

WishLife

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WISHLIFE IS PRODUCED TWICE A YEAR FOR THE FRIENDS OF MAKE-A-WISH®
SOUTHWESTERN ONTARIO

Meet Dereck, our 1,400th Wish Kid!

Age: **13**
Medical condition: **Brain Tumour**
Wish: **to go to Hawaii**
Wish Date: **August 2018**

Dereck is a 13-year-old boy diagnosed with a Brain Tumour. Having just finished his treatment, he is ready to close that chapter in his life. Dereck is such a smart and bright young boy who excels in math and enjoys playing chess. He recently started his grade nine school year and was accepted into the gifted program. Dereck's wish to go to Hawaii was recently granted!

Dereck, along with his Mom, Dad and sister, flew to Honolulu to enjoy the coral reefs, Pearl Harbor, surfing and so much more! Though the thought of ziplining brought nerves to Dereck, he still mustered up the courage to go for it. And although Dereck got stuck on the line along the way, just being able to sit and hang there overlooking the valleys and ocean was absolutely incredible. Sitting on the balcony watching the sunrise over the spectacular views brought everyone so much peace and joy that can often be forgotten in times of medicine and treatments.

"We feel we got connected in a different way than before" said Mom. That is the soul purpose of the power of a wish; for families to come together and experience all the love, joy and excitement that a wish brings. The whole family couldn't be more thankful for the opportunity to explore such a beautiful place in our world and learn about the culture and history. Dereck was able to accomplish feats he never thought he would be able to and said, "this signals starting a new chapter in my life." Go out and take on the world Dereck, you rock!

Flights for this wish were generously donated by WestJet through the WestJet Cares for Kids Community Investment Program.

Photos of this wish were captured with the new Sony Cyber-shot® digital camera donated by the Sony Canada Charitable Foundation.

Travel insurance coverage for this wish was kindly provided by TuGo.



Upcoming Events

GO BLUE! GO BALD!

Will you Go Blue to help wishes come true? Participate in one of our upcoming Go Blue! Go Bald! head shaves or host your own head shave or blue-themed fundraiser in your workplace, school or community!



There are many ways to Go Blue without dyeing your hair or shaving your head! Contact our office to obtain Blue Hair Extensions for \$10 each to sell to co-workers, family & friends! Or consider hosting a blue-themed event, such as a blue bake sale, blue jeans day or selling blue paper stars in support of Make-A-Wish®!

JENNA'S GO BLUE! GO BOWLING!

Join us in the afternoon on Sunday, April 7th for a Family-Friendly Fundraising Event at the Palasad South in London. Teams of up to 8 can register a bowling team and raise a minimum of \$500 to help make wishes come true! Jenna, a former wish kid, likes to Wish It Forward by giving back ever since her wish was granted over 20 years ago!



ROPE FOR HOPE

Make-A-Wish® Rope for Hope is a unique challenge event that calls on participants to raise pledges in exchange for a once-in-a-lifetime experience to rappel down the edge of a high-profile building. Each participant is required to raise a minimum of \$1,500.



Register as an individual or as a team!
Visit: www.ropeforhope.ca

To learn more about these events, please contact Erin Bhatia at 519-471-4900 ext. 6223 or erin.bhatia@makeawish.ca

We are seeking supporters like you to sponsor our 2019 events. You can increase your company's brand value, employee loyalty and customer base, while helping us grant life-changing wishes. Contact Stephanie Field at 519-471-4900 ext. 6224 or stephanie.field@makeawish.ca

Please continue to check our website, makeawishswoc.ca, for other exciting news and event updates!

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Season of Wishes®

This holiday season, include Make-A-Wish® Southwestern Ontario in your celebrations. Take part in the *Season of Wishes* and help us grant more life-changing wishes to children with critical illnesses! Visit makeawishwo.ca or call 519-471-4900.

TREE OF WISHES

Your gift of \$20 or more will help the blue lights shine brightly on our Tree of Wishes, in honour of all our wish children! The Tree of Wishes will be lit at the Lighting of the Lights in London's Victoria Park on November 30th! Be sure to look for lights with an extra sparkle!

