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THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES



Sound familiar? . . . It has to us for the past 27 years in letters from parents of children whose wishes we have granted while they struggle to survive cancer, leukemia, sickle cell and other dreaded, life-threatening disorders.

Imagine having a child whose wish is a trip to Disney, shopping spree for items the family cannot afford or to meet their favorite sports celebrity, or other "hero" to whom parents have no access. Since 1982, A Special Wish Foundation has been able to make such wishes a reality for hundreds of families.

Maybe it can best be said by sharing a part of a letter from the mother of Dax, one of our wish children. Dax is a 2-year-old with Leukemia whose Disney wish we recently granted.

Dear A Special Wish:

After our last family vacation you planned, Dax started having very bad pain spells. Then they found out his cancer was back and aggressive. His pain is so bad he can't move and has severe damage to his spine. He is receiving his second bone marrow transplant and I feel deflated.

I hope you know what you did for Dax and us. As I sit here holding his aching body, I think of the great time we had on Dax's wish trip, the beautiful condo, Disney World, sunshine and happy people everywhere. I love him with everything I have. These memories help me get through each day because of people like you.

*Love,
Julie*

If we are to continue to serve these special families, we need help from you and others who believe these special children need to have their wish granted. Some wishes can't wait! Can you find it in your heart to send a donation, regardless of size, in the enclosed envelope?

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ramona".

Ramona Fickle
President/Founder
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Ohio's Premier Wish Granting Organization

“Special Children”

They’re born disguised as children,
Entrusted to our care;
They’ll win our hearts during their short stay.
They’ll bring a joy that’s rare.

Their life here isn’t easy.
Their pain seems so unkind;
Are they sent to teach a lesson
To a world they’ll leave behind?

Is their lesson one of patience?
Is that forgiveness in their eyes?
Why love and faith so boundless?
Can children be so wise?

Surely, their mission to this earth
Is to teach us how to live;
They make His plan infinitely clear-
Unselfish love will give and give and give.

Our lives are enriched while here they stay,
Our hearts embrace their mirth;
The Father’s ray of sunshine LOANED
To a very troubled earth.

Children? No-they’re not JUST children,
Certainly, children aren’t so wise;
Who are they? They’re SPECIAL ANGELS
Sent in an earthly disguise!

We’re committed to granting their “special wish”
The feeling leaves us awed;
It soon becomes apparent-
WE’VE TOUCHED THE FACE OF GOD!

Ramona Fickle, Founder
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“Emily”
Became an Angel
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