A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

WHAT'S SO SPECIAL ABOUT A WISH?

What's so special about a wish? To most of us, it's just a dream, an idea that we would like to accomplish at some point in time. To be a Make-A-Wish child and to us at the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Philadelphia, it's a command...our job. The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Philadelphia is two years old. We have fulfilled or assisted in making 35 wishes come true for our children. What a warm and wonderful experience - an experience you cannot feel unless you live with it. Think about it...

A little girl in a wheelchair whose dream has always been to be a ballerina but of course could never be or could she? Imagine, on stage at the Philadelphia Academy of Music - the orchestra playing the Nutcracker Suite. At the same time, the Philadelphia Ballet is going through a complete run-through of the performance together with our little girl of 12 years old. She is given a pink tutu and ballet slippers. As her dream becomes real...with a grin from ear to ear, she imagines dancing with the ballet through one sequence...as a member of the Philadelphia Ballet. She has never walked a day in her life...let alone dance. She has muscular dystrophy, a disease that is life-threatening. We received a call from our Washington D.C. Chapter asking us to help make a dream come true for a little girl. Make A Wish of Philadelphia went into action immediately. We made arrangements for a driver and a special van equipped with lifting ability and made contact with the Philadelphia Ballet and the Philadelphia Orchestra. Each time we asked for something, we got "yes...we will help". The next thing you know, our little girl is at the ballet and a dream is coming true. She dances, dances, dances...

The ballet ends and she goes backstage and gives a bouquet of roses to the ballerina, and at the same time without knowing about it...the ballerina hands a dozen roses to her. Her smile and emotions couldn't be bigger. For one day out of her life nothing hurts. Life is thrilling and she is a ballerina. And that is what is so special about a wish. We had no research to do except to find the best possible solution to granting the wish; we had no long range plans except tomorrow morning and no red tape to go through except for the required papers that the parents and doctors must sign.

Our wish is to get people to help us to make more wishes come true. Please help us by volunteering and help us by finding children so we can help them make their wish come true. That's What's So Special About A Wish...

Thank You

Sidney A. Friedman
President

Board of Directors......1989

Sidney A. Friedman.......President
Rosemary Molette........Secretary
Neil B. Godick, CPA.......Treasurer
Krista Kelleher
Friedrich.................Vice President/Chairperson, Wish
Interviews
Frank J. Fosbre, III.....Vice President/Chairperson, Wish
Granting
Rosemary Molette.......Vice Chairperson, Wish Granting
Neil B. Godick, CPA.....Chairperson, Fund Raising
Jeffrey St. Amour.......Vice President/Chairperson, Public
Relations
Debra Torboss Dixon.....Vice President/Chairperson, Newsletter
Emanuel L. Sarria, Sr.....Vice President/Chairperson, Presentations
Alamond Carrisquilla.....Vice President/Chairperson, Volunteers
Carmen L. Treat, MD.....Medical Consultant
PHILOSOPHY & PURPOSE

The Make A Wish Foundation of Philadelphia is a non-profit, volunteer organization whose purpose is to grant the "wishes" of children between the ages of 2 1/2 and 18 who are suffering from life-threatening illnesses. Granting a sick child's very special wish provides a joyful and meaningful experience that benefits both the child and the family. It is our heartfelt hope that with the doctors providing the medicine, and Make A Wish providing the magic, together, we can create a miracle.

The wish of every youngster is different, reflecting the profound and personal sense of being that is uniquely his or hers. Whether the child wishes to take a hot air balloon ride, visit with a favorite sports hero, or spend several fun-filled days in Disney World, Make A Wish does everything possible to ensure that the wish becomes a reality and that the experience is one that the entire family will forever remember and cherish.

HISTORY

Incorporated in 1986, the Make A Wish Foundation of Philadelphia is one of over 60 chapters nationwide which represents the Make A Wish Foundation of America. This national organization, based in Phoenix, Arizona, originated after a small group of citizens fulfilled the dream of a dying youngster who wished to become a State Trooper. Since this time, over 5,000 children across the United States have had their wishes granted.

