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Our Mission

To grant the Special Wish of a young person, birth through age twenty, who has been diagnosed by a physician with a life-threatening disorder.

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We would like to introduce you to Mayah!

Angie and Ryan Schwieterman knew they wanted to have several children. After having two daughters 13 months apart, they decided to try for another. After 6 months of trying, having an emergency surgery, and losing an embryo, Angie was ecstatic to find out she was pregnant again! Mayah June was diagnosed in the womb with a fatal form of skeletal dysplasia. "The fatal diagnosis of our unborn child. A nightmare for any parent. The whirlwind of emotion consumed us through the difficult pregnancy and her miraculous birth. My faith was tested through countless obstacles during a 6-month stay in the NICU. I had a choice: to live in a pit of despair and hopelessness or to trust in Gods promises," stated Angie. "She has many birth defects as a result of her syndrome and has endured many surgeries. She is ventilator-dependent with a trach. She has a g-tube for her feeds, but achieved oral feedings when she was two."



'Hoppy' times with Mayor Clayton at GKTWV

The Dayton Chapter of A Special Wish Foundation was connected to the Schwieterman family through a nurse at Dayton Children's, and Mayah's wish to go to Walt Disney World and stay at Give Kids the World Village (GKTWV) was planned. When the family returned, Angie wrote to ASW, "We had such an amazing trip!!! A little exhausted from all the parks, but that will fade and the memories will last a lifetime! Mayah was able to ride several rides, especially at Magic Kingdom. She is a thrill seeker and loved to go high on the Dumbo, Magic Carpet and One Fish Two Fish rides. We were

able to make it to a park each day and still take advantage of the events at GKTWV, like the Halloween and Christmas parties. Our favorite moment of the entire trip was the character meet-and-greet at the village where Mayah met Mickey Mouse. It was magical. Our hearts were bursting as her face lit up with joy. The pictures simply do not capture the blissful moment, but it's burnt into daddy and mommy's memory. This experience was beyond anything we could have imagined. Our 5- and 6-year old girls had a magical time too. They were able to have a princess tea party, loved all the rides and shows at the park and had a spa day at the village with makeup and manicures. They loved all the pampering and gifts! They haven't been able to participate in many organized activities at home because our life with Mayah is just too hectic and unpredictable. We are so appreciative of this opportunity for them both to be princesses for the week and to have so much time with mommy and daddy. This trip was just phenomenal and we cannot thank



Mickey 'nose' best!

Special Wish and our sponsor enough for providing this wonderful opportunity."

Stories like Mayah's are all too familiar with families in the Dayton and surrounding regions. ASW was able to grant this Special Wish thanks to the generosity of local donors. We hope

you will consider making a donation to A Special Wish Foundation – Dayton. When a donation is made, the money stays within the community and ASW is able to take those funds raised and make very special wishes come true to deserving local children battling life-threatening illnesses.

IT'S BACK!

GLOW FORE WISHES

The only night of the year when you can hit the links after the sun sets!

Glow Fore Wishes is a great night of golf where the only light on the course is by the neon glow of the balls, flags, pins, and hopefully a full moon.

\$400 PER FOURSOME

Each foursome receives one glow ball per player, two carts, access to the driving range, one beverage ticket per player, entry into the Hole-in-one Challenge and late night breakfast buffet!

Register your team today! Space is limited!

aspecialwishdayton.org



wishes granted: **1,716**

A Letter from David Seyer, Executive Director

Welcome Spring!!! After a long, cold winter, we are all excited to feel the return of the warmer winds, blooming flowers and longer days. A Special Wish Foundation Dayton has had a few busy months. After being in a temporary location for the past year, we have finally moved into our permanent location. Our new office, 741 Valley Street, previously housed the Ronald McDonald House and is across the street from the hospital.

Did you know that in 36 years, A Special Wish Foundation Dayton has never denied a child's wish due to financial reasons? ASW has been able to grant over 1,700 wishes thanks to the generous support of our donors and special events. Although I may be a little bias, I think ASW has the most fun events in the region. Two of those events are the **Superhero Donut Run** and the nighttime golf scramble, **Glow Fore Wishes**.

On May 25, the 5th annual Superhero Donut Run will take to the streets once again for a 5K, 10K and Fun Run. Starting at the Centerville High School football stadium, runners, who are encouraged to dress up like their favorite superhero, will run through the adjacent neighborhood. All participants will be rewarded with Bill's Donuts at the finish line. Early registration is open through May 3, 2019. Register today to ensure your official race t-shirt and medal at superherodonutrun.org.

