For kids like Ari, being a kid means endless hours of play time. A simple wish to have a wheelchair accessible playground gave Ari the freedom to play outside just like other kids. With her very own custom playground, she now enjoys sliding and swinging through the air.

“To see Ari’s face light up when she saw her very own playground, it was everything. Although she can’t speak, we knew the joy she felt. The twinkle in her eyes said it all.” - Clint, wish dad
Together, we transformed **353 lives** throughout our state.

**TO GO:** 74%

**TO HAVE:** 17%

**TO MEET:** 8%

**TO BE:** 1%

Life-changing experiences touch hearts and inspire action.

Wishes are designed to complement a child’s medical treatment and give them the hope, strength and joy they need to fight their illness. In fact, research now shows that wishes have effects on children’s overall well-being and health outcomes.¹

Your support made it possible to grant nearly one wish a day in 2018. We’ve divided our state into 11 districts (each named after the largest city in the area) to show the impact you helped make throughout Georgia.

1. A team of researchers, led by Anup Patel, MD, director of the Complex Epilepsy Clinic at NCH, examined quality of life and health care utilization among patients who received a wish and a control group who did not. The study found patients who were granted a wish were more likely to have fewer unplanned hospital and emergency department visits.
MAKE-A-WISH® GEORGIA
2018 Fact Sheet

ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW
Location: Atlanta, Ga.  
Address: 1775 The Exchange SE, Suite 200  
Founded: May 23, 1995  
Website: www.georgia.wish.org

Status: 501(c)(3)  
Employees: 25 full- and part-time  
CEO: Tim Earley  
Phone Number: 770-916-9474

OUR MISSION
Together, we create life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses.

OUR VISION
To grant the wish of every eligible child.

FOUR TYPES OF WISHES
• To go (Disney World, Hawaii, England)  
• To have (a playhouse, shopping spree, laptop)  
• To meet (athlete, celebrity, musician)  
• To be (a policeman, princess, astronaut)

WAYS YOU CAN HELP
• Invest in our mission via an individual, corporate or foundation gift  
• Give in-kind contribution such as airline miles  
• Sponsor or participate in one of our four annual signature events  
• Join us as a community partner by hosting a local fundraiser of your own  
• Volunteer at an event or to be a wish granter  
• Adopt-A-Wish by paying for the cost of a child's wish in full

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR A WISH?
• Between the ages of 2½ and under 18  
• Diagnosed with an illness currently placing the child's life in jeopardy; i.e. a progressive, degenerative or malignant condition  
• Cannot have already received a wish from another wish-granting organization  
• Referred by a medical professional, parent or legal guardian, other family member or the child themself

THE IMPACT OF A WISH
98% of parents agreed that the wish generated a sense of hope, an improved outlook and enhanced the mental and emotional health of their child
95% of parents shared that a wish experience provided their child with the opportunity to view their life as more than an illness
89% of medical professionals believe a wish experience can positively influence a child's health
71% of surviving wish kids state that their wish experience contributed to saving their lives