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Childhood is all too short. For children fighting an illness, it can seem even shorter, because of the day-to-day struggles they face. A wish can make a life-changing difference in their lives.

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Wish #1131

Do you love playing guitar, watching hockey, stuffed animals, and Instagramming? Well, this 11-year-old girl does too! Born with a congenital neuromuscular disorder, she has experienced progressive weakening to the point where she now qualifies to receive a wheelchair. Not one to slow down willingly, she continues to push herself to delay that step as long as possible. Her favourite hockey player is P.K. Subban, and her favourite teams are the Nashville Predators and the Montreal Canadiens. We hope to make her dream come true early in the new year, arranging for her to meet P.K. and attend a game featuring both her favourites!

Wish #1130

Now 4-years-old, this sweet girl was born perfectly healthy. At 9 months old, she developed pneumonia, which is when she had her first seizure. She has since been diagnosed with Post Infectious Encephalopathy, hypotonia, and a seizure disorder. Her condition has been progressively worsening and she must rely on others for all aspects of care. Her father has been out of the country for several years, and we know the whole family will rejoice once they are reunited!

Wish #1129

This spunky 9-year-old girl loves to do crafts and all forms of water play, and greatly enjoys her weekly therapeutic riding lessons. She was born with Cerebral Palsy and Epilepsy. As a result, she must use a wheelchair for mobility. Her communication needs are taken care of via a picture book as, while she has no difficulty understanding what's being said to her, she can't respond vocally. Like most girls, she loves princesses and we know she's going to have the time of her life when she and her family travel to Disneyland!

Wish #1128

This boy is an 11-year-old free spirit who not only must meet the many challenges he faces with Fragile X Syndrome (cognitive and developmental delays), but also the challenges caused by his difficulty in regulating his mood, often resulting in outbursts and behaviour changes. He's outgoing and charismatic and loves to be outdoors either riding his bike or playing golf. When he receives his camping trailer, we know he's going to love having the opportunity to get away and enjoy the outdoors in all their glory.

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Wish #1127

At 12-years-old, this girl struggles with the multitude of challenges brought on by living with Fragile X Syndrome. In addition, she also has juvenile arthritis which brings pain and discomfort on a daily basis. She's active and outdoorsy and loves to spend quiet time bike riding and camping. That's why we know she's going to love having a camping trailer to make weekend get-aways easier!

Wish #1126

At first glance, you might not know there was anything different about this 16-year-old boy. But after spending a bit of time in conversation, it becomes apparent that he has difficulties. Born with the full mutation of Fragile X Syndrome, he lives in a world full of cognitive and developmental delays, as well as a multitude of other issues. He recently welcomed a service dog into his life, who has made a world of difference in helping to alleviate some of his anxieties. He's an outgoing and active boy, and we know he and his family will make good use of his camping trailer!

Wish #1125

Recently turned 18, this young man is far younger than his age would suggest. He was born with the most severe form of Cerebral Palsy and has been further diagnosed with epilepsy and a rare genetic disorder. He is severely cognitively delayed, and all of his pleasures come from sensory stimulants such as music, lights, and motion. When he receives his Snoezelen equipment as his special wish, we know it'll add much joy to his daily life.

Wish #1124

Now 11, this young boy was born with a genetic disorder causing a poor immune system, fine motor skill delays, low muscle tone, balance issues, and a slight cognitive impairment. He's a self-described fish and loves to play in water almost as much as he loves video gaming and watch You Tube videos. He has a desire to make his own You Tube videos, and we're delighted to give him that opportunity with a gaming computer of his very own!

Wish #1122

Books are this 3-year-old's passion in life, along with superheroes and dinosaurs. He has a severe form of gastroesophageal reflux and cannot take any liquids in orally as he's at high risk for aspiration. It's our pleasure to provide him with wish that will last for a full year as we provide annual passes to many of the Calgary area top attractions for him and his family.

Wish #1121

This 9-year-old bundle of cuteness has several diagnoses including Schizencephaly, Chiari I, complex partial seizures, and a severe immune deficiency. You would never know from her amazing attitude just how ill she is. She loves bouncing on the trampoline (especially when the sprinkler is underneath), playing Monopoly, and going on scavenger hunts that her parents create for her and

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her siblings. She's always up for a grand adventure, and we know she will have the time of her life when she visits Disney World with her family.

Wish #1120

17 years-old, this young man has never let his heart condition get in the way of pursuing the sports he loves. He's already had two heart surgeries, as well as an aortic valve replacement, with additional surgeries in his near future. An accomplished cross-country skier, we know he'll make good use of the equipment he buys during his shopping spree at Trail Sports in Canmore!

