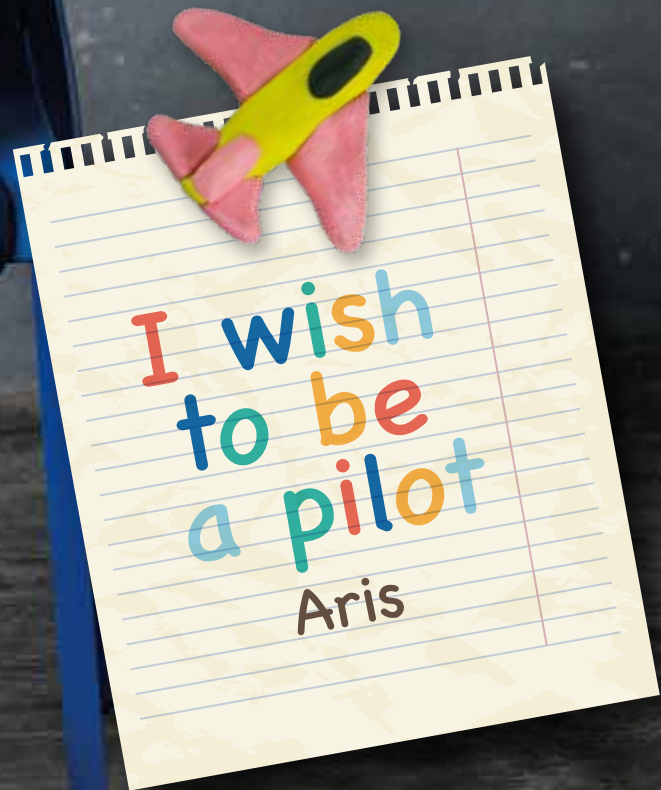


WISHSTAR PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION GUIDE



Believe it
YOU CAN!





Make-A-Wish Greece

grants wishes to children 3-17 years old facing critical illnesses, giving them the strength to keep dreaming.

Believe it, YOU CAN!

Dream.

Create.

Learn.

Conquer your fears.

Be you!

WishStar Programme

For 27 years, the Star of **WishStar Programme** has been carrying messages of volunteerism and giving, by travelling all over Greece. This year it aims to carry **the message of positive thinking - mental empowerment**.

Inspired by the phrase of the 1st wish child in Greece, "*if an incredible dream of yours comes true, then your dream of getting well comes closer*", we invite you to use the WishStar as an educational tool and talk to children about the power of positive thinking.

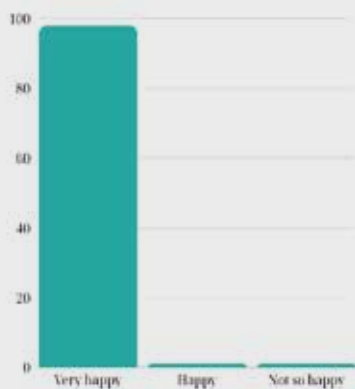
With a symbolic donation of 2€ you receive the paper WishStar as a token. On its detachable part, you can write an encouraging message, a phrase shared with you by a loved one that gave you strength, or a message of optimism. You can share these messages with your loved ones or return them to us for the wish kids.



17,307 children, aged 3-17 years, currently suffer from a critical illness in Greece.*

Every year in our country there are 856 new diagnoses of children with critical illnesses. In a daily life full of uncertainty, with anxiety about examinations, hospitalizations and treatments, **Make-A-Wish Greece** stands by those children. Its aim is to **stimulate their psychology so that they can keep dreaming**. To believe in the Power of the Wish and to live their greatest dream.

How happy do you feel after your wish?



The chart above is based on 405 responses we received from children aged 3-12 to a survey sent to them after their wish was granted.

From the 1st wish granted to the present day, the Power of the Wish is transforming children's lives.

According to the doctors by our side, it means:

"Empowerment, Love, Power", V. Papadakis MD PhD, Pediatric Hematologist Oncologist, Head - Director of the Department of Pediatric Hematology - Oncology (TAO), Marianna V. Vardinoyannis Children's Oncology Unit. - ELPIDA, Agia Sophia Children's Hospital

"Right to Dream", I. Loukou, Pediatrician, Director and Head of the Cystic Fibrosis Department, Agia Sofia Children's Hospital

Joy, Hope, Rejoice", A. Kattamis, Professor of Pediatric Hematology - Oncology, Head of University Oncology Hematology Unit, (POAiM/KETH) Oncology Unit "Marianna V. Vardinoyannis - ELPIDA"

75% of the parents interviewed stated that the experience of the wish had a long-term positive effect on the psychology of the whole family. In the same survey, **87% of children** over 13 years old stated they were absolutely delighted by their connection to the fairies and elves of Make-A-Wish Greece.

