

Dear Friend,

On behalf of Make-A-Wish® Mississippi, and the children whose lives we touch, I would like to introduce you to an amazing program called Kids For Wish Kids®. This program is tailored to schools to give them the opportunity to sponsor wishes for children with life-threatening medical conditions living in their own community and attending the same schools.

Last year we granted over 100 wishes for Mississippi children. Your efforts will help kids like Zimya and Emma who wish to go to Walt Disney World Resort, Matthew who wishes to go to New York and Kaleb who wishes for a Sweet Sixteen Birthday Bash.

Based on our experience, participating in a Kids For Wish Kids program benefits not only wish children, but the students as well. Significant lessons learned by the students are:

- **community involvement**
- **philanthropy**
- **leadership skills**
- **self-esteem**
- **teaching students how to work together towards a common goal**
- **helping others in need**

We know that schools want to get involved in community service projects, but aren't always sure where to begin. In order to eliminate some of this uncertainty and make things easier, we have created this ***Kids For Wish Kids Toolkit*** to help get you started.

This kit explains exactly what Kids For Wish Kids is, how students can get involved and how it will make a difference in the life of a child in your own community. Currently, there are over 70 children waiting to have their wishes granted, and you and your students can be the ones to grant one of those wishes for a child living with life-threatening medical conditions. In addition, there are project ideas, examples of other successful schools and supportive materials for your students to use.

The Kids For Wish Kids Toolkit is truly designed to make fundraising and teaching easy. We know how busy the school year can get, but we also know that teaching children about giving back to the community is crucial to students learning and development. This proactive approach provides teachers and staff with the tools to start, or continue a community service program within the school's curriculum or within organized clubs (i.e. student council, service club, key club, etc.).

If you would like to start granting wishes through the Kids For Wish Kids program, please fill out the Fundraising Form and return to Make-A-Wish, attention Swayze Pentecost or feel free to email me at Swayze@ms.wish.org. If you have any additional questions you can contact me at 601.366.9474 ext 1303. Thank you in advance for helping *Share the Power of a Wish*®.

Warm Wishes,

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