

WISHSTAR PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION GUIDE



Here. For you!



Make-A-Wish
Give the Gift of Hope

30
YEARS FULL OF WISHES

Make-A-Wish Greece

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

Here for you.

When we are together,

We dream.

We create.

We learn.

We conquer our fears.

We give strength to one another.

**Because TOGETHER makes every
Wish stronger.**



WishStar Programme

The **WishStar** begins its 28th journey with all of you — teachers, students and parents — travelling alongside it.

Every year, with your valuable support, we manage to grant wishes for children living with critical illnesses. That is why this year, we are talking about the power of the community. When we support one another, when we work together and share common experiences, something greater than ourselves is created: the feeling of "togetherness". Cooperation and community spirit are not simply skills, but attitudes to life. They teach us how true strength takes shape when "I" becomes "we".

With a symbolic donation of €2, you contribute to granting wishes for children with critical illnesses and receive a paper WishStar as a keepsake. On its detachable part, you can write messages of strength and optimism. You can share these messages with your loved ones or return them to us for the wish kids.

**TOGETHER we can reach every child facing
a critical illness in Greece.**





Despina's wish

Two years ago, we met Despina for the first time. Shy but lively, she did not stop playing with the fairies throughout our visit. She confided to the fairies that some of her favorite moments are when she watches movies with her parents featuring her beloved characters. When the movie begins and she sees the castle, her eyes shine with joy and anticipation for what is about to follow.

Despina was certain about her wish. She wanted to travel to that fairytale castle and meet her beloved Mickey, Minnie and Rapunzel in person.

The necessary preparations were made by the elves and fairies, Despina packed her dreamy dresses in her suitcase, and she boarded the plane. When she arrived and stood in front of the castle, her gaze was full of wonder. She felt as though the fairytale she loved so dearly was unfolding before her eyes.

The moments she experienced were truly unforgettable. She met her favorite characters, exchanged smiles and hugs with them, played endlessly, enjoyed herself wholeheartedly, and cheered during the parades with joy. In the evening, as fireworks lit up the night sky, Despina stood watching in awe, as if she wanted to keep every spark safely in her heart. There, in front of her beloved castle, surrounded by lights and music, Despina was glowing brighter than any star. It was her moment — she was living her dream!

Even months after her wish was granted, the magic of the castle still lives on in Despina's heart. Looking back at the photos and keepsakes from the three unforgettable days she spent at the park with her family, she relives the moments that made her dream come true.



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.



Implementation Process



Inform

Students and parents using the informational material of the project. You can find it online at www.wishstar.gr. For printed material, please contact us at schools@makeawish.gr or +90 210 9637 667.



How many WishStars will you need?

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



Place your order

online or by phone. Visit wishstar.gr and select "Online School Order".



Order preparation

The WishStar Team prepares your order right away, which is delivered within 7 days, free of charge. The package includes WishStars 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.



Completion and receipt of the e-Thank-you

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

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

For orders placed by phone or email, the donation contributes to the wish that is in priority at that specific time.



Useful Material for Teachers StarClass

We invite you to visit our StarClass at www.wishstar.gr

In this section, you will find educational resources created to help you share the work of Make-A-Wish Greece and communicate the meaningful message of the WishStar Programme. Although our team is small and cannot visit every school in person, we are happy to support you by providing educational material adapted to each educational level. In this way, we hope to help you bring the WishStar's message closer to every child. Our primary aim is to inform, inspire and actively engage school communities through age-appropriate educational resources.

Through a fairytale, worksheets, videos, presentations and suggested activities, you can speak with your students about values such as volunteering, giving, empathy and mutual support, while drawing inspiration from the Organization's work and your school's participation in the WishStar Programme.



How you can use the WishStar

Below you will find suggested dates and activities that you can use to implement the WishStar Programme at your school.

1 Decorate your class or school Christmas tree – or a traditional Christmas boat

with WishStars, to celebrate International Volunteer Day (5 December) or as part of your school's Christmas celebration.



2 Create a WishStar Wall at your school, where every student can place their own star with an encouraging message to share with their classmates. Dedicate this wall to the stars and to your own wishes during your school's Student Awareness Week or in April, as part of Make-A-Wish World Wish Month. Join us in celebrating the 47th anniversary of Chris's first wish – the very first wish ever granted world-wide.



