
 - Where and when will your fundraiser take place?

Checklist

- Promote the Activity**– Balance your time between planning logistics and spreading the word.
 - Create fliers and other promotional materials.
 - Promote the event throughout your school and community. Remember - a personal ask is always most effective, so ask friends and family, and ask them to ask their friends and family, to participate.
 - Utilize social media to get the word out.

- Host an Amazing Activity** – Your hard work has paid off and event day is here. Enjoy! These tips will help event day run smoothly:
 - For large activities, utilize volunteers to spread the workload.
 - Photograph the festivities. Photos may come in handy when planning or promoting next year’s event.
 - Say thank you often! Thank your volunteers, donors, and any parents who are involved.

- Post-Event Wrap Up** – You did it! Thank you! Just a few more things to do...
 - Complete the post-event submission form and return it to the Make-A-Wish office, with all funds collected, within 30 days of the completion of your event.
 - Publicize the event results in your school newspaper, community newspaper, on social media sites, etc.
 - Send thank you notes to donors and volunteers.



Support Team

YOUR MAKE-A-WISH SUPPORT TEAM

We are so excited to partner with you to ensure that your Kids For Wish Kids experience is rewarding! The Make-A-Wish staff is here to help throughout your planning; and below is an example of some of the support and resources that we can offer:

- Fundraising project ideas and tools for all ages
- A personal website from which you can request and collect donations from friends and family members or event supporters. Please contact Taylor Kalman to get your page set up: tkalman@la.wish.org or 310-788-9474 x105
- Publicity tools and support, including an event posting on our chapter's local website
- Make-A-Wish videos and wish stories to share
- Make-A-Wish products for purchase (visit www.makeawishmarketplace.com to order products online)
- A Make-A-Wish speaker to talk about our organization and wish granting. See enclosed document for criteria to secure a Make-A-Wish speaker.

If you have questions regarding your project or the Kids For Wish Kids program, please contact:

Taylor Kalman
Make-A-Wish Greater Los Angeles
1875 Century Park East, Suite 950
Los Angeles, CA 90067
310-788-9474 ext. 105
tkalman@la.wish.org

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How much of the money raised goes directly to grant wishes?

Typically, 74% of the funds raised are used to grant the wishes of local children with life-threatening medical conditions.

How does Make-A-Wish grant wishes?

Any child between the ages of 2½ and under the age of 18 at the time of referral who has a life-threatening medical condition and has not received a wish from another wish-granting organization may be eligible for a wish. The child's primary doctor determines whether or not a child has a life-threatening medical condition. Once qualified, a team of two Make-A-Wish volunteers visits the child to determine his or her wish.

How do we collect the money?

We encourage kids to creatively design a bucket or other collection container(s). Most organizations find it necessary to have change available for fundraising activities. At the end of the program, the school or organization should submit a check for the total amount to Make-A-Wish Greater Los Angeles.

Who should collect and count the money?

This is a great opportunity for student council, Key club or PTA/PTO to become involved! Cash collected can be deposited into the school's account and a check can be submitted to Make-A-Wish Greater Los Angeles.

May we open a bank account to cash checks made payable to the Make-A-Wish?

No, you may not open a bank account under the Make-A-Wish name. If participants make checks payable to Make-A-Wish, they should be mailed to:

Make-A-Wish Greater Los Angeles
1875 Century Park East, Suite 950
Los Angeles, CA 90067

Make sure to include a note indicating your school name so we can credit your efforts.

Please forward checks made out to Make-A-Wish within 8 weeks of the check date.

Can Make-A-Wish secure sponsorship for our event?

No. Make-A-Wish is responsible for procuring sponsorship, in-kind goods and services for its existing fundraisers and for wish-granting purposes. You are more than welcome to secure items for your own event.

FAQ's

What do I do with the cash from the fundraising event?

All cash money raised the day of the event should be collected and given to pre-designated individuals from the school or organization. These designated individuals should secure and monitor the cash in a safe or locked box until the money can be counted and deposited.

After your fundraiser, checks should be mailed directly to Make-A-Wish; while the school or organization tallies the money and combines the total campaign cash donations in a single check for forwarding to Make-A-Wish Greater Los Angeles.

For accounting and security purposes, Make-A-Wish prefers to receive a check instead of coins or cash. Please ask the event organizer to deposit the coins and send the funds to the local Make-A-Wish office in the form of a check. Net proceeds from the program should be submitted within 30 days of the conclusion of the campaign.

A local business wants to support our fundraising event, but they need Make-A-Wish's tax identification number.

A W-9, which includes our tax identification number, can be provided upon request. The IRS does not allow the waiver of sales tax for items used for events that are not produced by Make-A-Wish.

Businesses may request a copy of our Tax Determination letter which identifies Make-A-Wish as being qualified for tax exempt status under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Businesses may include this letter with their tax filings to prove the charities they support are legitimate.

Will Make-A-Wish solicit individuals who make donations?

Donors who provide their physical address or email address will be included in Make-A-Wish's mailing list, unless otherwise instructed. Donors may receive Make-A-Wish newsletters, annual mailing appeals, invitations to special events, or emails.

Do you telemarket?

As a matter of national policy, Make-A-Wish does not engage in telemarketing or door-to-door solicitation.

Who can we contact?

You may not approach any organization outside of our territory – (anything that falls outside the Greater Los Angeles territory). Make-A-Wish has 62 chapters, and we want to be sure we are not infringing on any other chapter's territory. Please check with your Make-A-Wish contact if you are planning to go to a company outside of Greater Los Angeles, or before reaching out to any sponsors for your event or promotion. This will help us ensure there is no duplication of efforts that may be currently underway. We have a "DO NOT CONTACT" list of businesses that we would like to share with you before you begin your outreach. Please make sure to keep track of businesses that you plan to contact and their responses so you can update us at the end of your event.

