

Make-A-Wish[®]
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About Make-A-Wish Singapore

17 Years of *Wishes*

Make-A-Wish Singapore is part of the world's largest wish granting organisation. Since our inception in 2002, we have granted over 1,400 transformational wishes for children with life-threatening medical conditions. Make-A-Wish Singapore is supported by over 200 volunteers, 8 board members and 9 staff, and is the only wish granting organisation in Singapore.

History

In 1980, 7-year-old Christopher James Greicius wished to be a police officer for a day. Chris' wish inspired the eventual creation of Make-A-Wish. And since Chris' life-changing experience, Make-A-Wish Foundation International has been responsible for making the wishes of over 500,000 children come true. With each wish, comes renewed strength and encouragement for every child and family we serve.

Mission

Make-A-Wish Singapore seeks to grant the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy.

Vision

Our goal is to reach every medically eligible child in Singapore.



*I wish to be
Iron Man*

Schuyler, 4
acute lymphoblastic leukaemia



I would like to begin by acknowledging the dedicated service of Dr. Keith Goh, who completed his term as board member of Make-A-Wish Singapore in July 2018. Keith was one of the first board members and Chair of the board for many years. Under his guidance, Make-A-Wish Singapore went through remarkable development. Taking over this baton, I strive to continue that momentum and provide guidance along with the board to the Make-A-Wish Singapore team.

Over the past 17 years, our vision of granting wishes to every eligible child has remained steadfast. When you hear about a wish being granted, it's easy to focus on a single moment and smile at the photos of a child beaming, but these cherished moments are snapshots of something much larger. Our mission extends beyond one day or a single moment, in the fight against a critical illness, each wish serves as a catalyst for renewed strength and encouragement for the child and their family.

2018 was a year with more headwind than usual, we saw a slowdown in the number of referrals and fulfilled 77 wishes with some journeying into 2019. Our efforts to grow and expand our reach remain, and we are constantly working on initiatives to improve the processes necessary to reach all medically eligible children. We rely on referrals from caring individuals and medical professionals to help us reach children with critical illnesses and provide wishes that change lives. The eligibility consideration process begins with a referral, and that can start with you and me.

Despite the challenges, 2018 was also a year where Make-A-Wish in Singapore celebrated a couple of milestones. First, we launched a music single for World Wish Day titled 'Wish' by Jack & Rai and our wish children, Narmada Kumaran and Sarah Tan, and then in conjunction with Disney, we organised our first-ever Avengers Academy where 37 Make-A-Wish beneficiaries were sworn in as Little Avengers by cast member, Robert Downey Jr (Iron Man).

As we exit the challenging year, we are as confident as ever in the fundamental strength of the foundation and still very much focused on fulfilling our mission to continue to grant the wish of every child diagnosed with a life-threatening illness. Reflecting on our legacy thus far, we are humbled by the support that has made fulfilling our mission possible. Thank you for being part of the journey and helping us to bring the healing power of a wish to children with critical illnesses around Singapore.

Paul Vinod D'Souza
Board Chairman

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Board of Directors

Directors

Board Chairman

Paul Vinod D'Souza
Occupation: Chief Financial Officer

Vice Chairman

Rajendra Nandakumar Pai
Occupation: Fund Manager

Treasurer

David Ong Kok Yeong
Occupation: Business Advisor

Davy Lau Chun Wah
Gillian Tay Weng Boon
Ivan Chang Weilong
Richard Yong Siak Hoong
Sean S Hesh

Advisory Panel

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Keith Goh
Anastasia Ling
Claire Tan
Debbie Seah
Ignatius Hwang
June Ho

Committees

Audit Committee Chairman

Paul Vinod D'Souza

Member

Lee I-Lin
Karyn Qua

Finance & Investment Committee Chairman

David Ong Kok Yeong

Member

Rajendra Nandakumar Pai

HR/Nomination Committee Chairman

Rajendra Nandakumar Pai

Member

Davy Lau Chun Wah
Debbie Seah
Kuek Chiew Hia
Patrick Ho

Wish Granting Committee Chairman

Ivan Chang Weilong

Member

Keith Goh
Christie Ang
Chong Poh Heng
Low Yee
Pooja Nikam

Community Partnership Committee Chairman

Gillian Tay Weng Boon

Member

Richard Yong Siak Hoong
Anastasia Ling
Poh Pei Shee
Sybil Lau

Committees are appointed every year after the Annual General Meeting.