

WISHSTAR PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION GUIDE



I wish to be
carefree

Christina, 5

Become a star for a kid with a critical illness

Write your own wish
inside the small inner star
and send it to children fighting
against serious illnesses
or offer it to your loved ones!

Make-A-Wish®
Κάνε-Μια-Ευχή Ελλάδα



APPROVED BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION & RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS

Make-A-Wish (Make-A-Wish Greece)

Make-A-Wish grants the wishes of children aged 3-18 who are suffering from critical illnesses. Granting the wish of children with critical illnesses can be a milestone in their lives. It replaces fear with **confidence**, sadness with **joy**, anxiety with **hope**.

It is not just a wish or a gift, but the way to become a child again, a child, regaining the childishness and innocence suddenly lost due to the disease.

Based on worldwide research, mental and emotional health plays an important role in treatments and can directly affect physical health. Precious doctors, undertake the treatments of our children and we offer everything their souls need.

That is why the experience of the fulfillment of the wish becomes necessary!

The WishStar

26 years have gone by since the establishment of Make-A-Wish Greece and the WishStar program has been part of the organization for 24 of them. With the timeless contribution of teachers, students and parents, we are getting ready to "travel" again throughout Greece to light up the lives of the wish children!

With the amount of €2, you can make a substantial contribution to the fulfillment of wishes and at the same time you will receive as a souvenir the WishStar together with the textile ribbon-bracelet that accompanies it. If you want to make an additional impact on the lives of our children, you can send back to the organization the smaller, inner stars with your own wishes.

This interaction was adopted last year for the first time and proved to be particularly beneficial for the psychology of our children!

**Become a star for a kid
with a critical illness**





Christina you are our star!

One night, as Christina was getting into the car with her mom, they saw a shooting star.

"Christina, I want you to make a wish. Did you see the star?" her mom asked.

"Yes, Mom, I saw the star!" Christina replied.

"They say we have to make a wish," her mom said.

"I hope to get well and one day to have my own playground here," Christina replied firmly.

This star was...prophetic!

Mom Penny, moved and expressing her gratitude, confessed to us that it was not only the joy that our little heroine got from getting the playground. It was the whole experience that she lived even during her stay in the hospital. Despite the pain and suffering, she always found the strength to organize her wish with her fairies and she just couldn't wait!

So, this Christmas, Christina will play carefree in her own playground. The precious doctors took care of her treatments and we offered her whatever her soul needed to return to childhood.

As for that prophetic star to which she confided her deepest wish... **be PROUD**, because our Christina's wish was fulfilled with the contribution of the students and teachers who took part in the WishStar program in the 2021-2022 school year!



Implementation Process



1 Inform students & parents through the information material, (free reception by contacting schools@makeawish.gr or 210 963 7667)



2 Collaborate with your students, decide the **desired number of stars** you would like to acquire



3 Place your order **online** (instructions on the next page) or by phone



4 By placing the order online, you have the option to choose which wish you would like to contribute to



5 The star team immediately prepares your order making sure you receive it within **7 days free of charge** (includes stars - fabric wristbands - information material)



6 After completing the action, deposit your donation **according to the instructions** in the package you receive with the stars



7 Upon completion of the program, you receive your wish adoption certificate and proof of your donation in electronic format. **Keep your deposit receipt until you receive your donation receipt from us.**

Educators' Words



"We, as a school community, would also like to express "a big thank you" for the opportunity you gave us to send a small - but big - loving help. Our help to fulfill every child's dream and keep dreaming. We are so glad that there are still organizations like yours and people who support your wonderful effort!"

"We felt immense satisfaction and deep emotion for the mobilization of our students. This thought of mine represents the entire Teachers' Association of my unit. We hope that other schools will follow our example, as we strongly believe in the power of children and their ability to bring joy to other children and thus make our world a better place."

"I wish all the people of the organization to be strong and continue their laudable work, so that all the children who were faced with a health problem at such a tender age will feel that the WishStar program is one more reason to find the strength and courage to overcome the difficulties they experience and come out winners!"

"Thank you for the great work you are doing with helping our children. Because the children of the whole world are also our children. We wish you health, strength, and the joy and love you deserve."

