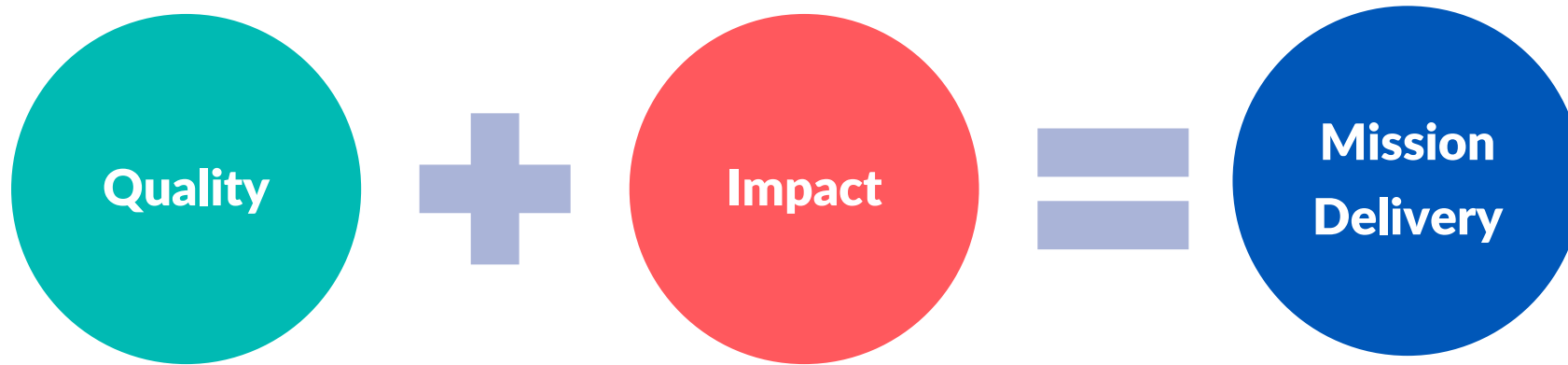




The Wish Journey

**How we create life-changing wishes for
children with critical illnesses**

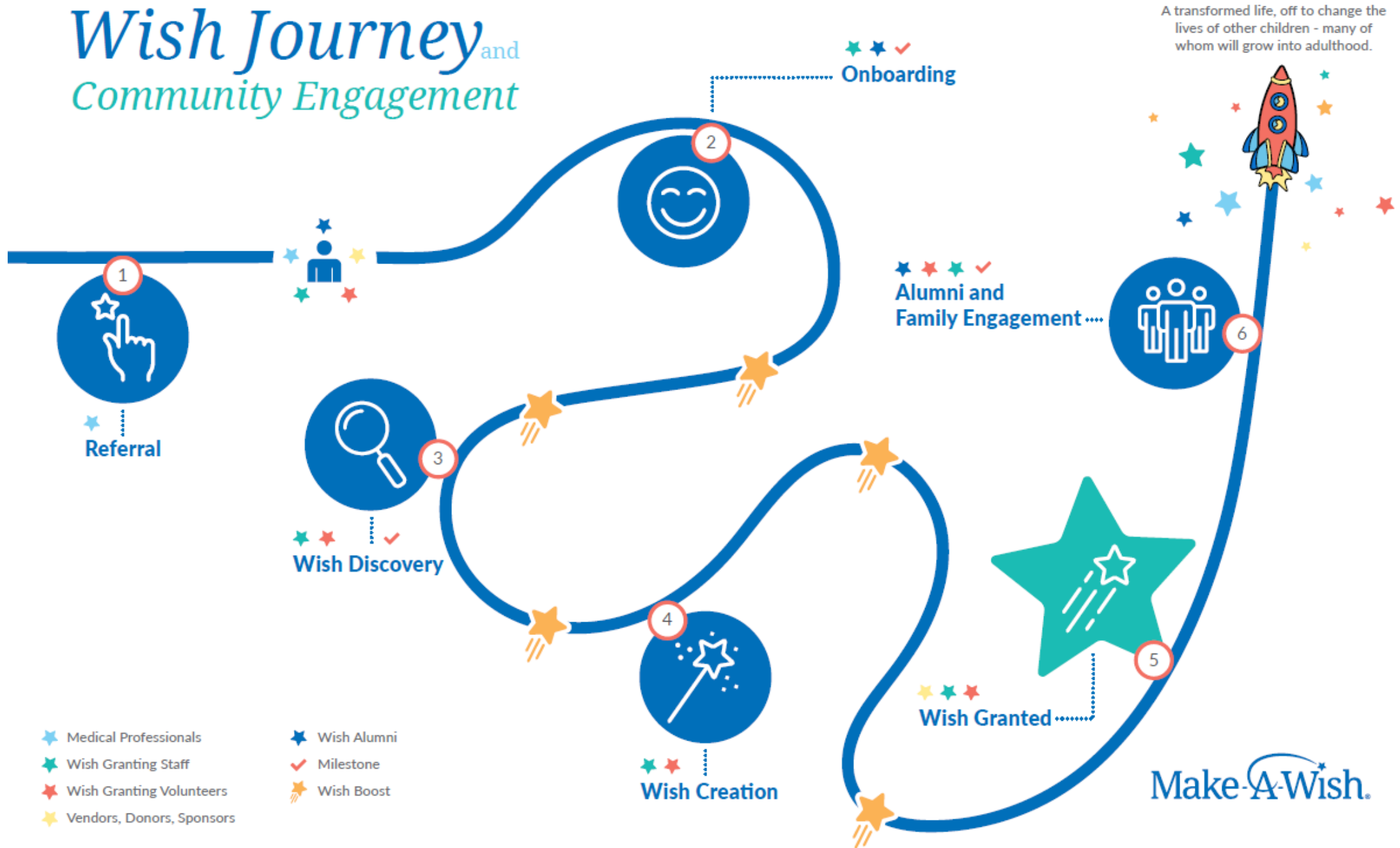
Life-changing Experiences



Resilience is the process of adapting well in the face of adversity, trauma, tragedy, threats or significant sources of stress.

- American Psychological Association

Wish Journey and Community Engagement



- ★ Medical Professionals
- ★ Wish Alumni
- ★ Wish Granting Staff
- ✓ Milestone
- ★ Wish Granting Volunteers
- ★ Wish Boost
- ★ Vendors, Donors, Sponsors

Make-A-Wish.



A wish is not a fleeting gift – it's a carefully planned journey, designed to complement a child's medical treatment.

Throughout the journey we:

- Establish meaningful connections and strengthen the child's support system
- Empower the child by giving them control
- Build anticipation toward something positive
- Create hope during a dark and difficult time
- Promote resilience and assist in the healing process



Wish Granter Role and Responsibilities

Wish Granter Responsibilities Along the Wish Child's Journey



Wish Granting Volunteer Roles



Full Wish Journey

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- 9–12-month commitment (9-12 hours total)
- Build a trusting and supportive relationship with the child & family
- Empower the child to discover their heartfelt wish
- Build anticipation as the child and family move along the Journey
- Remain in regular communication with the family and wish team

Wish Discovery

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- 1–3-month commitment (2-5 hours total)
- Build rapport with the child & family quickly
- Empower the child to discover his or her heartfelt wish
- Virtual or in-person meetings with wish child and family

