



Volunteer Orientation Fact Sheet

MAKE-A-WISH® HISTORY

Make-A-Wish traces its inspiration to Chris Greicius, a child with leukemia who wished to be a police officer. In 1980, a group of individuals came together and made his wish come true. The impact of his wish was felt throughout his community and was the inspiration for what is now Make-A-Wish. Today, it is our vision at Make-A-Wish to develop the resources to grant the wish of every eligible child.

WISHES

Wishes can change the odds for children fighting their critical illness. A wish gives kids renewed strength, helps bring families closer together and unites entire communities in the experience. Last year, our chapter granted [redacted] wishes. Since our founding, we have granted more than [redacted] wishes throughout the [redacted] counties in our chapter's territory.

FUNDING

In [redacted], our chapter allocated [redacted] % of all funding to program expenses.

The cost of a wish varies as the wishes themselves vary. The average cost of a wish is nearly \$ [redacted], which includes cash costs of \$ [redacted], and in-kind donations of \$ [redacted].

In addition to the support received from our individual and corporate donors, foundation grants and planned gifts, our chapter hosts various events throughout the year in support of our mission.

VOLUNTEERS

You are a part of a volunteer group of more than [redacted]. In addition, we are governed by a volunteer board of directors who are committed to transforming the lives of kids who are battling a critical illness.



Volunteer Opportunities

ROLES CURRENTLY AVAILABLE AT OUR CHAPTER

Airport Greeter

Meet and welcome wish families at the airport, assist arriving wish families with baggage and rental car arrangements or help departing wish families with check-in and security. Ease any concerns the wish family has about navigating the airport and airline travel by helping them feel comfortable as they begin their wish experience.

Fundraising

Assist the development team seek in-kind donations, write grant and/or sponsorship proposals, collaborate to build partnerships with local companies or conduct research on local workplace giving campaigns.

Office

Assist with miscellaneous projects at the office, including phone calls, wish research, mailings, etc.

Skill-Based Role

Support Make-A-Wish by showcasing your knowledge and skills on an as-needed basis. A volunteer should be fluent and/or have professional knowledge of the needed skill. Skills may include reading/writing in multiple languages, graphic design, photography, carpentry, interior design, landscaping and more.

Speaker's Bureau

Speak at local community, school, business or civic events increasing awareness and support for Make-A-Wish while educating audiences about our mission.

Special Events

Plan, organize and implement successful fundraising events by working on event committees, helping out on the event day and/or participating in the event.

Translator/Interpreter

Help facilitate wish experiences for non-English-speaking families. Translators have the option of becoming fully-trained wish granters, or they can provide short-term support on an as-needed basis.

Wish Granter

As a member of a wish team, wish granters meet with the family, help the wish kid determine the wish and act as a liaison between Make-A-Wish staff and the wish family during the wish process. Wish granters must be a minimum of years old. Attendance at an in-depth training session is required.





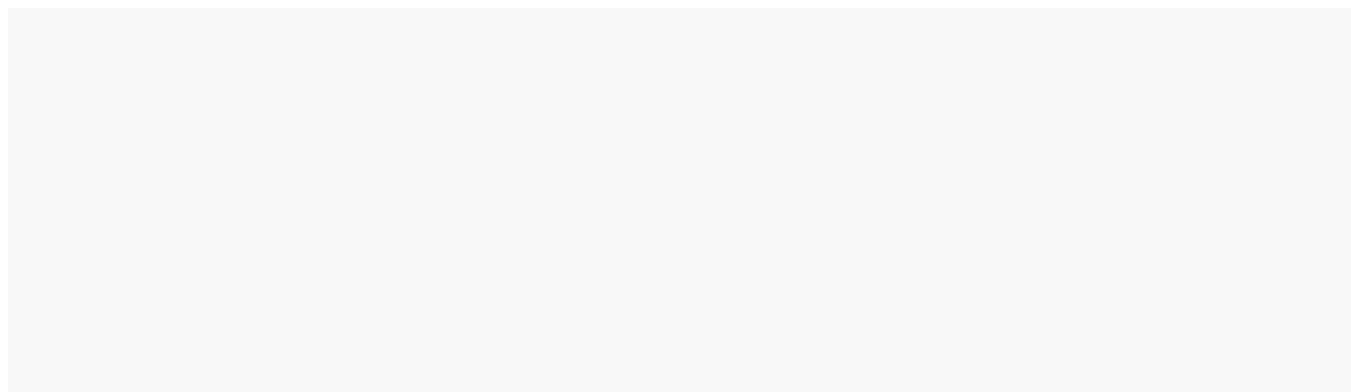
Become a Volunteer

WHAT ARE MY NEXT STEPS?