Don't think that the Starlings don't have their own wishes too. So, 8 years ago, a Starling expressed his wish to ACS Postal Services: *"I dream of the WishStar to travel all over Greece"* he said. And a good fairy – for there are outer fairies – heard him and gathered all the elves of the ACS Postal Services for a council.

The decision was short and effective: the entire fleet was mobilized, and since then they have been making sure, day and night, that our Starpackages arrive quickly and safely at their destination!



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Wanting to spread our vision and our work to every school in the country, we created a page that each of you can visit and use the educational material. Through the available material, you can convey the message of the program to all children and make them aware.

For more information, go to www.wishstar.gr

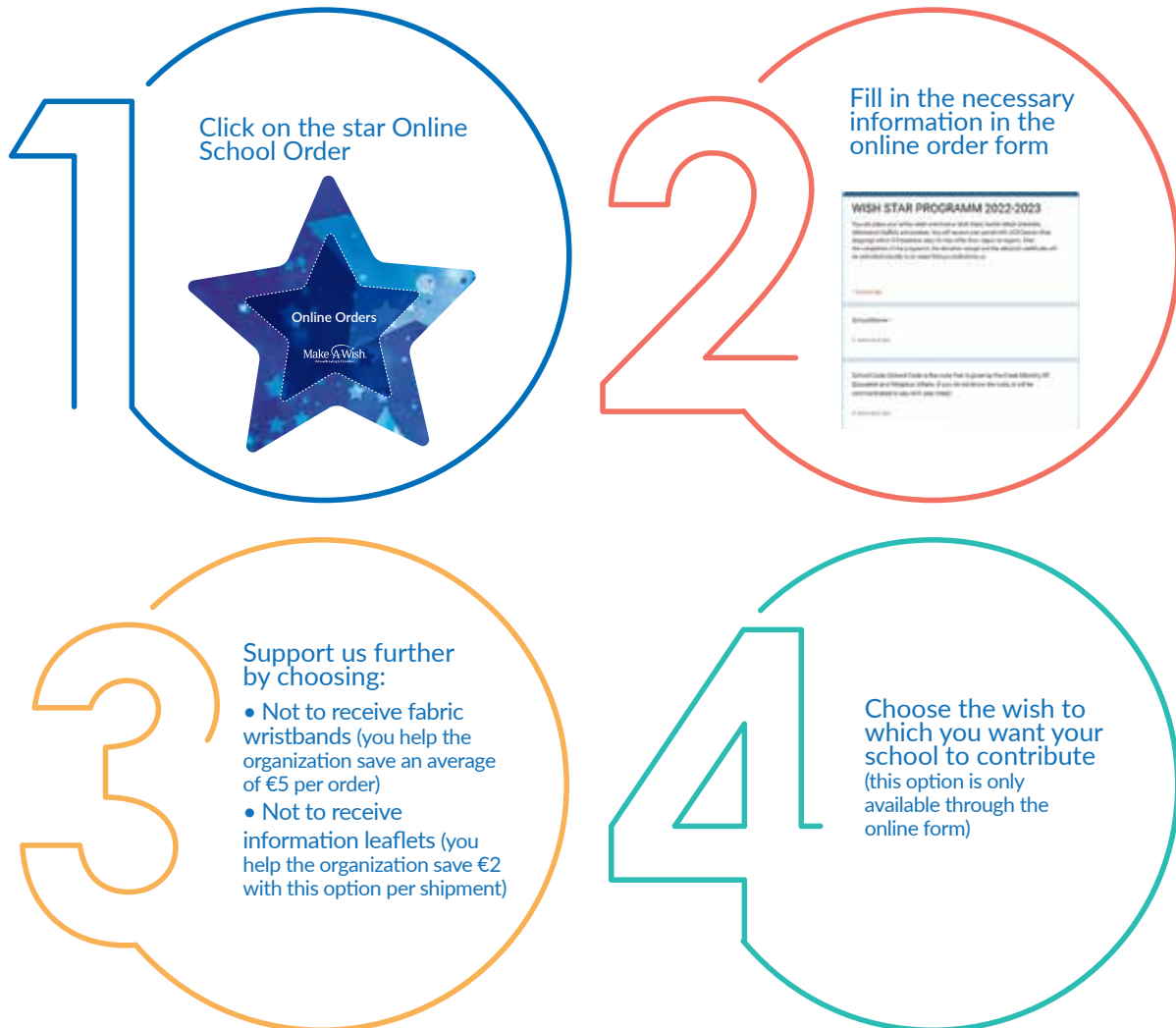
Charity program implementation certificate

If you are interested in receiving an individual certificate for the organization of the action at your school, you can send us your details and the name of your school to schools@makeawish.gr, so that they will be sent to you electronically after the completion of the program.

