

WISH STAR PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION GUIDE



**Acceptance,
gives us strength.**



Make-A-Wish Greece

Make-A-Wish Greece grants wishes of children 3-18 years old with critical illnesses. It's more than a wish. It is a light in the darkness. It is a way for a child to become a child again, rediscovering the childishness and innocence that were violently taken away by the illness.

It is the motivation to keep fighting and to be filled with hope. It is encouragement for the family that see again true, spontaneous joy in the child's eyes. A wish is an inherent part of the healing journey, that's why we are committed to granting the wish of every child that meets our criteria. Research shows that children whose wish has been granted can regain the physical and emotional strength they need to go through very serious illnesses.

**Our mission is
to create together life-changing experiences for children
with critical illnesses.**

WishStar

WishStar celebrates its 25th anniversary and is preparing to travel with anniversary rhythms! For 25 years, students, teachers and parents, together, we have been able to grant hundreds of children's wishes and give them the strength and hope they need to keep fighting.

With a symbolic donation of €2, you can help us for one more year to grant more wishes. Your commemorative paper WishStar will remind you of your donation and for the 3rd year in a row, you can write your own wishes on the back of the special star and return either the sun or the special star. We, in turn, will make sure all the wishes get to the wish kids. The wish kids have conveyed to us that it is a great joy to receive other children's wishes!

Suns and Stars in one sky. Just as the sun and the star coexist in the same sky, we invite all of you to coexist with the wish kids.



**Both the sun and the stars light up our sky.
So what if they are different?**



**This year, WishStar celebrates its 25th anniversary!
So... it is different from other years in order to remind us
how special we all are.
It is different and welcoming this year!**

It has a different shape and... hosts the Sun, since only together we can move forward and progress; different but equal under the same sky, in a more inclusive and beautiful world. Three of "our" stars embody the message of acceptance this year: Spyros, whose illness has limited his mobility, wished to have a room with a basketball hoop on the wall, a basketball hoop "custom made to his size". Vasiliki, who has a rare syndrome, wished to meet her favorite singer so that they could sing together and be applauded. Elizabeth, who is in the midst of treatments, wished to get a smartphone so she can make video calls with her friends and not be lonely until she can get back to them.

Three special kids, three unique kids, three different Stars. Different from each other, different from the ones we meet more often. Their Sun, one and common: acceptance by classmates and friends.

As we have established in recent years, this year as well, with our 'different' star, students will be able to write their wish to the wish kids either on the Sun, in a 'perfect' circle or on the 'different' star and keep whichever one they want, sending the other part to the wish kids. Which best expresses the students?

Which one do they want to keep and why?

Which one do they want to reach the wish kids and why?

A message from fairy "facilitator",
Sandra Zafeirakopoulou, and her elf, Stephanie



Implementation process



Inform students & parents through the information material (free of charge by contacting schools@makeawish.gr or 210 963 7667



In collaboration with your students, decide on the **desired number of stars** you would like to purchase.



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



By placing the order online, you have the option of choosing which wish you would like to contribute to.



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



Once you have completed the action, make the deposit of your donation **according to the instructions** in the package you receive with the stars.



Upon completion of the program, you will receive your wish adoption certificate and proof of your donation electronically. **Keep your proof of deposit until you receive your receipt of your donation from us.**

They said about us



We thank the family of Make-A-Wish Greece for giving all of us - children, parents, teachers - the opportunity to feel the joy of giving, but also to give other people the strength and optimism to fight for their lives.

Continue your God-given work, always with us teachers as companions, who together with the students of the school units form an open embrace of love for the children of Make-A-Wish.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity, through our participation in the Wish Star, to feel every year the contribution and solidarity in your great work! Good luck in all your efforts!!!!

Congratulations for your contribution to the children and good luck in your work! You will always find us helpful, even with our meager means! Thank you very much!

We are very happy that we helped in this small way a child not to lose his smile and optimism! Be well, have great reserves of love and strength to give generously to children in need.

The WishStar united through... cutting!

Last year's WishStar inspired students and teachers of all levels to "illuminate" the psychology of wish children and send them messages of love and support.

