

Wish Celebration Volunteer Guide

Party



Here are a few things to know as you get started.



Overview

A party wish typically includes a celebration of the wish child which may include characters, food, decorations music, games, and any additional party aspects that are apart of the essence of the wish. Some specific party wishes may be a Quinceañera, Birthday, Sneaker Ball, and other themed parties.



Your Responsibilities

BEFORE THE WISH

Months or weeks leading up to the wish, you should begin connecting with the wish family to learn more about the child's personality—whether they're shy, outgoing—and discover what aspects of the wish they're most excited about. This insight helps tailor the experience to the child's comfort level and expectations.

You also have the unique opportunity to support your Wish Coordinator by reaching out to local vendors to request discounts or in-kind donations, helping to enhance the wish while keeping costs low.

You are also responsible for providing monthly "wish boosts" to build excitement. You have a total budget of \$100 for these boosts. A fun, low-cost idea is creating a countdown calendar to help the child look forward to their special day. spree.

WEEK OF THE WISH

You should review all materials provided by the Local Wish Coordinator, including the itinerary and any day of logistics that have been sent over and shared with you. This will ensure you have adequate time to reach out to your coordinator with any questions prior to the wish day to ensure things go smoothly.

WISH DAY

On the day of the party, please arrive early—your Wish Coordinator will let you know the exact time to be at the venue. Be sure to wear your Make-A-Wish apparel so you're easily identifiable. Each wish day is unique, so follow the itinerary provided to help ensure everything runs smoothly. Your role may include helping with setup, greeting guests, or assisting with activities. And don't forget to take lots of photos to capture the joy and magic of the day. Your presence helps make this experience unforgettable for the wish child and their family!

AFTER THE WISH

Within a week after the wish, you should check-in with the family to see how they are feeling after the excitement of the party. Send any thank-you notes to vendors where you were the main point of contact. Additionally, please send any photos or videos taken during the wish day to help capture and share the special moments.



Additional Guidance

Keep the primary focus on creating a joyful and memorable experience for the wish child and their family. The overall wish budget varies based on the essence of the child's wish so at times the wish family may be financially responsible for different aspects of the wish which the Local Wish Coordinator will share with the family directly. Respect the family's privacy and confidentiality throughout the wish day. Most importantly, capture fun moments filled with smiles, laughter, and meaningful interactions that make the day truly special.