### Making dreams come true.

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A gift so special is only made possible by kind, giving hearts. This gift is life changing for its recipients. What a chance to be able to do something, anything, with no limitations and to have it given to you by complete strangers simply because they care. From the bottom of our hearts, we can't thank the Guelph Wish Fund for Children enough.

-Wish Family



# 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.

DONATE now by visiting guelphwishfund.com or scanning the QR code



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, Guelph Wish Fund has fulfilled more than 450 wishes... and counting!



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** 



# Making life a little happier



Guelph Wish Fund for Children P.O. Box 21032 Guelph, ON N1G 3A2

Charitable number: 89854 3863 RR0001

When a child in Guelph or Wellington County is facing a significant illness, life-altering injury or a rare and debilitating syndrome....

We help to **make life a little happier** 



A wish is whatever is needed to make a child's life a little happier. From its first days, our charity's vision was simple: bring a smile to a child's face, be it from a fun one-time experience, specialized equipment or everyday practical needs. We work with each individual and their family to deliver the wish that's just right for them.



We cannot thank the Guelph Wish Fund enough for all they have done for my little girl and all the other kids they gift dreams to. The smiles from my beautiful daughter were a sight to behold. Complete soul food. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for allowing my daughter to experience such an amazing wish.

-Wish Family

#### What is the effect of a wish?

A wish has a profound effect on children facing medical challenges, bringing happiness, hope, and smiles. It replaces anxiety with excitement, offering a much-needed distraction and motivation for families to cope. The anticipation of a wish is equally impactful, providing time to dream and bringing joy to both children and their families



# |||Sophie

In 2017, at just 4 years old, Sophie was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. She underwent multiple rounds of chemotherapy, surgeries, bone marrow transplants, radiation, and immunotherapy.

The family spent numerous holidays in the hospital, and due to her treatments, she lost her hair, weight, and ability to walk or run.

In 2021, Sophie became a Guelph Wish Fund for Children Wish Kid, and later in the year received her wish, a special 8th birthday at Disney!

Today, despite ongoing battles, the family lives each day to the fullest and is eternally grateful for all the support they received from the Wish Fund.

To read her full story and our other wish kids, visit our website!

## Refer a child today!

#### To be eligible, a child must:

- Be under the age of 19
- Reside in Guelph or Wellington County
- Be living with a rare debilitating syndrome, a significant illness and/or a life-altering injury



To refer a child, please contact us!

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