



WISH GRANTER NEWS

IS YOUR WISH FAMILY FULLY VACCINATED?

Since early November 2021, the Pfizer-BioNTech pediatric vaccine has been available for children ages 5 and older. With this news, many more wish families will be able to participate in wishes that involve air/train/bus travel and/or large gatherings!

As we learn that wish families are fully vaccinated against COVID-19, we can begin planning their travel wishes. We will launch an outreach effort in December to identify families that are vaccinated. If you'd like to get a head start, please talk with your wish family about their vaccination plans and update us accordingly. You can either notify your Wish Experience Architect or email wishreemergence@illinois.wish.org.

For more information, please review this FAQ document: <u>Wish</u> <u>Granting Through the COVID-19 Pandemic</u>.

WISH BOOST IDEA: LETTERS TO SANTA

Each year, Macy's hosts a Believe Letter Drive and donates \$1 to Make-A-Wish for each letter sent to Santa. Macy's is prepared to donate up to \$2 million and there's a fun contest to see which Make-A-Wish chapter generates the most letters!

Letters can be written and mailed in person at Macy's stores or sent online to the North Pole. Writing letters together with your wish child and their family is a great wish boost, especially when paired with hot chocolate and cookies! There is no limit to the number of letters each person can send, and for each one, Macy's will donate \$1. To start, visit https://mcys.co/3mzkRMI.

OCTOBER WISHES

Special thanks to the incredible volunteers who helped make dreams come true for **26 children** in October!

Wish & Volunteer List