HOLIDAY LIGHTS DISPLAY

In the spirit of the holiday season, from November 24th to December 31st, Dennis Taylor and Raymie Jewell are once again inviting visitors to their home at 291 Selbourne Drive in Port Stanley for a display including lights synchronized to music as well as a tour of the backyard, which has lights surrounding ponds and up in the trees - over 75,000 lights in total! Lights are on every night for drive-by viewing - turn your radio to 99.9 to watch and listen from the comfort of the car. Backyard open Thursday to Sunday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. including Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve (closed Christmas Day and during bad weather). Donations to Make-A-Wish will be gratefully accepted!



SEASON OF WISHES CALENDAR

Located at the Covent Garden Market in London, outside at Market Square, a larger-than-life calendar will reveal a wish that has been recently granted each day leading up to the holiday season. This whimsical and inspiring calendar is designed to drive awareness behind the stories that fuel the passion of Make-A-Wish.

We are looking for supporters like you to be a Calendar sponsor. For a minimum of \$1,500 in support of Make-A-Wish Southwestern Ontario, you can help us transform lives, one wish at a time. If you are interested in being a part of our *Season of Wishes* Calendar or would like more information, contact: Stephanie Field at 519-471-4900 ext. 6224 or stephanie.field@makeawish.ca



HOLIDAY DONATIONS

Help transform lives, one wish at a time! Make a holiday donation in honour of a loved one! Donate \$20 or more by December 31st, 2018 to receive your 2018 official charitable tax receipt!

HOST A PARTY WITH A PURPOSE

Support from community events is essential to help us continue making wishes come true. Consider hosting your own holiday fundraiser at your workplace, school or in your community like Ice Cream for Breakfast and/or Wishful Baking!

If you are interested in hosting a fundraising event, please contact Charlene Marsman at 519-471-4900 ext. 6225 or charlene.marsman@makeawish.ca for more information.

Thanks for Giving!

We wish to recognize the generous support of Sportswood Printing and Interact Direct Marketing Inc., which makes this newsletter possible. This edition of the Make-A-Wish® newsletter is dedicated to the wish children who have left us this past year.

Start Granting Wishes Today!

The true impact of a wish cannot be measured in dollars and cents. Yet Make-A-Wish® Southwestern Ontario relies on the support of donors like you to create an amazing wish experience for each and every wish child. By donating, you will help us fulfill over 160 wishes we currently have in progress.

Make your gift today at makeawishwo.ca, or complete and mail the form below. Thank you!

Yes, I would like to help grant wishes for children with critical illnesses

Enclosed is my donation of:
 \$25 \$50 \$100 \$150 Other \$

I would like to make a monthly donation of:
 \$10 \$25 \$50 Other \$

Please mail your donation to:
Make-A-Wish Southwestern Ontario
551 Oxford Street West, Suite 207
London, ON N6H 0H9

Legacy of Wishes

- I have made a gift to Make-A-Wish Southwestern Ontario through a bequest in my Will.
- I am considering leaving a legacy to Make-A-Wish Southwestern Ontario and would like to receive more information.

Name:

Address:

City:

Province:

Postal Code:

Phone:

E-mail:

Please make cheques payable to
Make-A-Wish Southwestern Ontario

Please charge this to my: Mastercard Visa

Account #:

Expiry Date:

Signature:

My employer will match this gift. I will complete a matching gift form through my personnel office.

For a memorial or tribute gift, please complete the following:

In Memory of:

In Honour of:

Commemorating (indicate birthday, anniversary, etc.)

Send acknowledgement to:

Name:

Address:

City:

Province:

Postal Code:

This information collected is to provide you with a tax receipt and wish supporter benefits (such as our bi-annual newsletter and monthly e-newsletter). Should you not want to receive wish supporter benefits, please check this box

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Contact us at swontariochapter@makeawish.ca.

