

## WISH GRANTER NEWS

### STAFF TRANSITIONS

Bilingual wish experience architects **Jessica Danker** and **Will Arce Mantilla** have been bitten by the travel bug. Both will transition from their full-time roles at the end of July to pursue careers in the travel industry. While training in their new jobs, they will work part-time to see some of their summer wishes through to completion before leaving Make-A-Wish at the end of August.

The interview and selection process is underway and we aim to bring on **four new mission delivery team members in August**. Please stay tuned for more updates and join me in wishing Jessica and Will the best as they embark on new journeys!

### TIMELINESS OF COMMUNICATION

With more than 1,400 children in our fold, each wish experience architect (WEA) is managing an unusually large portfolio of wishes. At this time, their top priority is communicating with volunteers and families about 100+ wishes slated for July or August.

If you or your wish family have questions about wish discovery or tentative wishes in September or later, please forgive our slower response time.

We are working to develop more communication strategies to help us through the convergence of summer wishes, staff

transitions, and wish travel reemergence. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

## **WISH TRAVEL REEMERGENCE**

If you or your wish family have questions about our wish travel reemergence plan, please review [this detailed FAQ document](#) and watch a recording of a Q&A session that was held in late June ([click this link](#) and enter passcode \*Cs2BJG6). You may also email questions to [wishreemergence@illinois.wish.org](mailto:wishreemergence@illinois.wish.org).

## **JUNE WISHES**

Special thanks to the volunteers who helped make dreams come true for **52 children in June**. Given the complexity of local wishes, this is a huge accomplishment for volunteers and staff! This reflects the most wishes granted in a single month since December 2019. Bravo team!

[Wishes List](#)