Wish Celebration

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- 1–3-month commitment (2-5 hours total)
- Build anticipation as the child and family move toward wish fulfillment
- Tentative/exact wish dates have been determined
- Arrange wish boosts and a sendoff or wish day celebration for kids whose wishes will soon be granted!

Visit our [Signup page](#) to assign yourself to one or more wish children who are waiting for Wish Granting volunteers.



Communication Channels

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Volunteer Facebook Page	This private group is the best way to connect with fellow volunteers across Illinois and leverage everyone's collective wisdom, creative ideas, helpful resources and inspiring wish stories: https://www.facebook.com/groups/935302116603287
WishNet	Private volunteer portal, where you can access wish-granting reference materials such as our Wish Boost Guide, In-kind Resource Database, wish paperwork and forms. http://www.wishnet-mawfi.org . No login required
Make-A-Wish University	This is our learning management system, where volunteers can access on-demand trainings for on-boarding, specific roles and continuous education: https://mawu.wish.org . Login required
Wish Wednesday	This email is sent every Wednesday and highlights the number of wish children in each region who need wish granters, as well as quick links to WishNet and SignUp.com. Add make-a-wishillinois@mail.wish.org to your email contacts
SignUp.com	Bookmark our chapter's SignUp page. Then sign up to support a new wish child and their family near you. You do not have to create an account to access the information, and you can sign up with or without an established wish-granting partner: https://signup.com/Group/567031525768944078