M. Baka-Kaya, Pediatric Hematologist-Oncologist PhD, former Head of the Oncology Department of A. Kyriakou Children's Hospital, Marianna V. Vardinogiannis Children's Oncology Unit. - ELPIDA, has stated that what the majority of children who have completed their treatments remember most vividly since they were diagnosed is the Wish Journey. *"They feel they experienced a beautiful moment of normality in the midst of their difficulties,"* she said.



Iliana, 15-year-old wish child

I had a truly magical experience. You made me feel good; after 3 years I was able to open up so much about my diabetes. You were really amazing. I will always remember you with a lot of love and gratitude!!! You gave me strength to overcome my fears and anxiety about the future.

Implementation Process



Information

Inform students and parents using the information material of the project. It can be obtained by contacting schools@makeawish.gr or by calling 210 9637 667.



How many stars will you need?

In collaboration with your students, decide on the number of stars you wish to purchase.



Place your order

Place your order online or by phone. Visit wishstar.gr and select Online School Order.



Select a wish

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



Preparing your order

The WishStar Team prepares your order right away, which is delivered within 7 days free of charge. The package includes stars and, if you wish, fabric wristbands and brochures.



Donation deposit

Once you have completed the project, make your donation deposit by following the instructions in the package you received with the stars.



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Completion and receipt of e-Thank You

Upon completion, you will receive your wish adoption certificate and receipt of your donation electronically. **Please keep your proof of deposit until you receive your donation receipt**

Starclass

Our biggest dream is to reach every school in Greece and spread our vision. We invite you to visit our Starclass at www.wishstar.gr and using the educational material you will find posted, talk to the children about our mission and spread the power of the Project to them.

For more info, visit makeawish.gr/αστεροτάξη

Creative Contest

In the creative contest of the WishStar Programme, we invite students to participate with a **collective creation**, drawing inspiration from the values of giving and volunteering, the message of the WishStar, the mission of the organization and the stories of wish children.

Entries are collective and relate to the following categories:

Song

Harness your love for music and create your own song, with a maximum duration of 3:00 minutes and free of copyright.

Creative Design



Be inspired by the WishStar and create your own unique 3D design.

Creative Writing - Essay

Nursery and primary school students can write a short poem of up to 150 words, while secondary and high school students can write an essay with a maximum of 300 words.

Design Your Star



Utilizing drawing materials and with your creativity as your asset, collectively design your own star on the printed model.

Attention! No names or faces of minors and adults should be mentioned in any category, nor should any AI (artificial intelligence) application be used.

Submission Procedure

Entries must be submitted **exclusively online** via form at www.wishstar.gr and creators retain the original work. The winners of the competition are determined by a vote of the jury.

Competition Timetable

Submission of entry files: 12/01/2026 - 12/03/2026

Announcement of results: 15/04/2026

Winners' Award: October 2026

All entries will receive a commendation after the announcement of the results.

Thank you for all the beautiful creations you submit each year, and for the dedication and love that you, students and teachers, show us in every effort.

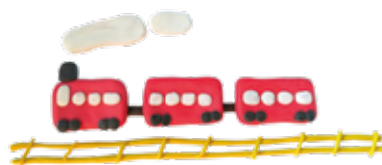
For more information, visit makeawish.gr/διαγωνισμός or scan here.





I wish to travel on the Alpine train

Nefeli, 11
type 1 diabetes mellitus



Nefeli is a girl that loves travelling but, so far, she hasn't had the opportunity to travel much. Her mother's stories, who has travelled a lot, have always had a magical effect on her. So, when the time came to express her wish, she had no doubt: **a trip on the Alpine train**. This idea combined everything her heart longed for. To cross picturesque towns, serene lakes, enchanting natural landscapes and perhaps snow-capped peaks. When she boarded the Alpine train, **the experience exceeded her expectations**. Nefeli's mother, overwhelmed by her daughter's joy, said: **"After her recent health**

adventure, it was very important for me to see her laughing and soaking up moments. Her eyes lit up when we boarded the Alpine train! What more could a mother want than to see her child happy? And you have achieved all of this!" Nefeli returned full of new pictures, stories and memories that will stay with her forever. This trip was not only a wish granting, but also a celebration of her life and strength.