ADMINISTRATION & FUNDING

The Philadelphia Chapter is currently governed by a Board of Directors comprised of Philadelphia & New Jersey residents. Volunteer committees assist in all phases of the Foundation's work. Make A Wish relies solely upon individual, group, and corporate donations for its financial support. We also rely heavily upon the donation of goods and services to meet the needs of specific wishes. No director receives compensation for his or her work; administrative expenses are kept at a minimum. Our first priority is to use contributions for the granting of wishes.

MAKE A WISH PRESENTATIONS AVAILABLE AT YOUR REQUEST

Make A Wish Foundation of Philadelphia has trained volunteers available as speakers for all clubs, organizations, meetings and/or special events. These presentations afford us the opportunity to spread the news about Make A Wish.

Our speakers have appeared before school assemblies, service clubs, church meetings and professional groups.

Please call us at (215) 985-0787 to schedule a speaker.

REACHING NEEDY CHILDREN

The Make A Wish Foundation of Philadelphia serves needy children in Philadelphia and adjacent counties. However, no child will be turned down because of geographical location. "Wish Children" may be referred to the Foundation by anyone, including physicians, social workers, clergymen, relatives, family friends, or the children themselves. Once Make A Wish has been contacted, a volunteer visits the family to assist them with the wish application which is completed and sent to the Board of Directors. Once approved (we have yet to receive an "impossible" wish), the wish is turned over to a special committee which makes all necessary arrangements for the wish. Our objective is to include the entire family in the wish and to make it a carefree and memorable experience for all concerned.

In Philadelphia we have completed approximately 35 wishes ranging from a trip to Disney World, a camper, TV, VCR, stereo, carriage house, guitar, to I want to be the Manager of the Phillies for a day, I want to be a ballerina, I want to meet Mr. Rogers, Hacksaw Jim Duggan or Pee Wee Herman.

For more information, please give us a call at (215) 985-0787.

Extra copies of this newsletter are available at the Make A Wish office.
MAKE A WISH FOUNDATION COMMITTEES

We welcome your participation on the committees listed below. Our only requirement is a reliable and sincere commitment to our cause. Please consider carefully before deciding how your talents may best be applied.

WISH INTERVIEW
Members of this committee make the initial visit to each child to talk to him or her about their special wish. In addition, the committee works closely with hospitals, physicians, social workers, and health support groups to ensure that information about Make A Wish is readily available to eligible families. This type of volunteer work requires sensitivity, poise, and self-confidence in a medical setting.

WISH GRANTING
These committee members have the all-important job of making the arrangements for the fulfillment of the child’s wish. One or two volunteers are designated as "Wish Manager(s)" for each wish. The Wish Manager(s) arrange every detail to ensure that the youngster’s wish is a fulfilling and carefree experience for the entire family. This job calls for conscientious attention to detail and effective organization and communication skills.

FUND-RAISING
The purpose of this committee is to ensure adequate funding for the granting of all wishes. Members participate in any or all of the following projects: ongoing solicitation for individual and group donations, fund-raisers held by outside groups, mail solicitations, and other special events held throughout the year (examples include concerts, auctions, races, and the Holiday Card Project in which corporate employees give donations to Make A Wish in lieu of gifts during the December holiday season). The effective fund-raising volunteer is one who is assertive, resourceful, and persevering.

PUBLIC RELATIONS
Members of this committee see to it that Make A Wish is a visible, well-respected organization in the community. Responsibilities include media coverage for special events and wishes (when appropriate), public service announcements, advertising, and literature. Recommended skills for committee volunteers include human relations and communication skills, creativity, and talent in the areas of writing, graphic arts, photography, and/or special promotions.

NEWSLETTER
Our chapter publishes a quarterly newsletter which is mailed to individuals and groups who have expressed an interest in Make A Wish. Members of this committee prepare articles from a variety of sources, and perform all editing, printing, and mailing services. In addition, this committee submits articles for the national newsletter which is published quarterly by the Make A Wish Foundation of America. We are looking for volunteers with writing/editing talent and clerical skills.

