

The logo features the text "MAKE A WISH" in a white, serif font. The letter "A" is enclosed within a circular, hand-drawn style outline. Above the text, there are several small, light blue stars of varying sizes. To the right of the "A" and "W", a shooting star with a long, curved tail is depicted in white.

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# Make-A-Wish Ireland

- ★ Established in Ireland in 1992
- ★ Granted over 2,100 wishes
- ★ Lead volunteers nationwide
- ★ Currently granting 200 wishes per annum
  
- ★ Not Government Funded
  
- ★ Triple Lock

# Make-A-Wish Worldwide

- ★ Began in Arizona in 1980
- ★ Offices in every state in USA
- ★ Offices in 50 countries worldwide
  
- ★ 40,000 volunteers worldwide
- ★ 415,000 wishes since 1980

# Our Mission

- ★ To grant wishes to children (between ages of 3 & 17 years) living with a life-threatening illness

# Our Vision

- ★ To grant a wish to every eligible child in Ireland living with a life-threatening illness

# Collaborations

- ★ HSE Palliative Care Teams Nationwide
- ★ Canteen
- ★ Mercy Hospital
- ★ Muscular Dystrophy Ireland
- ★ Childhood Cancer Foundation (Light It up Gold)
- ★ Irish Cancer Society
- ★ Ronald McDonald House

# Wish FAQs



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# Who can have a wish?

- ★ Any child age between 3 & 17 living with a life threatening medical condition

# Who can apply for a wish?

- ★ Parents, the child themselves or the medical profession

# Why nominate a child?



- ★ A break from treatment
- ★ A break for the family
- ★ Creates hope & memories



- ★ Lets the wish child become the hero

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# Wish Applications – how can you help?

- ★ Discuss Make-A-Wish with potential wish families
- ★ Alleviate the fear of ‘terminal’ charity
- ★ Nominate a child during treatment
  - ★ Gives them something to look forward to
  - ★ Builds excitement

# Medical Forms

## 1. *Medical Eligibility*

- ★ Child is eligible
  - ★ Flight restrictions
  - ★ Prognosis
- ★ Child is not eligible
  - ★ Good News!
  - ★ One Doctor

## 2. *Wish Authorisation*

- ★ Confirming child is medically able for the wish & outlining any medical needs while on the wish
- ★ Confirming the child cannot have the wish at this time

# Travel Wishes

★ We take the fear of travelling abroad away..

★ Medical Needs

★ All expenses

★ Travel Insurance

★ Make-A-Wish Offices

# Rush Wishes

★ Prognosis < 9 months



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# Wishes – 4 categories



2016 – 209 wishes granted

- ★ I wish to go... 149
- ★ I wish to be... 5
- ★ I wish to have... 37
- ★ I wish to meet... 18

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It's people like you, who make wishes come true



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Thank you



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