



MISSION STATEMENT

The Make-A-Wish Foundation® grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy

- Make-A-Wish Foundation is the largest wish granting charity in the world with 69 chapters in the United States and 27 international affiliates on five continents
- Colorado chapter founded in 1983 by current president and CEO, Joan Mazak
- Colorado chapter has fulfilled over 3,200 wishes since its inception
- Colorado chapter grants 250 wishes annually
- The average cost of a wish is \$6,500 (\$4,500 cash and \$2,000 in-kind)
- Wishes are supported by individuals, corporations and foundations. Make-A-Wish does not receive government or United Way funding
- All money raised in Colorado stays in Colorado to fund wishes for Colorado children
- Of each dollar donated \$.78 goes towards a wish
- A wish child must be under the age of 18 when referred
- Children are qualified by their physician who identifies their condition as life-threatening
- The child's nuclear family goes on the wish. There is no expense to the family for the child to receive a wish
- When eligibility is confirmed the child is asked to envision his or her most heartfelt desire. Wish requests fall into four categories:
 1. I wish to go
 2. I wish to have
 3. I wish to meet
 4. I wish to be