PRESENTATION
Members of this committee arrange and conduct special presentations to various groups. Audiences may include service groups (i.e., Kiwanis, Rotary, Women’s Clubs, etc.), corporate boards, foundation directors, health groups, etc. The presentation may include the distribution of literature, a short speech, a videotape viewing, and a question and answer period. This type of volunteer work requires enthusiasm, self-confidence, and the ability to present our cause in an effective, sincere manner.

VOLUNTEERS
This committee serves as a clearinghouse for all inquiries and offers regarding volunteer work. Committee members maintain volunteer files and give updated information regarding specific volunteer talent to the appropriate committee chairpersons. Desirable skills for committee volunteers include human relations skills, organization, and a desire to work with a wide variety of people.
Even though it is every little boy's dream, very few ever grow up to play professional baseball for their hometown team.

Brian Kaiser of Roxborough, PA had a dream that he would one day play for the Philadelphia Phillies. When Brian was nine, he was stricken with Duchennes Muscular Dystrophy and confined to a wheelchair. However, his handicap only increased his love for the Phillies. Now, four years later, Brian wanted to do more than play beside his favorite players; he wanted to manage the Phillies for a game at Veterans Stadium.

Through Brian's therapist, Make A Wish in Philadelphia was contacted to try to make his wish come true. Although we felt that it might be difficult for Brian to be manager of the Phillies, we thought - why not? no one else was having much luck! So we got to work, and with lots of help from Governor Robert Casey, The Phillies, KTV Channel 3's sports department, and Evening Magazine, Brian and his family were ready for the big day.

The day began early, about four hours before game time, as we met in the executive parking lot of the Phillies. Brian was excited as we entered the elevator that led to the stadium upstairs, however, he had no fear of cameras when the Evening Magazine crew arrived. He told them all about his wish, along with his opinions on how to improve the Phillies, all in one take.

The Evening Magazine reporters also spent time with Brian's parents, his younger brother Michael - also struck with M.D. - and Sidney Friedman, President of Make A Wish in Philadelphia. They all described Brian as a young man full of energy and courage and about how excited they all were that Brian's wish was about to come true.

Even though we were filming in the left field area, Brian could see the players coming out of the clubhouse and he was able to identify each one by their number. It was clear to every Phillies fan present that the new skipper had done his homework.

When we reached the playing field, Brian was greeted by Channel 3's Sports Director, Lou Tilley. Lou told Brian that he was going to broadcast the 6 o'clock sports report from the field so that he could introduce Brian as the Phillies Manager of the day and ask him some questions about his strategy for the game.

Before the sports report, Sidney Friedman presented Brian with his official Phillies shirt and hat, along with a surprise - a proclamation from Governor Robert Casey. Lee Elia, then Manager of the Phillies, was chosen to read the official state document that named Brian, Honorary Manager of the Philadelphia Phillies on Brian Kaiser Day.

As the Phillies' players came by to say hello, it seemed that Brian realized that this was indeed his night. Then it was on to the sports report, and a seat next to Lou Tilley and Phillies great Gary Maddox to watch the game.

Although the Houston Astros took a quick 4-0 lead, nothing could dampen Brian's spirits when the scoreboard read: "Congratulations to Brian Kaiser, The Phillies' Honorary Manager of the Day on Brian Kaiser Day." The Phillies lost Brian's managerial debut by one run, but Lou Tilley and Gary Maddox assured Brian that he did his best to keep it close.

Brian is back in high school now, trying to repeat his straight "A" performance of last year. In addition to all of the autographs collected, pictures with the players, and the segment on Evening Magazine, Brian keeps with him the memories of a very special night. Listening to Brian as he spoke to the reporters, I remember his answer when they asked him, "What would you tell the players to help them win?" He responded by saying, "I would tell them to play with more enthusiasm. I can't play, but I root them on and I never give up. If you play your best, and never give up, good things will happen."

