

**Make-A-Wish®**

**New Jersey**

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Greater Trenton Dart League

Dear Gary,

On behalf of Make-A-Wish® New Jersey, I would like to thank you for your commitment to our mission and your generous contribution through the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Darts for Dreams Dart-a-thon. This year your efforts have totaled \$48,000.00, and have fully funded Catharine's wish to go to England, Brima's wish to go to the Walt Disney World® Resort, Nico's wish to go the Nickelodeon Resort in Punta Cana, and Jaxson's wish to go to the Atlantis Resort in the Bahamas. It is my honor to tell you a little more their wishes:

*Catharine is an eighteen-year-old girl from Mercer County. Like many other girls her age, Catharine loves Julie Andrews, Taylor Swift, ice cream, Boston cream pie, and gymnastics. Her favorite color is purple and she loves animals, especially cats. In her free time, Catharine enjoys playing Yhatzee, crafting with beads, and watching her favorite animated movie, Despicable Me. However, unlike most kids her age, Catharine has an endocrine disorder. When our volunteers visited Catharine and her family, they asked her the one magical question, "If you could have one wish, what would it be?" Catharine wished to go to England because her mother is from England and she wanted to see how her mom grew up, see farmland, go horseback riding, and sightsee! In the summer, Catharine's wish was granted when she and her family were whisked away to beautiful England. They stayed in the a charming log cabin, went horseback riding, and visited the lake country that is the setting of Catharine's favorite book, Swallows and Amazons. While visiting, Catharine got to steer the yacht in the harbour of Peel Island! Catharine said that her experience was "even better than she had dreamed of!"*

*Brima is a six-year-old girl from Mercer County who has been diagnosed with a kidney tumor. She loves the color red, apples, Starburst candy, and birds. In her free time, Brima enjoys basketball, drawing, and reading her favorite book, Brown Bear Brown Bear. When our volunteers visited Brima and asked her that one magical question, "If you could have one wish, what would it be?" Brima wished to go to the Walt Disney World® Resort because she loves the Disney characters and wants to sign and dance along with them! In the summer summer, Brima's wish was granted when she and her family were whisked away to Orlando, Florida where they will stay at Give Kids the World Village - a special area near Disney, reserved specifically for wish children. While staying there, our wish children are treated like VIPS to amenities such as 24-hour ice cream service, character meet-and-greets, having characters read them bedtime stories, as well as being able to jump to the front of every line at all of the Disney parks with a special button! Our wish children also have the opportunity to visit Universal Studios and Sea World, where their VIP treatment continues!*

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*Nico is a six-year-old boy from Mercer County. Like many other boys his age, Nico loves the Power Rangers, macaroni and cheese, ice cream, and sour candy. His favorite color is red and his favorite animals are dogs! In his free time, Nico loves to play football, climb on the swingset, and swim in the pool. However, unlike most kids his age, Nico has an autoimmune disorder. When Make-A-Wish volunteers visited with Nico and his family, they asked him that one magical question, "If you could have one wish, what would it be?" Nico wished to go to the Nickelodeon Resort in Punta Cana because he loves Nickelodeon, wants to get "slimed" like the kids do on the show, and the stay in the Pineapple! In the summer, Nico's wish came true when he and his family were whisked away to the tropical island of Punta Cana! A special surprise was waiting for Nico when they arrived at the Nickelodeon Resort; he and his family were staying in, none-other than, the exclusive Pineapple Suite modeled after Spongebob Squarepants' aquatic home! Nico could hardly contain his excitement! Nico and his family enjoyed all that the oceanside kid's resort had to offer, and Nico even got to have his very own private "slime" experience! The experiences were everything that Nico's family hoped for and more!*

*Jaxson is an eight-year-old boy from Mercer County who has been diagnosed with a genetic disorder. He loves chocolate, macaroni and cheese, superheroes, and the color blue. In his free time, he enjoys collecting bugs, creating art, and reading his favorite book Where the Wild Things Are. When our volunteers visited Jaxson and his family, they asked him the one magical question, "If you could have one wish, what would it be?" Jaxson wished to go to the Atlantis Resort in the Bahamas because he wanted to swim with the dolphins, and spend time on the beach in the sun with his family. In the summer, Jaxson's wish came true when he and his family were whisked away to Paradise Island! The family was appointed a room with a beautiful view and extra-special amenities. Jaxson had a wonderful time during his private experience swimming with the dolphins and he and his family loved soaking up the sun and making memories in the crystal blue water.*

Your generous support gave Catharine, Brima, Nico, and Jaxson the opportunity to create memories with their families that they 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,

Emily Schonberg

Manager of External Events