I wish to have a Gaming PC

Nikos, 16
acute lymphoblastic leukemia



Nikos enjoys gaming, listening to music, making videos for social media and hanging out with his friends. **Due to his illness, the latter has become a less often occasion**. For all his other hobbies, though, he thought a good gaming PC is exactly what he needs. His fairy, knowing full well how much he wanted to be with his friends that day, organized a big surprise. The plan was simple, but perfect: they would "kick him out" of the house for a few hours so that everything could be secretly prepared. So, while Nikos was out, the volunteers arrived at his house, with his new Gaming PC and all the necessary accessories. All the friends and family gathered, closing doors and windows to keep out of sight, waiting for the big moment. When Nikos returned home, opening the door, everyone jumped out of their hiding places shouting "CONGRATULATIONS!". He was speechless and turned around to leave! Tears of emotion welled up in his eyes and his lips formed a huge smile. **"I can't believe it!"** He managed to mutter, while his friends and siblings hugged him tightly. Joy was painted on his face as he sat in his new gaming setup, ready to embark on his first adventures in the digital world.



I wish to meet Anastasia

Laura, 10
Ewing's sarcoma



Laura's wish was to meet her favourite singer Anastasia, whom she adores! She's a sweet child and has a maturity that touches you. The fairies arranged to meet at a central hotel, where they would have an entire floor just for them. Laura was looking forward to it, from the moment she woke up. She arrived at the hotel excited, expecting to experience the best day of her life! When Anastasia arrived, **she ran into her arms and tried to realize that it was all true!** She was telling her how much she admired her and how much she had helped her the whole time she had been away from home for treatments. **When she listened to her, everything went away and she was**

her greatest companion. The two girls talked about their interests, the trips they have taken and everything they love, as if they had known each other for a long time. Of course, music could not be missing from this meeting. They started singing together and gave all of us the most unique concert! **"Today I made a new friend! It wasn't what I expected, it was a hundred times better!"** said Laura. Back at the guest house, where she is staying, she informed all her friends about her wish granting and she is over the moon! Through this experience, she gained strength to continue her struggle, now with an unwavering belief that even the most elusive dreams can come true.



I wish to meet Vasilis Papakonstantinou

Vasilis, 18
cerebral palsy



Vasilis is a child with musical education and knowledge. He listens to many genres, but the one person he has admired, since he was a little boy, is Vasilis Papakonstantinou. The fairies started working feverishly, for a special day for Vasilis. A child who, despite the difficulties caused by his illness, never gives up. As his mother said, **it is not easy to conquer what he wants - everything requires effort from Vasilis and the slightest victory is like ten times for him.** When the day of the wish arrived and his idol appeared on stage, he was ecstatic! For as long as he sang, for Vasilis it was

like there was no world around him! When they actually met in person, there was not a single moment of unease. Vasilis was saying how happy he was and how much he appreciated him. **"There are no words to describe my joy, my feelings. All the awe, the emotion, all the explosion of emotions I felt!"**, Vassilis told us.

I wish to have a blue jeep

Alexandros, 5



Alexandros has a great love: cars! So, his wish was to have a blue jeep that he could drive. An unforgettable experience awaited Alexandros on the day of his wish granting. In a traffic education park, along with his family, he was welcomed by the volunteers of the organization for a special day full of fun, games and learning. Alexandros learned the secrets of proper and safe driving, until it was time to move from theory to practice! His own blue jeep was waiting for him under a large ribbon box. Alexandros's eyes sparkled with joy, and without missing a beat, he jumped in to begin his first rides. At the end of the day, **Alexandros confided that it was the best day of his life.**



I wish to go to CERN in Switzerland

Juliana, 11
cystic fibrosis



Juliana, a child passionate about the universe, started watching special channels and reading books about this world from a very young age. Her visit to CERN started with a tour of the museum and an exhibition about the Universe. **Juliana was fascinated by the pictures, videos and information from their guide.** She was then asked to think about and design a model that would help her understand the process a scientist follows to collect and analyse data and explore the secrets of particles. Her day concluded with a visit to CERN's first accelerator, the ALICE

detector facility and the AMS control panel.

"The wish was an incredible once-in-a-lifetime experience that we are sure we would never have been able to achieve on our own! The pictures we "soaked up" and the incredible information we were generously given will be forever etched in our minds!"



Aris believed in the Power of the Wish and became a pilot.

We need your support to put faith in the Power of the
Wish for the 250 children waiting!

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