



**Guelph
Wish Fund
for Children**
Making life a little **happier**

**Serving the child,
supporting the family,
partnering with our
community.**



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“Every child, every family is different – beautiful, fragile, unique. And so each wish is different, and presents its own set of ways we can help.

We are blessed to have the opportunity to **make life a little happier** for them.”

Ron Asselstine, Founder

Equity

**Organizational
Sustainability**

Compassion

Staying Local

Child-Centredness

Integrity

Our Values

Refer

a child today!



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Privacy Policy

Guelph Wish Fund for Children respects the privacy of our wish children and their families. All medical and personal information is kept confidential and is not communicated with any outside parties.

Charitable number: 89854 3863 RR0001

Making dreams come true.



When a child in Guelph or Wellington County is facing a life-altering injury, illness or disability...we help to **make life a little happier**

The Guelph Wish Fund for Children was founded in 1984 by Ron Asselstine and Alan Ferris with an inspiration to bring joy to Guelph children facing challenges due to a critical illness or medical condition. Since fulfilling our first wish in 1985, Guelph Wish Fund has fulfilled more than 350 wishes...and counting!

A wish is whatever is needed to make a child's life a little happier.

From its first days, our charity's mission was simple: bring a smile to a child's face, be it from a fun one-time experience, or supporting the purchase of specialized equipment that will enrich the child's daily life. We work with each individual and their family to deliver the wish that's just right for them.

It's okay to ask for help with practical needs to support a child – we're here to help.

We understand certain necessities may be more difficult to provide in challenging circumstances, and that there are gaps in the care system that we can help fill.

We keep the red tape to a minimum.

We realize how much paperwork families in these circumstances are already burdened with. Our intake system ensures full accountability. We try to make applying for wish funding an easy, relaxing and friendly process for everyone.

We need you to connect us with children and families that may need our help.

We rely on referrals from our community to help us reach as many children as possible. It's easy to refer a child on our website or by calling our office. Our contact information is on the back of this leaflet.

What is the effect of a wish?

Wishes are vital to a child with medical challenges. Amid a stressful series of hospital visits, X-rays, injections and medications, a wish brings a little happiness, some hope, and lots of smiles. This can replace anxiety and distress, and is a motivator to help families cope.

The anticipation of a wish can be as impactful as the wish itself. It builds excitement, provides a time to dream, and is a distraction from the daily grueling routines and challenges. We see the joy in children and their families when we talk about their wishes.

We are a local charity that is 100% funded by our generous community.

Every dollar we raise helps local kids and families, and we are supported by amazing volunteers who help keep our operating costs low. No donation is too small – every gift helps immensely. It's easy to make a donation, or host a fundraising event. Visit our website to learn more.

**You can DONATE by visiting guelphwishfund.com
or calling 519-820-WISH (9474)**

To be eligible, a child must:

- Be under the age of 19
- Reside in Guelph or Wellington County
- Be living with at least one of the following:
 - A rare, debilitating syndrome
 - A significant illness
 - A life-altering injury