



Two years ago, we met Despina for the first time. Shy but lively, she did not stop playing with the fairies throughout our visit. **Some of her favorite moments**, she told us, are when she watches movies with her parents featuring her beloved characters. **Every time the castle appears on screen**, her eyes light up with joy and anticipation for what comes next.

Despina knew exactly what her wish would be. She wanted to travel to that fairytale castle and meet Mickey, Minnie and Rapunzel in person. Once all the preparations by the fairies and elves were complete, her suitcase was filled with her favorite dresses and her journey began. The moment she arrived and stood before the castle, she was filled with awe. **She felt as though the fairytale she loved so dearly was unfolding before her eyes.**

She met some of her favorite characters, shared smiles and hugs with them, enjoyed every moment to the fullest and cheered during the parades. Later, as fireworks lit up the night sky, Despina stood mesmerized, taking it all in. **There, in front of her beloved castle, Despina was glowing brighter than any star.**

Months after her wish was granted, Despina still carries the magic of that castle with her. Looking through photographs and keepsakes, she relives the moments she experienced and smiles.

The WishStar Programme brought to life Despina's wish thanks to the power of the educational community during the previous school year.

We were all TOGETHER by Despina's side.



Continue supporting kids with critical illnesses by participating in the WishStar Programme this year.

As humans, we learn and grow not only through books, but also through

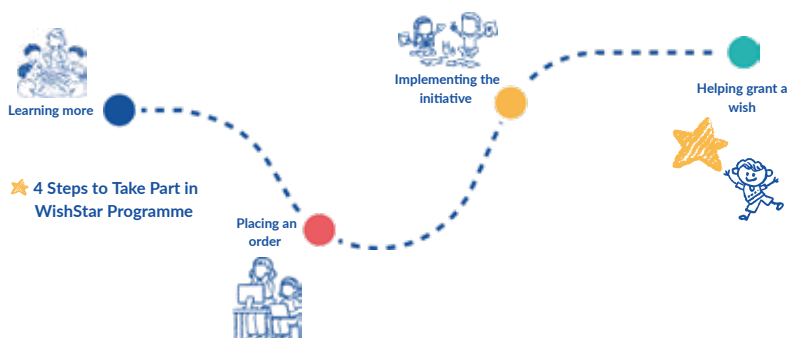
the relationships we build with one another.



Schools are much more than places of learning; they are safe environments where children and adults exchange ideas and experiences, develop important skills and help create a culture of **acceptance, trust and belonging**.

This year, through the WishStar Programme, we celebrate the **power of community** - a power that each of you, students, educators and parents, represents and demonstrates every day. Every one of you is an essential link in a chain of respect, understanding, kindness and collaboration. When we support one another, work together and share common experiences, something greater than ourselves is created: **a true sense of togetherness**.

Values such as cooperation and community spirit are not simply skills; they are attitudes to life. They remind us that real strength takes shape **when "I" becomes "we"**. Meaningful change never starts with just one person. A community becomes stronger when its members act and care for a **shared purpose**. When a simple act of love and kindness can **bring the Wish of a child with a critical illness to life**, it reminds that child that they are not alone.



Get your own WishStar again this year with a symbolic donation of 2€ and help us grant wishes to children diagnosed with critical illnesses. Together, we can show them the strength of belonging and the power of community!

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