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Thank you for your support of Make-A-Wish® New Jersey through the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Darts for Dreams Dart-a-thon! Your efforts have totaled \$28,157.00 and have funded the wishes of five children! It is my honor to tell you a little more about their wishes:

*John is a seven-year-old boy, who was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoid Leukemia. He loves playing computer board games, the color red, eating mashed potatoes and eating chocolate. His favorite television show is Playhouse Disney and he loves shopping at Target. In his spare time he likes to play and read. When Make-A-Wish volunteers visited John and his family, they asked him the one magical question, "If you could have one wish, what would it be?" He wished to go to Disney World because he wants to meet his favorite character, Mickey Mouse!*

*Adam is a three-year-old boy, who was diagnosed with a life-threatening congenital cardiac condition. He loves the color red, playing games, cars, and trucks. His favorite movie is Cars and he loves to watch Mickey Mouse Clubhouse. When our volunteers visited Adam and his family, they asked him the one magical question, where he wished to go to Disney World because he wants to meet Mickey Mouse and the Neverland Pirates!*

*This summer, John, Adam and their families were whisked away to Disney World in Orlando, Florida. While there, they stayed at Give Kids the World village, a special area near Disney World reserved specifically for wish children, like John and Adam, and their families. At the village, our wish children are treated to amenities, such as late night ice cream service, a handicapped accessible pool and characters reading them bedtime stories, just to name a few. During their time in the parks, our children are treated like VIPs! They wear a special button and go straight to the front of the line on all the rides, shows, character meet-and-greets and other park attractions. Our families also have the opportunity to visit Universal Studios and Sea World where their VIP treatment continues!*

*Shawn is a 17-year-old boy, who was diagnosed with Germinoma. He enjoys shopping at EB Games, playing video games, and watching the New York Yankees and the New York Jets. When Make-A-Wish volunteers visited with Shawn and his family, they asked that one magical question, where he wished for a Play Station 4, television, games and a headset because he loves gaming! This summer, Shawn's wish*



came true when our volunteers presented him with just what he asked for. He received a Play Station 4 complete with entertainment center, Ear Force PX4 gaming headset, 42" LG Smart HDTV and games.

Joseph is an 11-year-old boy, who was diagnosed with leukemia. He enjoys watching the movie Thor, the baseball player Derek Jeter and the New York Yankees. When our volunteers visited Joseph and his family, he wished to go on a Mediterranean Cruise to see where his family came from! Joseph's wish came true this summer when he and his family were whisked away to Barcelona, Spain for their once-in-a-lifetime trip to begin! Once in Barcelona, they boarded the Royal Caribbean cruise ship for a 7-day cruise, traveling to various parts of Italy, France and Spain! They had access to all of the amenities onboard and were able to sightsee at all of the ports.

Adrienne is a 16-year-old girl, who was diagnosed with a life-threatening congenital disorder. She loves the band One Direction, shopping at Aeropostle, the movie Frozen and the television show Pit Bulls and Parolees. When our volunteers visited Adrienne and her family, she wished to go to Villalobos Rescue Center in New Orleans, Louisiana because she loves pit bulls and wants to see where her favorite television show is filmed! While there, Adrienne and her family were able to tour New Orleans and had the most wonderful time meeting staff of the Villalobos Rescue Center. She received a tour of the Villalobos Rescue Center, was able to see a new litter of puppies and was told the background of all the dogs.

Your generous support gave John, Shawn, Adrienne, Joseph and Adam the opportunity to create memories that their families will cherish forever.

Once again, thank you for helping us restore hope, strength and joy to the lives of wish children and for sharing the power of a wish®!

With warm wishes,

*Kristina Maglietta*

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Director of External Events

Thank you so much for your support over the years & for making you more wishes come true! I'm looking forward to the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual!







Dear Make-A-Wish,

Everything was AMAZING!! The whole Mediterranean region is AWESOME. We got off the ship at almost every port. Did a couple of excursions (1 in Rome and 1 in Cannes, France, the others we just got off the ship and did our own thing). On our trip into Rome, we spent the 2nd half of the excursion at the Vatican. We just missed seeing Pope Francis say a mass by about 1 hour. Had this excursion gone into the Vatican first, we could have been part of that mass and see him in person.

Norwegian Cruise Line is the best! From the moment we checked in at the dock in Barcelona to the time we left the ship a week later, they made us (especially Joey) feel special. Each day, they had activities planned for us on board. Like seeing the Blue Man Group and sitting in the front row, then meeting them and getting a signed picture. We then were able to meet the Captain and the first mate and were able to take a personal tour of the Norwegian Epic with the hotel director. Joey even enjoyed being an Executive Chef (with his siblings) for an afternoon. All in all it was a completely amazing experience.

One of the best things was waking up each day in a new place. The whole family had a great experience.

Thanks a lot!!

Chris  
*Joey's Dad*



