



Volunteer Connection

The Rainbow Report - January, 2019

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make dreams come true for 143 Michigan children in 2018! Over 490 volunteers donated almost 5,000 hours of volunteer service last year alone.



Additionally, The Rainbow Connection was awarded Charity Navigator's highest 4-star rating for the seventh consecutive year. This is an honor achieved by only 5% of rated charities. Our volunteers are a big part of making this possible. Thank you!

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

Reply to this email to sign-up or get more information!



Clash for a Cause

Youth Hockey Competition benefiting TRC

Saturday, January 26th
Lakeland Arena - Waterford, MI
6:30-9:30 pm

Volunteers are needed to help with raffle sales and event activities.



Movie Marathon is back!

Saturday, February 23rd
Imagine Theater-Royal Oak
8 am-12 noon, 12 noon-4 pm and 4-8 pm

Volunteers are needed to help with registration and food service.

Volunteer Spotlight

Wish Child - Nadine

We are grateful to so many of our wish children who, as they get older, look to support our mission through fundraising and/or volunteering. Nadine is a 15-year cancer survivor who went on her wish trip to Disney with her family in 2002. She shared that "going on this trip made me forget about the cancer, the nurses, the doctors, the needles, the shots and my hair loss. There, I got to be a kid. The Rainbow Connection made my wish come true and the memories I made are irreplaceable!"



At the end of 2018, Nadine decided to pursue her dream of giving back to those who helped her along her cancer journey. She started a Go Fund Me page with a goal of raising \$5,000 to sponsor the wish of another child.

We are thrilled to report that Nadine not only met her goal, but surpassed it by double! With Nadine's help, The Rainbow Connection will be able to grant the wishes of two Michigan children battling a life-threatening medical condition!

Thank you, Nadine, for your dedication and passion to give back to others in such a meaningful way. You are an inspiration to us all! To read more about Nadine's story [Click Here](#).

From the Wish Department

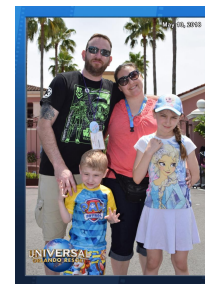


Mason Meets the *Despicable Me* Minions

Mason always dreamed of meeting the Disney Minions and last year his wish came true! Mason's mom shared that he was ecstatic to meet the Minions and still looks at pictures that were taken of him and the characters. The whole family enjoyed all of the theme parks and seeing Mason's favorite animals up close in Animal

Kingdom!

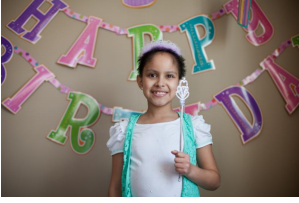
Mason and his big sister, Paige, loved staying at Give Kids the World and taking advantage of all the amenities. Swimming in the big pool with all the other kids was a family favorite! Like many of our wish families, Mason's wish trip was his family's first family vacation!



[Click here](#) to donate and make more dreams like Mason's come true.

Happy January Birthday!

Robert Allen * Julie Barnett * Daryl Blackburn * Joshua Brennan
JoAnne Buiteweg * Cynthia Cannon * Gabrielle Caster
Jordan Drogo * Amanda Erhardt * Beth Gingery * Marissa Gongora
Diana Haynes * Sybil Kuffa * Pamela Lagodna * Lisa Latiff



Joel Love * Michelle Michailuk * Joanne Nelson * Laura Pauwels
Rosemary Peralta * Luke Pontz * Kathleen Pusz * Allison Quigley
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