



Funds Distribution Report

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Make-A-Wish® Alaska and Washington

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Organization's General Goals:

We believe that a wish experience can be a game changer. This one belief guides us in everything we do. It inspires us to partner with you and create wishes that change lives.

Date of Award:

2018 Q3

Level:

\$2,501 to \$5,000

For more information, please read the attached report from Make-A-Wish® Alaska and Washington.

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Grant # Q3 2018 14.2

June 27, 2019

Dear Marilyn and Charitable Fund Board,

Thank you for continuing to partner with our mission to grant the wishes of local children through your philanthropic giving. Your generosity helped our chapter fulfill the wishes of **35 Snohomish County children in fiscal year 2019**. Enclosed is a report highlighting a few of these children and their wishes.

The stories demonstrate the breadth of imagination and depth of enthusiasm sparked by our mission, both in the children we serve and in all of those involved in the wish experience. With financial support from generous donors like the Tulalip Tribes our ability to grant more wishes each year continues to expand.

Wishes aren't just a nice thing; they are a necessity. Research shows, and physicians agree, a wish can help improve a child's quality of life and produce better health outcomes. These life-changing wishes replace fear with confidence, sadness with joy and anxiety with hope—helping children battling critical illnesses see the impossible as possible.

We are so pleased and honored to be included in the Tulalip Tribes ongoing legacy of supporting local non-profit work.

You can find out more about our chapter and read more wish stories on our website at www.akwa.wish.org. Please contact me if there is anything more I can provide.

Gratefully,

Amanda Lehigh-Pfarr
Senior Coordinator of Gift Processing, Donor Stewardship, Grants & Prospect Research

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Monroe resident, Grant, 18, Muscular Dystrophy
I wish to have a behind-the-scenes experience at Halo!



Grant received so many gifts yesterday, but I know with 100% certainty that the human touch and interest that was taken in him was by far the biggest gift given. We have watched him in pain, in transition, in debilitating and dire circumstances, but he has survived and moved forward even as his physical strength fails. What every person did for Grant yesterday will encourage him to continue on that path and pursue life and purpose. As a family it was a very special day for us—for his sisters, who are unsung heroes, and for his dad, who is his caregiver, constant companion and teacher.” – Grant’s mom, Jaylyn

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Granite Falls resident, Trey, 14, Muscular Dystrophy
I wish to have an off-road wheelchair



Trey's wheelchair used to leave him feeling left behind when his family went camping. He'd get stuck in the mud on hikes and had to watch from a distance while his sisters played on the beach. That all changed when his wish for an off-road wheelchair was granted. Now Trey has new-found independence, and can do what he loves, with the people he loves. ***"[the wheelchair] allowed us adventure and [the ability] to spend quality time together. We can all move forward together now, and that's a huge thing."*** -Trey's mom, Cori

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Granite Falls resident, Santiago, 6, Leukemia
I wish to go to Disneyland



Santiago's bright personality and perseverance makes a big impact on everyone he meets. He had even more to smile about when his wish to visit Disneyland came true. Santiago felt so special and loved running through the park riding all the rides as many times as he wanted. Soaring high in the sky, Santiago was able to let go of the stress of being sick and just feel like a kid again. ***"My favorite part of Santiago's wish was welcoming him home at the airport,"*** said his wish granting volunteer, Jordan. ***"Usually everyone is tired after a late flight. Santiago and his family were all smiles. They were so excited to tell us all about their trip!"***

Marysville resident, Reese, 4, Cancer
I wish to go to Disney World!



Reese is a very active and playful little girl who is excited about everything—especially Disney princesses! So when she found out she would get a wish, it was no surprise that she decided to go to Disney World. Reese met her favorite characters, went to a tea party with a group of royal bunny rabbits, and rode all the rides she wanted with her sister. This wish was especially meaningful for Reese’s family because her uncle also received a wish when he was a child. The experience brought the whole family closer together.