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### Healing Hearts and Spirits

“Stage IV cancer,” some of the scariest words a family can hear. In 1995, at the age of six, local wish kid Steven was diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer. He faced difficult years of treatment, but his life transformed in 1997 when his wish to meet Dan Marino of the Miami Dolphins came true. The wish brought Steven a hope that he had been missing for years.

Today, Steven is a happy and healthy 30-year-old, and his family can still trace the impact of his wish on their lives. Steven’s mom, Betsy, serves on the board of directors for Make-A-Wish Mid-Atlantic and is committed to bringing the power of a wish to other families in need. Betsy shared, “Make-A-Wish brought light, hope and huge smiles back into our world.”

TODAY!



## SHARE THE IMPACT OF A WISH

Connect with us on social media for the latest wish stories, videos, information on upcoming events and more.



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## Make-A-Wish® MID-ATLANTIC

*Together, we create life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses.*

Contact us today!

301.962.WISH(9474) | midatlantic.wish.org

*Transform lives,  
one wish at  
a time.*



*I wish to meet and ride a unicorn*

**Eden, 5**  
Upper Marlboro, MD  
cancer

Make-A-Wish®  
MID-ATLANTIC

WISH  
SOCIETY™

## One wish makes a difference.

Since 1983, Make-A-Wish® Mid-Atlantic has enriched the lives of local children with critical illnesses. Our mission reflects the life-changing impact that a Make-A-Wish experience has on children, families and communities. According to research, a wish experience leads to increased emotional and physical health, giving children something to look forward to and something positive to remember. Wishes help replace fear with confidence, sadness with joy and anxiety with hope during a time when it's needed the most.

### JOIN THE WISH SOCIETY™

Loyal donors, life-changing wishes — all in support of our inspiring wish kids!

The Wish Society recognizes individual donors whose cumulative annual giving meets or exceeds \$1,000 each fiscal year.\* Wish Society members receive recognition, communications and special invitations, which may include opportunities to be part of local wishes.

One wish makes a difference. And to grant each wish, Make-A-Wish Mid-Atlantic truly relies on the collective philanthropy of our local community and amazing donors.

Together, we create life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses.

*\*The Wish Society recognizes generous individual and family foundation donors whose cumulative annual gifts total \$1,000 or more, where no tangible benefits are received. Wish Society membership renews annually; Make-A-Wish Mid-Atlantic's fiscal year runs from September 1 to August 31.*



Learn how you can impact children with critical illnesses, like Eden, Steven and Susannah today.

Visit [MidatlanticWishSociety.org](http://MidatlanticWishSociety.org), email [development@midatlantic.wish.org](mailto:development@midatlantic.wish.org) or call 301.962.9474(WISH) to become a member today.

## Why Wishes Matter

89% 

of surveyed nurses, doctors, social workers and child life specialists believe wishes can positively influence physical health

79% 

of adult former wish kids say their wish experience marked a turning point in their treatment and recovery

71% 

of adult former wish kids believe their wish experience helped save their lives

92% 

of volunteers said wishes make them want to keep helping others

*I wish to go swim with dolphins*

**Susannah, 11**  
Alexandria, VA  
heart condition