Mark your calendar for Friday, August 23 when our nighttime golf scramble returns to Community Golf Course. Glow Fore Wishes is a nine-hole, shotgun start, best ball scramble. The scramble is limited to 36 teams of four who tee off at dusk with only the moon and neon course lights to lead the way. Registration is open now and includes two carts per team, LED golf balls, drink tickets, driving range privileges and a breakfast buffet. To find out more information and to register your team, visit aspecialwishdayton.org.

On behalf of everyone at ASW, I thank you for your continued support of helping us make very Special Wishes come true for local children. Please consider making a donation and returning in the enclosed envelope and/or joining us for all the fun of two upcoming events.

Thanks to you, Special Wishes do come true!

Dave

David Seyer, Executive Director

FUN FACTS

ASW granted 35 wishes in 2018.

55% of our 2018 wishes went to Walt Disney World.

18% of our 2018 families chose to drive to their wish destination.

2019 marks 35 years of partnership with Dayton Children's.

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SUPERHERO DONUT RUN!

sponsored by: **Bill's DONUT SHOP**

SATURDAY, MAY 25, 2019 ★ CENTERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

WHAT

This unique run offers a 10K, 5K and kids Fun Run. Gather your friends, family and coworkers and dress up as your favorite superheroes. After the race, enjoy a donut from your favorite local donut shop, Bill's Donuts! All proceeds will help grant Special Wishes of local children battling life-threatening disorders.

COST

Early registration through May 4 (race t-shirt guaranteed)
 5K: \$30 | 10K: \$40 | Fun Run: \$15

Late registration: May 5 through May 24
 5K: \$35 | 10K: \$45 | Fun Run: \$15

Day of race registration
 5K: \$40 | 10K: \$50 | Fun Run: \$20

REGISTER NOW! superherodonutrun.org

Wish Kids Enjoy Time with Their Families

JEREMY WISHED TO SEE THE BROADWAY SHOW "HAMILTON" IN CINCINNATI

"We are so grateful for A Special Wish's support of our son Jeremy. He was released from the hospital only a few days before the performance and now finds himself back in the hospital less than a week later. Although his medical journey continues to be a challenge, the respite and joy Hamilton provided is helping us weather this new hospitalization and is a lifelong memory." Jeremy's wish was sponsored by the Xavier University Distance for Dreams.



My name is Alexander Hamilton.

ZACK WISHED TO GO TO THE PRO BOWL

Zack and his family spent the week in Orlando as special guests of NFL Hall of Famer, Anthony Muñoz. They attended the NFC Pro Bowl practice, were guests at the Play 60 Character Camp and participated at other events at ESPN's Wide World of Sports. After the trip, Zack's father stated, "We had a great time and will never forget it." This wish was sponsored by Cruise the Gate.



Hanging with NFL Hall of Famer, Anthony Muñoz.

COLTON WISHED FOR THE ULTIMATE GAMING COMPUTER SETUP

Colton is fully ready to play Call of Duty and battle to protect America with his top of the line gaming computer setup! Not only did he receive the computer, 3 monitors, keyboard and mouse; but he was gifted with a gaming desk and chair, webcam, headset and video capture tools. Watch out bad guys, here comes Colton!



Be prepared.

Special Wishes Come True... One Mile at a Time

What began as an internship with A Special Wish Foundation became a philanthropy where running marathons would result in the granting of special wishes to local children with life-threatening disorders. In 2006, as Katie Przbys' internship came to an end, she knew she wanted to do more and to give back to the community she called home. This experience led to the founding of the first chapter of Distance 4 Dreams (D4D), dedicated to raising money by running marathons and making Special Wishes come true. The group of University of Dayton students introduced the Minnie 5K with a course that took runners through the beautiful UD campus and out through the student neighborhood. The second fundraiser the group organized was the annual Parent's Weekend Pancake Breakfast. Members work tirelessly turning out golden pancakes, bacon and sausage to hungry families in a packed room. D4D has now expanded to Xavier University in Cincinnati as well. These students do multiple fundraising and volunteering opportunities throughout the year to raise money for ASW. Today, D4D Dayton and Xavier, are still two of the largest fundraising groups for A Special Wish Foundation.



UD students whipping up pancakes.



Xavier students running for wishes.

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