The WishStar united through cutting... Hmmm oxymoron right? And yet, totally true! The inner, smaller, detachable star could be cut out and allowed students to "communicate" their wishes to the wish kids. Thus, they were able to make an indirect connection with each other, so meaningful and important!

Your students' wishes travelled - literally and figuratively - to every corner of Greece, in order to find their recipients. What if the senders and recipients never met each other? The students wrote to the children as if they were family members or friends, giving their warmest wishes!



Starclass

One of our greatest desires is to reach each and every one of you with our vision and all the values we stand for. In order to spread our work, we continue to share with you educational materials that you can use and convey the message of the project to all children, with the aim of raising their awareness.

For more information, go to makeawish.gr/αστεροταξη

Certificate of implementation of a charity project

If you are interested in receiving an individual certificate for the organization of the action in your school, you can send us an email to schools@makeawish.gr with the subject "Individual certificate of programme implementation" with your details and the name of your school as the main text, so that it can be sent to you electronically after the completion of the programme.

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

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Click on the star Online Order Schools Photo Online Order



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Fill in the necessary details in the online order form.

3

Support us further by selecting:

- Not receiving fabric lanyards - wristbands (you help the organization save an average of 5€ per order)
- Not receiving brochures (you help the organisation to save 2€ per shipment by choosing this option)

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Choose the wish to which you want your school to contribute (this option is only available via the online form)



The donation receipt and the adoption certificate are sent electronically to an email you indicate.



The Wish Star respects and protects the environment

The printed information material and the paper Wish Star have been printed on FSC® certified recycled paper. With respect to managing its impact on the environment and with a commitment to environmental and ethical behavior, the Wish Star project chooses to have all materials printed on FSC® certified paper. FSC certification provides the link between responsible forest management and the consumption of products derived from forests, ensuring that forest management is environmentally, socially and economically sustainable.

The WishStar grants wishes!



I wish to have my own ski equipment

Lymperis, 16, insulin-dependent, diabetes mellitus

Lymperis acquired the ski equipment he always dreamed of, in an elaborate and somewhat... paradoxical way. Arriving at the ski resort, with his family, they were approached by one of our elves, but without revealing his status. He struck up a conversation with Lymperis and showed him the equipment that, ostensibly, had been sent for the elf. Lymperis, though puzzled, paid no particular attention. They opened the package and he exclaimed that these were the kind of skis he had also requested. A few minutes later, he discovered that the equipment was not the elf's, but Lymperis' own! **Since then, he's been with us constantly and has been going to other children's wishes himself!**

A few months later, Theodora was happily sending messages to her fairy from her new mobile phone to thank her and tell her she had a wonderful time. **"I kept thinking that it is never going to happen to me. There's no way they're going to do something like that for me... And yet... It more than happened and I was totally not expecting it!"** she confided to her! That day, she started out of the house shy and sullen. As the hours passed and her wish day unfolded, her face glowed more and more. The highlight of the wish? She apologized to the videographer because she doesn't like lights and cameras and was worried about giving him a hard time!



I wish to have a new smartphone
Theodora, 15, Hodgkin's lymphoma



I wish to go to Disneyland, Paris

Eva, 10, acute lymphoblastic leukemia

The Wish Star "travelled" Eva to distant Paris, where dreams come true and magic comes alive: Disneyland, Paris! Disneyland's fireworks "burst" in different colors in the sky, illuminating the famous castle, but also her sparkling smile. There was not a roller coaster she did not get on, and her energy and eagerness to explore every inch of the park was immense. She tried Mickey's Pretzels and waffles in the shapes of various Disney characters. One thing, however, stole her heart: the chocolate Cinderella slipper! She took countless pictures with the heroines and added her signature underneath each one, making her own keepsake booklet so she'd never forget this trip! **Her family, and herself, forgot for a while about the difficulties of the illness. Eva lived her own fairy tale... better than the Disney one.**

If you want to read more children's wishes granted thank to the WishStar, scan the QR Code and let our children tell you their own stories!



The WishStar celebrates its 25th anniversary and has contributed to the granting of hundreds of wishes!

We would like to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for becoming suns and stars for our children and illuminating their uniqueness as much as their wish.

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