

WISH GRANTER NEWS

TRAVEL WISH RE-EMERGENCE

In alignment with updated guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), and the Make-A-Wish National Medical Advisory Council, **Make-A-Wish will resume granting wishes that involve large gatherings and/or public transportation within the United States and its territories for vaccinated wish families beginning September 15, 2021.**

You should have received an email announcement about this change on Tuesday, June 22nd. The email included [this link to a detailed FAQ document](#), which you should read. You can also watch a recording of a Q&A session that was held on Thursday, June 24th. [To watch, click this link and enter passcode *Cs2BJG6.](#)

Wish families also received an email notification. Hard copy letters will be mailed next week to parents and guardians who do not use email. Eight different messages were sent according to kids' expressed wishes or the status of their Wish Journey. [Click this link to read the messages.](#)

If you have unanswered questions after reading the FAQ document and watching the Q&A session, please email your questions to wishreemergence@illinois.wish.org. This shared inbox will be monitored by Mission Delivery team leaders so that wish experience architects can remain focused on granting more

than 130 local wishes this summer while simultaneously preparing for wish travel reemergence in the fall.

NEW WISH VOLUNTEER MANAGER, SARA OLSON

Please join us in welcoming Sara Olson as our new wish volunteer manager! Sara is a seasoned professional with over ten years of volunteer and community event management experience. Most recently, Sara developed and managed a volunteer program for the Chicago Blackhawks. Sara is familiar with Make-A-Wish Illinois, having interned in our Peoria and Chicago offices in 2012. She can be reached at 312.602.9452 and solson@illinois.wish.org.

IL SALES TAX EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE RENEWED

After a brief processing delay, the State of Illinois renewed our chapter's sales tax exemption certificate. The new certificate, along with a letter authorizing your use of it, is available on WishNet at <http://www.wishnet-mawfi.org/pages/volunteer-forms-and-resources>.

MAY WISHES

Special thanks to the volunteers who helped grant memorable wishes for **38 children in May**. Your passion and creativity are inspiring!

[Wishes List](#)