It was good advice from a young man who has met more adversity than most of us will ever know. Brian Kaiser is the reason why people volunteer their time to help Make A Wish. In Make A Wish, you meet a lot of kids who have a special wish, and because they never give up, it's a great feeling to be able to make good things happen.
Sidney A. Friedman
President, Make-A-Wish
Philadelphia Chapter

Brian Kaiser
Honorary Phillies Manager For the Day
George

George Bannar's dream of a lifetime was to meet Charles Barkley of the Philadelphia 76ers. He idolizes the basketball star and wanted to tell him so in person. Accompanied by his mom and younger brother Steve, George attended a game and then was taken back to the locker room for the big moment. He was not disappointed. At one point, George stood up out of his wheelchair and placed his hands on Charles' shoulders (trying to see with his hands). George then said to Charles, "You are the dream of my life and I love you." It was very emotional and fulfilling to see a child's dream come true - you could feel the love and electricity in the air. Mr. Barkley could not have been nicer and was so taken with George that he invited him and his brother Steve to a practice session the following week. They each received one of the famous #34 team shirts and as you can see by the picture, have formed a wonderful friendship.

Thank you to all of the 76er's for making George's day the happiest ever!

eric

Eric Meek, age 16 from Pennsburg, PA wished to have a place of his own - a place where he could be by himself and where he could have easily accessible shelves for his personal things. His wish was for a carriage house in his backyard with a ramp connecting "his" house to the main house. Eric's wish came true! The John R. Young Co. of Perkiomenville, PA delivered a white 12' x 20' carriage house with black trim in September of 1988. The house has 4 windows, wide doors and the ramp which he requested. In talking with his mom, Shirley, Eric "came alive" when the house was delivered and "couldn't believe how big it was!"

Presently, he has a kerosene heater in the house but the plans are in the works to insulate it for year-round enjoyment. All of his toys and games are in the house and he's informed Mom that he would like his tutor to conduct all of his schooling there as well. Eric has had muscular dystrophy since age 7 and is confined to a motorized wheelchair. Good luck with your house Eric!

carl

Carl Kazinetz, age 15 from Bensalem, PA always wanted to be a police officer. But because of some complications of cancer and his eyesight, he knew that his first choice in a career could not be fulfilled. He, of course, had a second choice, which is where Make A Wish enters. Carl wanted a black with white cover Fender American Standard Stratocaster with Maple Neck and Finger Board Electric Guitar (6 string) with Tremolo Bar and Case. In August, we contacted the Philadelphia Music Company of Philadelphia and purchased exactly what he wanted. In addition, Make A Wish also purchased an amplifier and six lessons. In speaking with Mom and Dad, Dorothy and Melvin Kazinetz, Carl is seriously thinking of entering the music field and is now composing music in his room where he requires complete privacy! Carl is doing very well and is a student at Bensalem High School. We wonder when we will see Carl's name in lights! Congratulations, Carl!

graham

Graham Lowe is a delightful 3 year old diagnosed as having a brain tumor (ependymoma), whose wish was to meet Mr. Rogers. On November 1st, his wish came true. Since Graham loves trains, we arranged for transportation to Pittsburgh via Amtrak for he and his family and a stay in a hotel which is surrounded by trains! Graham went to the television studio where Mr. Rogers "lives". After a trip through the "Land of Make Believe" and a wonderful visit with Mr. Rogers, Graham returned home by train. His wish was further enhanced by the gifts of an engineer's cap, a train whistle, a bank and a bear given to him by the Cadden family of Philadelphia. We thank them for their generosity in granting Graham's wish! Graham's mom wrote to us when she returned and told us how gracious and hospitable Mr. Rogers and his staff were. Graham is much stronger and can now crawl by himself for short distances and can walk just holding onto fingers. "It's possible", she said, "that the trip helped his recovery."