3 Write an optimistic message on the detachable section of the WishStar, or share a phrase that has given you strength. On International Childhood Cancer Day on 15 February, the Easter holidays or your school's Graduation Ceremony, dedicate some time to writing these messages. You may then return them to us, so that they can be shared with wish kids.





The WishStar is here...for the Wishes!

I wish to have a mobile phone

Thalia, 17
type 1 diabetes

Thalia is one of those rare children whose character and way of thinking truly stand out. With remarkable organization and dedication to everything she loves, she manages to balance her many activities without ever losing sight of what truly matters. She has embraced her contrasts, and it is exactly these qualities that make her so special and unique.

Her wish was to have a state-of-the-art mobile phone, both to pursue her passion for photography, and, most importantly, to help her monitor her blood sugar levels.

On the day her wish came true, Thalia, together with her family and the wish fairies, went bowling and enjoyed every moment wholeheartedly. Between strikes, laughter and playful teasing, she suddenly found herself standing in front of a pile of beautifully wrapped gifts, completely surprised. She had not expected to receive not only the mobile phone, but also all the necessary accessories, along with many other wonderful gifts. Her happiness was so radiant that she was truly glowing.

It was a beautiful experience that she will remember forever, as it marked the beginning of a new chapter in her life.

I wish to go to Playmobil Fun Park

Michalis, 10
Hodgkin lymphoma

"It was much more than we expected! Michalis enjoyed every single moment. Being outdoors all the time and not having to wear a mask made him feel carefree again — as if he were finally living something he had been dreaming of for months while he was in the hospital. The trip to Playmobil Fun Park was truly unique and exciting."

With these words, Michalis's parents described his Wish Journey — an experience that felt like a fairytale.

Michalis is a bright child who loves football, YouTube and the Avengers — but above all, he loves the world of Playmobil. His collection is so large that it can barely fit in the house. So, when the time came for him to share his wish with us, he knew exactly what he wanted: to visit Playmobil Fun Park in Nuremberg.

From the moment Michalis and his family walked through the park gates, his joy was indescribable. He explored the themed areas, admired collectible and iconic Playmobil figures, and touched the large, impressive models. His smile did not fade for a single moment.

In the evening, the experience became even more magical. The family stayed in a room inside the park, designed like a real pirate ship. Ship-shaped beds, sails, treasure chests and steering wheels created a setting that made Michalis and his brother feel like little sailors living their very own adventure story.

Michalis became a carefree kid once again — and that was the greatest gift his wish could offer. It was a journey he will never forget.

I wish to have a birthday party

Olga, 4
beta-thalassemia

Despite her young age, Olga is dynamic, determined and incredibly strong. Whatever obstacles she may face, she always keeps moving forward without giving up. Her family holds a very special place in her heart, and she wants to spend as much time with them as possible. She loves celebrations, laughter and moments that bring everyone together. That is why, for her birthday, her wish was to have a big party with all the people who stood by her side and helped her grow stronger every day.

On the day of the party, Olga had been excited since the very morning. As soon as she arrived at the venue and saw the pink balloons and bows, her face lit up with joy.

Children and adults immediately joined in the fun. Laughter filled the air, while Olga ran happily from one activity to another. She painted, danced and played nonstop.

The party was filled with shades of pink, just as Olga loves them. The venue looked as though it had come straight out of her own fairytale.

Throughout the celebration, her smile did not fade for a single moment. That evening will remain forever engraved in her heart.





Creative Contest

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

Entries are collective and fall into the following categories:

Song

Turn music into a message of giving and create your own original song, with a maximum duration of 3:00 minutes and copyright-free.



Creative Design

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



Creative Writing

Students from nursery and primary schools can write a poem of up to 150 words, while students from secondary and high schools can write a text with a maximum limit of 300 words.



Design your Star

With colors, imagination and teamwork, collectively create your own star on the printed template.

Attention!

1. No names or faces of minors and adults should be mentioned in any category
2. The use of any AI (artificial intelligence) tools is not permitted.



Submission Procedure

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



Competition Timeline

Submission of entry files: 02/02/2027 – 01/04/2027

Announcement of results: 14/05/2027

Winner's award ceremony: October 2027

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

For more information, visit the **Competition** page at wishstar.gr or scan the QR Code.



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300 children waiting can believe in
the Power of a Wish!

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order for the WishStar.



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