Your Support

KIDS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

This year, Make-A-Wish® Greater Los Angeles is working on fulfilling the wishes of more than 340 kids who are battling life-threatening medical conditions. Wishes give these kids something to look forward to, a chance to be a kid again and hope and strength for the future. Thank you for supporting this important mission through your participation in the Kids For Wish Kids program.

Qualifications for a Wish

Any child over the age of 2 ½ and under the age of 18, diagnosed with a life-threatening medical condition, may qualify for a wish regardless of the family's race, gender, creed, socio-economic or cultural background.

Types of Wishes

The wish requests we receive are as unique as the children who make them. The majority of wishes fall into four categories:

I wish to go . . . I wish to be I wish to meet . . . I wish to have . . .

Wish Impact

A wish come true helps children feel stronger, more energetic and more willing and able to battle their life-threatening medical conditions. For many, it marks a turning point in their fight against their illnesses.

- 89% of parents and volunteers observed increases in wish kids' emotional strength, which can help them improve their health status.
- 81% of parents observed an increased willingness by their wish kids to comply with treatment protocols.
- 75% of parents observed that the wish experience increased wish kids' physical health and strength.
- 74% of parents saw the wish experience as a positive turning point in the wish kids' battle against their illnesses.

A wish improves children's state of mind, replacing fear with happiness and helping them to feel like normal kids again.

- 99% of parents reported that the wish experience gave their children increased feelings of happiness, and 91% observed that the wish experience decreased their children's depression or sadness.
- 97% of parents said the wish experience strengthened their families.

** Make-A-Wish® Foundation of America. "Wish Impact Study Results – Initial Phases: Jan – Dec 2010." March 2011*

Your Support

Power of the Brand

Make-A-Wish has been recognized in the following ways:

- Rated in the **top percent** of all commercial American brands for quality*
- Rated in the **top 5 percent** of all commercial American brands for its emotional connection to consumers*
- Rated **top 5** in program quality, likelihood to recommend, brand energy and positive feelings*
- One of the **5 Best Charities for Kids** - *2011 Good Housekeeping*
- 60 **“strongest and most trusted” brands** - *American Brands Council*
- BBB Accredited Charity

* 2012 Harris/EquiTrend® study, U.S.

Support with Confidence

Financial support for Make-A-Wish comes from individual, corporate and foundation donors. Additionally, more than 25,000 individuals volunteer their time and talents. Make-A-Wish consistently dedicates 75 percent or more of dollars received to granting wishes.

Guidelines

Make-A-Wish Name & Logo

Like any other corporation – *Coca-Cola, McDonald’s, Wal-Mart, Target, Ford, etc.* – Make-A-Wish Greater Los Angeles’ name and logo are federally registered trademarks, and Make-A-Wish has rules for the proper usage of its trademarks in marketing and publicity efforts. Make-A-Wish’s **brand** is shaped by our mission statement:

We grant wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy.

Thank you for helping us raise awareness about the important mission of Make-A-Wish by using our trademarks, including our name and logo, in a way that is consistent with our branding standards.

Trademark Guidelines:

- Please note that “Make-A-Wish” is spelled with a capital “A” and hyphens between the words.

Correct: Make-A-Wish

Incorrect: Make a Wish

- The logo may not be altered in font, color, configuration or position.
- The superscripted registration ® symbol must appear next to each trademark.
- The name should never be altered for a specific event (i.e. “Bake a Wish”).
- Contact Taylor Kalman at tkalman@la.wish.org to obtain a high resolution copy of the logo. Please don’t copy and paste the logo from the internet.
- There are three appropriate colors that may be used to display the logo:
 - Black / White / Pantone 293 Blue

Publicity Guidelines:

Focus on the positive! Our mission is to grant the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy. Never use words like “terminally ill” or “dying,” as many, if not most of wish kids, do not have a terminal condition, and these labels can instill a sense of defeat and can be counterproductive as our wish kids continue to fight to overcome their illnesses.

When in doubt – reach out!

We are here to help! If you plan to use the Kids For Wish Kids logo in any public facing documents, please send to your Make-A-Wish contact prior to distribution. If you have questions regarding branding rules, please contact Vanessa Petersen, Manager of Corporate Development and Kids for Wish Kids at vpetersen@la.wish.org or 310-788-9474 ext. 101

Wrap-Up Form

HOW DID IT GO? FILL US IN.

Please be sure to mail in this form and funds raised within 30 days of the completion of your fundraiser. Submit 1 form for each fundraiser you hold.

Fundraiser Name: _____

Date Held: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Contact Person: _____

Contact Phone: _____ Contact Email: _____

Event Revenue

In this section, please list all the ways your fundraiser earned money, specifying the amount received through each avenue separately (example: bake sale - \$1,000/car wash - \$500, etc.):

Total Raised: \$ _____

Did you receive the necessary support from Make-A-Wish® staff? Was there anything that we could have done differently (or more of) to ensure your success?

Would you like to participate in the Kids For Wish Kids® program next year? **Y** **N**

If no, why not? _____

Will you be the contact for next year's event? **Y** **N**

If no, please provide us with the appropriate contact person's name, email and phone #.

Send in Check and Form

Within **30 days** of your fundraiser's end, please mail this sheet and the funds to:

Make-A-Wish Greater Los Angeles 1875 Century Park East, Ste 950 | LA, CA 90067

Or contact Taylor Kalman at tkalman@la.wish.org or 310-788-9474 ext 105 to arrange a drop off at the chapter. Please do not mail cash.