Our "wish" is for his continued good health!
**Our Stars**

**Frank**

Frank DeAntonio, III, age 6 from Carbondale, PA wanted desperately to go to Disney World and meet Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck. Last May, Frankie was diagnosed as having acute lymphoblastic leukemia and has undergone continued chemotherapy to fight the disease. In June, we talked with Frankie about his wish and in August, Make A Wish of Philadelphia and Give Kids the World Foundation of Kissimee, Florida granted his wish.

According to his mom, Jeannine Gillott, Frankie and his family couldn't have been treated nicer. From the moment they arrived in Orlando to the moment they left, they were treated like royalty. Frankie was greeted upon arrival by a local seniors group with a big sign welcoming him and they presented him with a Mickey Mouse doll. They stayed at Stouffers Sea World and had dinner at King Henry's Feast where the court jester gave him extra special attention. They were given VIP treatment at all attractions and Frankie's name was at every desk in EPCOT awaiting his arrival.

Best of all, he had breakfast with Minnie, Goofy, Pluto, The Chipmunks and others. As Frankie's Mom said, "They made him feel special, not odd". Aside from a nasty case of the chicken pox, Frankie is doing well!

**Aida**

What would you do if you were 11 years old and met face to face with your favorite celebrity? "I froze" said Aida Cruza from Kenner, Louisiana. Aida was referred to us by our Mississippi Chapter who informed us that Aida's wish was to meet Hacksaw Jim Duggan at the World Wrestling Federation event at the Spectrum on May 21, 1988. Aida, along with her mother Aida Mercado and brothers Luis and Carlos Negron arrived in Philadelphia on May 19 and returned to New Orleans on May 22. During their visit, they stayed at the Holiday Inn (18th and Market), took a carriage ride through Society Hill, visited the Franklin Institute, shopped at John Wanamakers and took the subway to different sites in Philadelphia. When Aida finally met Hacksaw Jim Duggan backstage with her mom, she couldn't believe how big he was and she froze! When they finally talked, she said he was wonderful. She found out he used to live in Louisiana and told him the next time he was in town, he should give her a call. Make A Wish talked with Aida in January and found that she is feeling well and still gets a tingling feeling whenever she thinks of her wish. Oh, and P.S.... Hacksaw hasn't called her yet either!

**Jesse**

Jesse Swindell, age 5 from Quakertown, PA was diagnosed with a Hilms Tumor. Jesse's wish was for a camper so that he could go on vacations in his own camper. Jesse loves the outdoors and loves to go camping so this was a natural wish for him. Make A Wish was in contact with the Indian Valley Camping Center, Inc. in Souderton, PA and in August, 1988 we purchased a 1973 19' Fan Lee Line Camper with a 2 year warranty for Jesse. Mom, Tina says he just loves his camper and shows it to everyone. He sleeps in the bunk bed and thinks he is king. He feels most important when they can plan a vacation in his camper! As of printing, Jesse is doing well and is in school full time. Mom and Jesse have planned a 2 week vacation for this summer to North Carolina. Happy camping Jesse!

**Anjanette**

Six year old Anjanette Robbins' wish was to have her family see the Sesame Street Live Show in November at the Civic Center in Philadelphia. Although she couldn't attend due to a hospital stay, Mom - Nancy, Dad - Charles, sister - Rachael and brother - Charles and Julian were able to attend for her. Make A Wish provided tickets for the show, dinner and money for souvenirs and goodies. Anjanette Robbins suffered from aplastic anemia and passed away one week later. We are sure that Anjanette touched many lives and Make A Wish is glad we could grant her very unselfish wish.
nicholas and andrew
Nicholas and Andrew live in Philadelphia, PA with their parents. Both brothers have been diagnosed with muscular dystrophy and are confined to motorized wheelchairs. What wish did we have from these brothers two? “To go to Hollywood”, they said, and “meet Pee Wee Herman and/or visit Pee Wee’s Playhouse.” Next stop – Hollywood!!!
Nicholas and Andrew went on a tour of Universal Studios and then visited Pee Wee’s set. During a shooting break, Pee Wee spent some time talking with the boys. After leaving the studio, the shuttle bus driver made a special drive by the famous “Hollywood” sign. A trip to Knott’s Berry Farm rounded out their California vacation!