1. Use the login information provided to you to view the Volunteer Orientation course within Make-A-Wish University. Please contact the chapter if you need assistance logging into the system.
2. Complete and submit your application to the chapter office. If you need a copy of our volunteer application, please contact the staff member listed below.
3. Once we've received your application and confirmed completion of the Volunteer Orientation course, we will contact you regarding the next steps for the roles you are interested in.
4. A criminal background check is required every three years for many Make-A-Wish volunteer positions.

WHO DO I CONTACT WITH QUESTIONS?

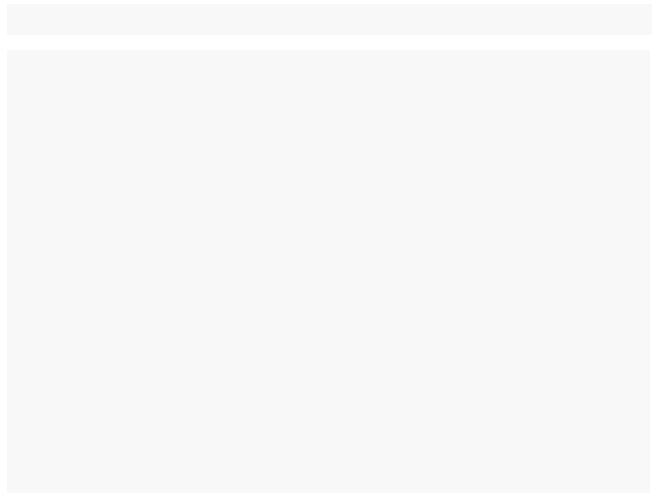
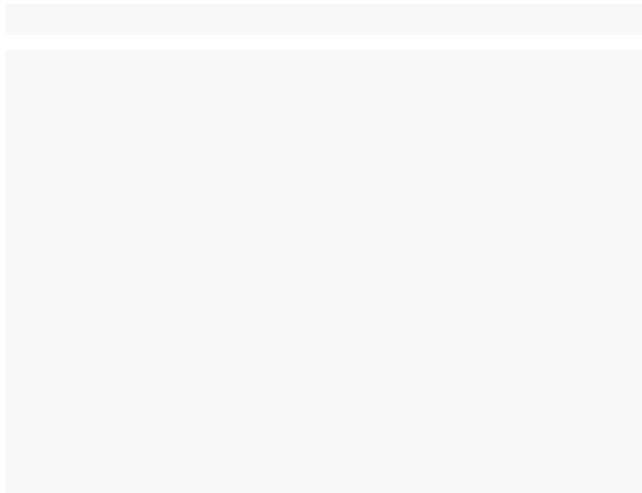
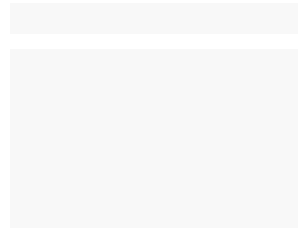
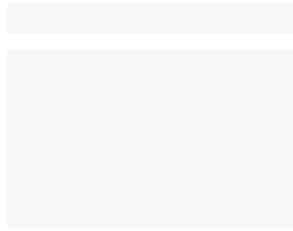
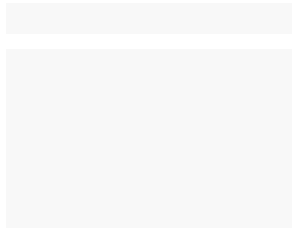
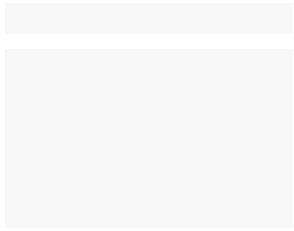
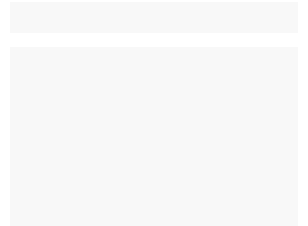
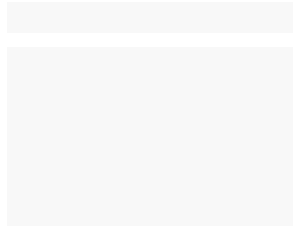
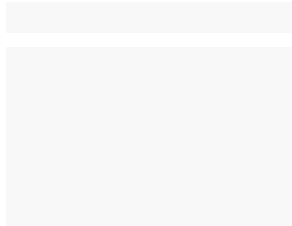
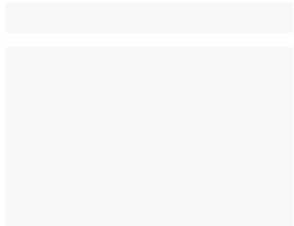
Our team is happy to answer any of your questions or concerns.



Thank you

for your interest in volunteering with Make-A-Wish. Our volunteer program is designed to give each volunteer a diverse and rewarding experience while working toward fulfilling our mission. A wish positively impacts the life of a child – and it will forever enrich yours as a volunteer.

Contact Information



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