Contact details: T. 210 963 7667 M. 6946 856 934
schools@makeawish.gr / www.wishstar.gr / www.makeawish.gr

Online Order

Visit www.wishstar.gr and place your order for the WishStar in your own time!



The donation receipt and adoption certificate are sent electronically to an email you indicate to us. In this way you help us save an extra €5 per shipment

The WishStar becomes eco-conscious

All printed materials of the WishStar program are recyclable and printed on FSC® certified paper. Thinking about the environmental impact management and with a commitment to environmental and ethical behavior, the WishStar program chooses materials printed on FSC® certified paper. FSC certification provides the link between responsible forest management and the consumption of forest products, ensuring that forest management is environmentally, socially and economically sustainable.

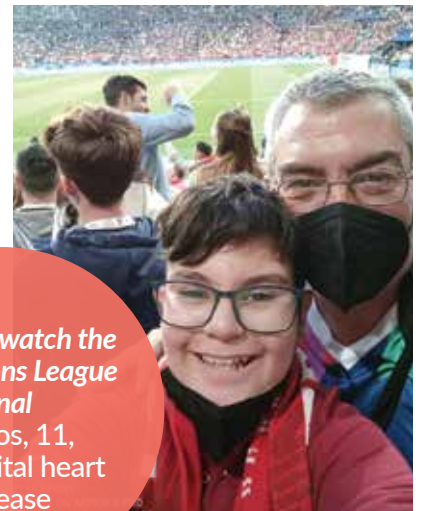
The WishStar grants wishes!



*I wish to meet
Sakis Rouvas
Stavroula, 12,
thalassemia*

"Stavroula was Sakis' guest of honor at the presentation of his album. She traveled from her beautiful city a day early because she had various pleasant adventures and tours! First stop, a lovely house overlooking the Acropolis. Second stop, play and then food! The next day was followed by hair care, nails, make-up, shopping... everything to perfection! When we arrived at the meeting point, we started taking pictures, and suddenly, Sakis surprised us: he greeted us all politely, but his gaze was fixed on Stavroula who stole his heart. He asked us for permission to speak privately with Stavroula, and after leading her to a spot near us, we stood looking at them and wondering what the two of them were saying in secret. After some time, we saw Stavroula coming back with a huge smile! And she was more talkative than ever! What we were able to find out is that they prayed together... the rest she would only share with her mum and dad!" said Chara, who was a volunteer at Stavroula's wish!

Eleven-year-old Marios, ever since he could remember himself, loved only one sport: football! He had seen countless matches on television, but no football competition could compare to the Champions League! This was also his wish: to see the final up close! The months passed and when the moment of fulfilment came, Marios had almost everything ready! Along with the clothes, he "packed" his joy and hope. Despite the fact that he was traveling by plane for the first time, he did not hesitate for a moment! Arriving in Paris, he could not believe his eyes, since a new world was unfolding before him! A few hours later, Marios was on the field, among other fans, colors, happy songs and slogans! This final was much more than he had imagined! It wasn't just a football match. It was his dream before his eyes, the hope and excitement that filled his soul and a smile that would accompany him in the coming months!



*I wish to watch the
Champions League
final
Marios, 11,
congenital heart
disease*



*I wish to get a new
room
Christina, 11*

"We found the right opportunity to prepare her new room when Christina was going to visit her grandmother. "By the time she comes back, we'll have turned the world upside down so everything's ready!", we thought. The next day, as she made her way back home, crossing the threshold of her house, she felt that something had changed. "Come see the room!" she shouted. She wanted to share her joy with her whole family who was by her side in every difficulty. She did not leave them by her side for a moment. A sweet kiss from her dad and a warm hug from her grandfather came to complete the intense emotion of our little fairy who had overwhelmed her new room", the fairy Astarti informed us the day after her wish!



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