talia
Talia DeFalco, age 5 lives in Freeland, PA with parents Mary and Frank and brothers Frank and Craig. Talia has leukemia and attends St. John’s in Hazleton, PA. Talia’s wish was for her and her family to return to Virginia Beach and visit an arcade named Flipper McCoy’s which she visited when she was 2 1/2. She also wanted to visit Busch Gardens. On August 29, Make A Wish in Philadelphia, with the assistance of our Make A Wish office in Virginia, sent Talia and her family to Virginia, returning home on September 3. Her wish consisted of round trip airline tickets, a rental car for the duration of their stay, hotel accommodations, passes for Wild Water Rapids and Motor World and spending money for expenses at Flipper McCoy’s. Talia had a wonderful time! A local newspaper wrote an article about her visit and her trip to Flipper McCoy’s. Talia is doing well and has wonderful memories of her vacation to Virginia with her family.

daniel
Daniel Sears, 13 from Moscow, PA was referred to us by a social worker at Hospice. He had so many wishes, he couldn’t decide which the final choice would be. He finally narrowed it down to a parrot (you see, he had a tremendous knowledge of birds and had 2 cocktails already!) or an animated Etch-A-Sketch. After a talk with mom, and heavy duty thinking, Daniel decided on the Etch-A-Sketch because it was less work and he really liked to draw. So, on October 25, we sent Daniel his wish which may have turned out to be his last. For Daniel Sears passed away on November 5, 1988.
During the many conversations with Daniel we found him to be intelligent, emotional, caring, and generous (he wanted to send our Make A Wish volunteer a baby cockatiel as a companion for her dog!!). He had courage, which is rare to find, and we were lucky to have known him.

tinesha
Tinesha is a wonderful 7 year old recovering from a liver transplant. She had already been to Disney World in Florida and wanted the opportunity to compare it to Disneyland in California. Tinesha, her sister, Mom and Grandma flew to Los Angeles and then proceeded to the Magic Kingdom where Tinesha met all of her favorite Disney characters. Did she like Florida’s or California’s Disney better? She liked them both!

lateef
Lateef Abdalhaq 16, of Philadelphia was another Make A Wish child who couldn’t decide on a wish. First it was a camera, then it was a Honda Scooter and finally it became a TV and a VCR with a remote (all in one unit) so that he could watch action movies on his own equipment. Our two Make A Wish volunteers went to visit Lateef to receive his final wish and have the appropriate paperwork signed. The following day, we placed an order for the equipment – delivery to be approximately one week. Three days after meeting Lateef, he passed away – he had been suffering with leukemia. This emphasizes the urgency with which we must respond to these wishes. We know that Lateef was excited when we told him we would grant his wish and hope that his last days were a little more bearable.
...our friends

dominique

Dominique Palermo, 2 years old, wanted to see Sesame Street Live with her family - Mom, Marsh, Dad, Dominic and brother, Tyrell. Make A Wish provided the tickets, dinner and spending money. Dominique has been diagnosed with leukemia and is doing well. We hope she had a terrific time.

melissa

Melissa Ann Howell is a delightful 10-year-old young lady from Bensalem, PA who was recommended to us by her grandmother, Mrs. Helen Palermo. Her letter is shown below. On June 9, 1988, Make A Wish of Philadelphia and Give Kids the World of Kissimn, Florida stepped in. After the appropriate forms were signed and reservations were made, the Howell family, (mom - Deborah, dad - Robert, brothers - Robert and Steven, and of course Melissa!), left in July for a four-night - five-day trip to Disney World, Epcot, Sea World and King Henry's Feast vacation. Make A Wish also included a check for spending money during their stay in Orlando. Mom, Deborah wrote Make A Wish a note upon their return saying what a special time they had. Grandma, Mrs. Palermo told us that Melissa has some difficult times ahead with some additional operations scheduled, but she is sure that Melissa's memories of Disney World will help her through. Our thoughts are with you Melissa!

