

WISH GRANTER NEWS

WISH GRANTING POLICY UPDATE **Recording Available**

If you missed policy discussions in December and January, you can [watch this recording](#) (enter passcode: tMON#uxq) and find answers to frequently asked questions in [this document](#) available on WishNet.

As a reminder, all wish participants must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 to participate in a wish that involves public transportation or a large gathering. Options for families that are not vaccinated include road trips, virtual celebrity experiences, and a wide variety of local experiences that are [summarized here](#).

VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT DRIVE RESULTS

Thank you to all who participated! Collectively, you helped recruit 166 prospective volunteers, 48 of whom have already completed wish granter training.

Congratulations to **Jen Dosch**, **Eddie Guillén**, and **Tami Roy** who referred the most volunteer prospects and will receive Make-A-Wish jackets! Team members at ALPHA and Salesforce won our group referral contest and will enjoy a hot chocolate or coffee party for ten.

Please continue referring individuals from across the state who have a passion for creating hope and joy. Prospective volunteers can register for one of these upcoming orientation sessions: [February 24th from 8:00-8:45 AM](#), [March 8th from 5:00-5:45 PM](#), [March 23rd from 12:00-12:45](#).

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION EVENT

Let us celebrate YOU and the life-changing experiences that you bring to children with critical illnesses!

Please join us on **Monday, February 28 from 6:00 - 6:50 PM** on Zoom for a short program: *Volunteer Recognition and the Power of Laughter and Joy*.

This lively program will feature local wish parent and stand-up comedian Pat McGann. We'll explore joy with a group of young wish alumni and hear reflections of volunteering from Mike Warmuth, wish granter and Vice Chair, Board of Directors. The program will also include brief remarks by Stephanie Springs, CEO, Make-A-Wish Illinois and Mark Chong, Chair, Board of Directors for Make-A-Wish Illinois.

Registration is free and required. [Click here to RSVP now](#).

WISH BOOSTS & PERKS

If you seek easy ways to stay connected with your wish child, look no further than [WishNet](#) and our [Volunteer Facebook page](#).

On WishNet, you can [see](#) and [order](#) a Wish Boost Starter Kit that includes a set of ten anticipation postcards, six Make-A-Wish balloons, kit instructions, and a monthly wish boost planning tool.

On Facebook, you'll find inspiration from fellow volunteers as well as "Wish Perks," which are fun experiences donated to Make-A-Wish for wish kids and alumni. "Wish Perks" are administered by

alumni manager Amy Ceciliano, who posts them to Facebook for volunteers to claim for wish families.

JANUARY WISHES

Special thanks to the incredible volunteers who helped make dreams come true for **23 children** in January!

[Wish & Volunteer List](#)