Wish #1119

This 13-year-old girl has a very severe form of Epilepsy. She can suffer a grand mal seizure at any time, day or night, and often stops breathing during the seizure. She also is severely autistic, which makes it even harder for her family to keep her safe. She's very activity driven, is inventive when it comes to problem solving, and loves water play and motion. She enjoys extended car and bus rides, and also going to live theatre. We're happy to provide her with an outdoor hot tub so she can have fun in the water no matter what the season!

Wish#1118

Cute as a button at 4 years old, this little boy was born prematurely and, as a result, has chronic lung disease and left hemiparesis. He has significant developmental delays, and needs care and assistance in all aspects of his life, including mobility. He absolutely loves to be outside with his twin brother, and animals of all shapes and sizes. He's going to be thrilled when he and his family go on their wish trip to Disney World!

Wish #1114

At 6-years-old, this little girl has already been through more than most adults. Born with Cerebral Palsy, Microcephaly, and a Seizure Disorder, she is globally delayed and must rely on others for all aspects of her daily care. She's a happy child who visibly lights up when her twin brother enters the room. The two of them share a special bond and he is truly her favourite person in the world. She loves to be with her family, being involved in everything that they're doing, stuffed animals, and watching Dora the Explorer. She's in Kindergarten this year, and loves to be at school with her classmates. Because most of her pleasures come from sensory stimulants, we know she's going to have the time of her life when she and her family visit Disney World, Florida.

Wish #1112

A lover of lights, music, and motion, this 10-year-old boy's greatest joy comes from being with his parents and siblings. As a newborn, he was deprived of oxygen after contracting a life-threatening blood infection following a routine hernia operation, and now is considered globally delayed. He loves Elmo, playing peek-a-boo, and stuffed animals of all kinds. Because he loves sensory

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stimulants, we know he's going to have a wonderful week when he and his family visit Disney World, Florida.

Wish #1110

Sweet and shy, this little one is very much looking forward to celebrating her 5th birthday this Spring. Earlier this year, she was diagnosed with Kawasaki's Disease, with large coronary artery aneurisms. Since then, she has been taking aspirin daily, as well as needing to take a blood thinner twice a day, by needle injection. Her heparin levels are monitored regularly, and she also has frequent echocardiograms. As other little girls her age, she likes Peppa the Pig, Shopkins, crafts, drawing, playing with her sister, and going swimming. She's also a big fan of Princesses, and we know she's going to have the time of her life when she receives her special wish of a family trip to Disney World!

Wish #1105

Now 9 years old, this little guy experienced multiple strokes as an infant, which resulted in a subsequent diagnosis of Cerebral Palsy and Epilepsy. He is reliant on others for all aspects of his personal care. Although he doesn't speak, is in a wheelchair, and has no vision, he is fully aware of everything going on around him, and communicates yes or no by shaking his head. He loves hanging out with his family while they read to him, listening to audio books, and all things Disney. His favourite Disney characters are Woody & Buzz Lightyear, Beauty & The Beast, and The Lion King. Obviously, he's going to catch as many shows and meet as many of his favourite characters as he can while he's on his wish trip to Disney World!

Wish #1101

This 5-year-old girl is a true delight who loves My Little Pony and the Disney princesses! She's a bright, and bubbly little girl and has quite a collection of stuffed animals (we got to meet each one of them individually). When she was just over a year old, she started down the road of multiple corrective surgeries, including four cystostomy placements, and three ileostomy surgeries. She has spent months in the hospital, and nearly lost her life after developing sepsis from a recent surgery. Due to the invasive procedures, and months in hospital, she has fallen behind in her gross and fine motor development skills. She struggles with residual PTSD from all the surgeries and procedures she's had to go through. This will be a lifelong journey for her. But you'd never know she's gone through all that she has. She likes to play with her friends and going to the playground, and spends a good deal of time in imaginative play; dressing up, building forts out of pillows in the living room, and playing with her stuffies. Her favourite book is Clifford the Big Red Dog, and her favourite song is Taylor Swift's Shake It Off. Obviously, she's going to have the time of her life finding magic on her wish trip to Disney World!

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"... Someone close to us recently said, "Take care of each other." It immediately made me think that those words have been brought to life through The Rainbow Society and their Sponsors. We had such a wonderful experience in Disneyland and watching Clark's expressions as he saw so many amazing and thrilling adventures was a real joy! To see him laugh and play, to see the joy on his face, to actually live out a dream, made my heart swell. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for granting this very special boy his amazing dream, and for the magic and memories this has created."

– Clark, a charming, friendly little guy was diagnosed at birth with Cutis Marmorata Telangiectatica Congenita and Polymicrogyria. We're happy to say that Clark's wish for a trip to Disneyland came true in July 2016!

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