Fundraising Policy

It is important for the community to know that it is a Make A Wish Foundation policy that direct telephone solicitation of funds is never allowed. Other organizations do actively solicit money in this manner and may give the impression they are affiliated with the Make A Wish Foundation. Anyone contacted in this manner is urged to inform our office.

---

Joy Evans - December 9
Stephanie Lynn Lynes - December 20
Renee Sonnier - January 24
make a wish
photo gallery

Graham (center) and his family spent time in Mr. Rogers' neighborhood.

Tinesha (right) and sister Kimberly (left) get a big hug from Minnie in Disneyland.

Aida and Hacksaw Jim Duggan backstage at the Philadelphia Spectrum.
THOUGHTS TO PONDER: A GUIDE TO GOOD LIVING

- LEARN TO LAUGH. A laugh is better than medicine.
- LEARN TO ATTEND TO YOUR OWN BUSINESS. Few people can handle their own well.
- LEARN TO TELL A STORY. A well-told story is like a sunbeam in the sick room.
- LEARN TO SAY KIND THINGS. Nobody ever resents them.
- LEARN TO STOP GRUMBLING. If you can't see any good in the world, keep the bad to yourself.
- LEARN TO RECEIVE CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM. That is the only way to learn and change and grow.
- LEARN TO PLACE YOURSELF IN THE OTHER PERSON'S POSITION BEFORE CONDEMNING. It might change your whole outlook.

Here's Jessie waving to the Make A Wish Foundation in front of his new camper. This picture was taken at Lake Wallenpoupack in the Poconos.

Here's George with his new friend Charles Barkley at a practice session.

Frankie (left) and step-brother J.P. Gillet (right) having breakfast with Pluto. Looks like a good time!
On Saturday, September 17, 1988, a Golf Tournament was held by the Cadden family and friends in memory of their loved one Charlie Cadden. Following golf, a buffet along with awards was held at the home of Jack Augustine in Lafayette Hill. All proceeds from the outing went to the Make A Wish Foundation of Philadelphia to sponsor a child’s wish, preferably a child suffering from the same illness as Charlie Cadden. This year’s recipient was Graham Lowe, whose granted wish is noted in our “Kids” section.

If you would be interested in hosting or sponsoring a memorial benefit, please contact us at Make A Wish at (215) 985-0787. We will be glad to offer suggestions or assist in any way possible.

On September 27th, Thomas Bernard/Louis Christian Coiffers transformed the Garden State Race Track into a “Midnight Carnivale” fall fashion production to benefit the Make A Wish Foundation in Philadelphia.

Thomas Bernard/Louis Christian, along with McManus Productions, treated over 1100 guests to a night where fantasy and fashion ruled. Both professional and amateur models followed the direction of choreographer Carol Gorman of Dancebeat to make the fashions of fifteen area retailers come alive on stage.

A check for over $9000 was presented to Make A Wish by Thomas Bernard/Louis Christian from the proceeds of the event. Also, all of the 1100 people who attended this event were made very aware of Make A Wish by everyone who worked with Thomas Bernard/Louis Christian.

Very special thanks to Thomas Bernard, Louis Christian, Denise Foschini and everyone who worked on this event. Everyone from Make A Wish will anxiously wait for the next gala event organized by Thomas Bernard/Louis Christian.

Make A Wish Foundation of Philadelphia is the recipient of a $2,000 donation from The Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company. The donation, made on behalf of area sales representative Bernard I. Waters,CLU, is the result of a program of The Phoenix to fund non-sectarian, non-political charities in areas where the company’s leading sales representatives reside.

Called “The Donor’s Award”, gifts are made to the charitable organizations chosen by fifteen members of The Phoenix Hall of Fame who have written the largest volume of business in the preceding year. This is the ninth time Waters has won the award and he has chosen the Make A Wish Foundation on two occasions.

He has been associated with the Hartford based insurer for thirty-five years and has qualified for virtually every industry and company award. Waters was among the top ten producers for The Phoenix in 1987. He is a member of the company’s Hall of Fame, an organization that recognizes an agent’s outstanding contribution to the growth and development of the agency and the company.

