

WISH GRANTER NEWS

IMMEDIATE WISH POLICY CHANGES

Based on recent guidance from the World Health Organization (WHO) and our National Medical Advisory Council regarding the ongoing spread of COVID-19, **we do not anticipate resuming wish travel before the end of 2021**. Furthermore, Make-A-Wish America has implemented new wish granting policies designed to advance our mission during these challenging times because the hope that comes with a wish is more important now than ever.

The changing circumstances that have come with the pandemic no longer allow us to grant international travel wishes to destinations beyond North America or cruises. **Wish children who have been waiting for cruise or international travel experiences need to discover a new wish.** To learn more about this policy change and others, please read [FAQs: Wish Granting Through the COVID-19 Pandemic](#). This document also includes talking points to guide your conversations with wish children and families.

Make-A-Wish will continue to monitor guidance from national and international public health and government organizations and are working closely with our National Medical Advisory Council to keep the best interests of all wish children and families at the center of all policy decisions we make.

VIRTUAL WISH VISITS

Virtual wish visits have become the norm during the pandemic and will continue for the foreseeable future. We want to gauge wish granters' comfort with virtual wish visits, so please take a minute to complete a quick poll on our [Volunteer Facebook page](#). Poll responses are anonymous, but you are welcome to elaborate with a public comment. If you are not yet a member of our group, please join today!

NEW WISH EXPERIENCE ARCHITECT

Please welcome Danielle Ruben, who is working on a temporary basis following Kimmie Hooley's departure last month. Danielle is familiar with Make-A-Wish, having just completed a year-long internship with Mission Delivery and granting wishes directly as a Wish Granter. Danielle is managing some of Kimmie's wishes and is welcoming many newly qualified wish kids and families into our program. She can be reached at 312.602.9411 and druben@illinois.wish.org.

December Wishes

Special thanks to the volunteers who helped grant 24 local wishes for children in December! Together, we're bringing hope, strength and joy to children and families who need it now.

[Wishes List](#)

VIRTUAL EVENT

JANUARY 30, 2021



Who's ready to take the plunge? Join Make-A-Wish supporters across Illinois as we raise money through our annual Penguin Plunge event. Invite your friends and family, and raise funds to help bring magical wishes to children across our state.

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