

WISH NEWS



I WISH TO GO TO AUSTRALIA!!!

"If you could have any wish in the entire world, what would it be?"

That was the topic of discussion that went around the table as Molly and her family celebrated her upcoming trip to Australia, thanks to the Make-A-Wish Foundation[®] of Connecticut.

When Molly was diagnosed with a life-threatening medical condition, she knew that the road to recovery would be a long one. Her condition would bring on hospital visits and medical treatments that would be very difficult for a teenage girl to bear.

"Molly missed her eighth grade graduation, and her entire freshman year of high school," mom said. "She had hair down to her waist, and she lost it all. For Molly's sisters to have to see her go through treatment, lose her hair...it has just been a year of a lot of rough times."

When the opportunity to be granted a wish by the Make-A-Wish Foundation was presented to Molly, a new sense of hope came over the entire family. And as for Molly...she knew exactly what to wish for. With a love of Oceanography, Molly wished to go to Australia and see the Great Barrier Reef! And out of all the amazing experiences, the highlight of Molly's trip was getting to snorkel a section of its 2,900 individual reefs.

"It was box jelly fish season there, so they close all the beaches from October through May," Molly said. "We had to wear full body wetsuits so that we would be safe!"

Poisonous jellyfish weren't the only close encounter on the reef. There were sharks as well!

Among other things, Molly and her family were able to hold koalas, feed kangaroos, and visit a rainforest.

"The whole time I kept repeating, "I can't believe I'm in Australia!" We had a year of really bad memories, and it's really nice to have them replaced with a lot of really good and exciting memories as a family."

- Molly's Mom

Molly's love of Oceanography made choosing her Wish easy. Her favorite experience was sailing out into the ocean on a glass-bottom boat and submerging herself with the thousands of sea creatures who call the Great Barrier Reef home.

For Molly, experiencing one of the seven Natural Wonders of the World was a wish come true!



Molly with her Wish Granting Volunteers, Linda and Christina



Hero Parade

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“Evening of Wishes” Gala A Monumental Success!!!

On Saturday, April 30th, over 700 people joined together in the Uncas Ballroom of Mohegan Sun to celebrate 25 years of making wishes come true for Connecticut kids.

The event included dinner, dancing, and live and silent auction items to bid on, but that was not all.

The inspiring program was hosted by FOX CT Morning News Anchor Sarah French and CBS Radio’s “Voice of the UConn Huskies” Joe D’Ambrosio. Dinner was created and presented live by renowned Chef Todd English. And best of all, six different Wish Families shared their stories of hope, strength and joy to an audience filled with tears and applause.

Among all the emotion and power of the evening was another great feat: the event grossed \$400,000—a record-setting achievement!

25 years and 2000 wishes after the first Connecticut Wish, a very special thanks is expressed for the support of the Gala committee and chairs, the staff, volunteers, and Board of Directors, and most importantly,
ALL OF YOU!