Mr. Waters makes his home in Marlton, New Jersey. Make A Wish thanks Mr. Waters for his contribution to the Foundation.

...to Bill Mann, Executive Vice President of Xpert Printing Services in Kennett Square, PA (215) 444-6122. Bill and his company donated their time and effort to this project and produced the newsletter at their cost. Thank you...we couldn’t have done it without you!

...to Mark Thomson, General Manager/Reservations and Ceci Perez, Assistant Manager at the Holiday Inn, 18th and Market, Philadelphia, PA (215) 561-7500 for their continued support of Make A Wish. When we host wish kids in Philadelphia from other chapters, Mark and Ceci are always there providing complimentary rooms and more importantly, the extra kindness and caring that so often is missing in many organizations. They are to be commended for their dedication and support.

SPECIAL DONATION

SPECIAL THANKS
More Thanks!!

...to Ed Jason and all of the drivers at Tiffany's Limo Service in Penndel, PA (215) 757-8628. They have donated their services to our kids and their families since we began here in Philadelphia and have continued to support Make A Wish in every way. Thanks.

...to Chuck Stonier, Scott Hellerman, and Marge Clark of the Tudor Group in Sharon Hill, PA who have donated their mailing services to Make A Wish. Upon completion of printing, they took our newsletters, labels and mailing supplies, and like magic - our newsletters were mailed. They were able to take the panic out of a very difficult task. Thank You!

...to our many volunteers who have contributed so much of themselves to Make A Wish. Dee Koellner is one of those exceptional people who dedicates her time and caring to making these wishes special. Other volunteers include Diane Trost, Kim Mattock, Margie Belfield, Andi Potter, Missy Almeida, Michele Mattia, Lisa Morris, and Susan Hellerman. If we have omitted your names, we are sorry - we appreciate everything our volunteers do - without you, there wouldn't be Make A Wish of Philadelphia.

...to Marcia Conrad, Commercial Photographer who so willingly donated her time and effort to provide the cover photograph for our first official newsletter. Marcia's office is in Cherry Hill, NJ (609) 795-5099 and we thank her for her time and patience with this photo.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

... by Debbie Dixon

Welcome to our first official newsletter for the Philadelphia Chapter of the Make A Wish Foundation. Thank you for taking the time to journey with us through the lives of our Make A Wish kids and their families. I'd like also to thank the families who submitted letters and photographs for our newsletter. I understand how private and special these wishes were and I thank you for sharing them with us. All of us at Make A Wish Philadelphia are volunteers. We do not have a salaried staff at this time and most of us hold full-time jobs. We volunteer our time because of the satisfaction we receive knowing that we played a small part in helping a child's dream come true.

Our next issue will be our Spring issue. Our hope is for spring flowers and nicer weather and that with it will bring a renewed hope of giving - people helping those in need. And when you are finished helping - a smile, a special thank you, or a wonderful picture is all that is needed to forget for a moment the bad things happening in today's society and remember the good.

I would welcome your comments, suggestions and/or letters. I'd love to hear from you! I wish for you all a very happy and healthy new year.
WOULDN'T YOU PLEASE HELP US MAKE A WISH COME TRUE....

---

Yes, I/We would like to help make a special child's wish come true. Enclosed is a donation for $___________.

Yes, our organization would like to help make a special child's wish come true. Enclosed is a donation for $___________.

The enclosed donation is in memory of___________________.

The enclosed donation is in honor of___________________.
on the occasion of (birthday, anniversary, etc.)

I/My organization is interested in providing the following products or services to help make a special child's wish come true:

I am interested in volunteering my time to the Make A Wish Foundation. Please contact me.

Name:_________________ Telephone (Day):_________________

Address:________________ Telephone (Evening):_________________

Please make checks payable to Make A Wish Foundation. All contributions are tax-deductible.

MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION®
OF PHILADELPHIA

1510 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19102

Address Correction Requested