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# THE WISH REPORT

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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 Hunter!

When Hunter Minton was just two years old, his parents (Joe and Heather) noticed he had swollen glands in his throat. They made an appointment with their family doctor thinking he just had a case of strep throat. During the exam, the doctor lifted Hunter's shirt and examined his liver and spleen and directed the family to immediately go to Dayton Children's. This was not a simple case of strep, this was much worse. While at Dayton Children's, Joe and Heather heard the words no parents ever want to hear: "Your child has cancer."



2 Minions and 1 Minton

During treatment, Hunter's parents were connected with A Special Wish Foundation–Dayton Chapter, where Hunter could make any wish he wanted. Since Hunter loves everything Disney Pixar Cars and Toy Story, it was no surprise that he wanted to go to Walt Disney World. "Hunter is still talking about Toy Story Land and the Slinky Dog Dash ride! We had to ride it three times," exclaimed Heather. While at Disney's Hollywood Studio, Hunter got to attend Lightning McQueen's (from Disney Pixar Cars) Racing Academy! There he got to learn what it takes to be a champion racer from the legendary Lightning McQueen! Hunter even braved the Tower of Terror, an accelerated drop tower dark ride.



In awe of Lightning McQueen

unique entertainment attractions, whimsical venues, and fun activities for children of all abilities. "The villa was AMAZING, and everyone there was wonderful and had a purpose. They were always happy and smiling," recalled Heather. "We are so thankful for all of the memories made on this trip. Even Delta out of Dayton (from the time we went to counter) was so awesome to us and Hunter! Hunter got a toy right after they scanned our carry-on and at end of flight the pilot had him go in cockpit. They also gave us a goody bag! We will even be using the Park-N-Go service in the future. We were totally set up and the car was started and ready for us when we got back!"

The funds for Hunter's trip were raised by Curves of Centerville. Every year, the members of Curves of Centerville has a garage sale, and the proceeds go to a charity that supports cancer. A Special Wish Foundation was the recipient of the 2018 sale. They raised enough money to grant the entire wish for Hunter and his family. Stories like Hunter's are all too familiar with families in the Dayton and surrounding region. Please join ASW today by making a donation at [aspecialwishdayton.org/donate-now](http://aspecialwishdayton.org/donate-now) and help grant the Special Wish of a local child battling for their life. All funds raised stays here in the Dayton Region benefitting local children.

## Save the Date

for Dayton's Dancing with the Stars!

# Valentines Dance

Benefiting A Special Wish Foundation



Friday, February 7, 2020 | Wright State University Nutter Center

**Tickets go on sale December 1st!**

wishes granted: **1,735**

While in Orlando, the family stayed at Give Kids the World Village, an 84-acre resort with 166 villa accommodations,

# A Letter from David Seyer, Executive Director

The summer is always a very important and fun time for us at A Special Wish Foundation, due to the busy travel schedule of our Wish Kids and all those smiles. I hope you enjoy reading about a few of those wishes in this newsletter. Now we move on to fall where the kids are back in school, football and soccer returns, and pumpkin spice seems to be everywhere. Even though the kids are busy with all of their school activities, wishes continue to be granted.

Wishes to Disney, the beaches of California, and many other exciting adventures are in the works, and all of us at ASW look forward to sharing those with you in upcoming newsletters. In order for ASW to continue to make wishes come true, we need your help. Please consider making a contribution to fund a wish, host a fundraiser in our honor, or maybe challenge your workplace to help make wishes come true. As we continue to see a drastic increase in expenses, we need you to help ensure every child who deserves a wish is granted their Special Wish.

ASW is solely funded by the community and for 36 years we have never had to deny a child's wish due to funding restrictions. Together, we can make sure every wish is granted. Thank you for your support of A Special Wish, and all the local children we serve.

Have a great fall and if you would like to discuss ASW, or ways to help, please give me a call at (937) 641-4267. I would love to hear from you!

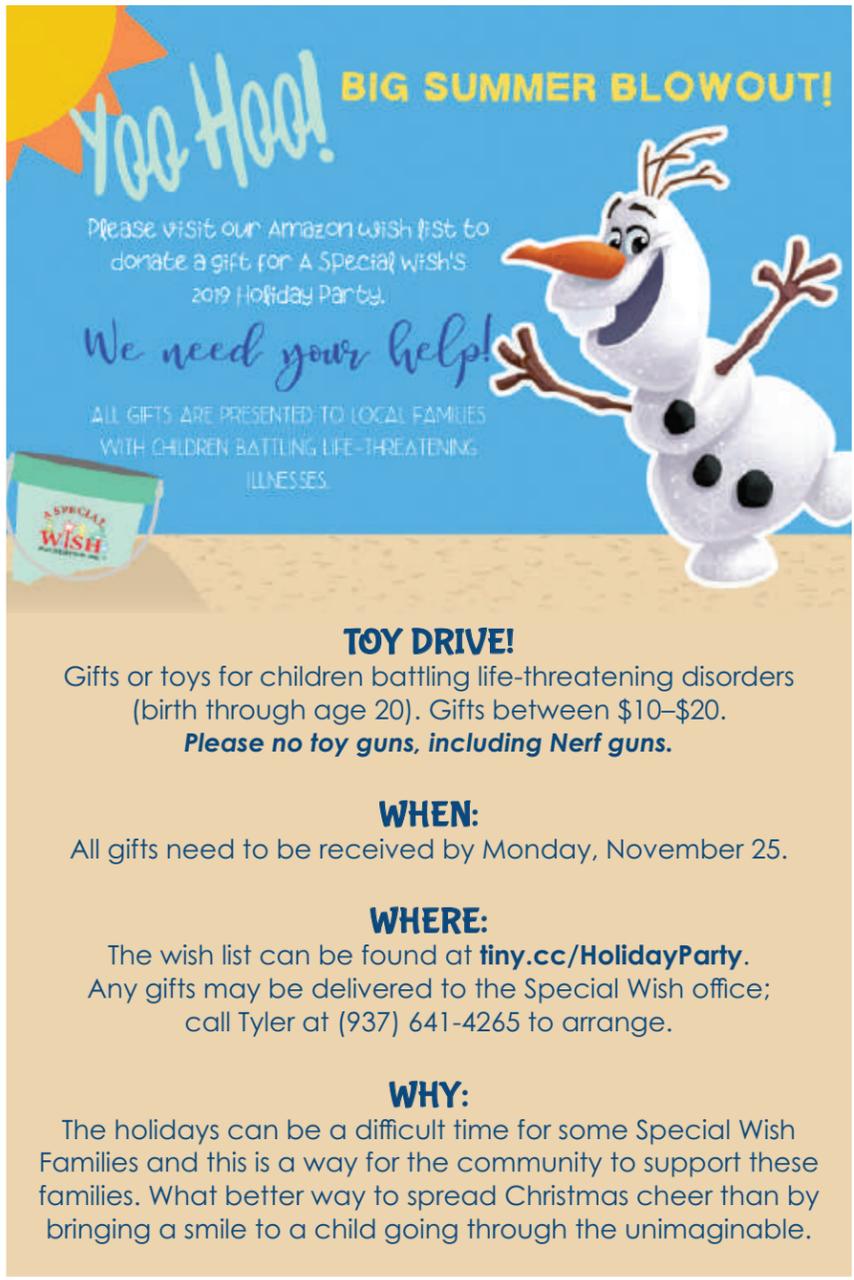
*Dave*

David Seyer, Executive Director



**Let's get fundraising!**

We rely on the generosity of our community to continue to grant wishes for children in Dayton. If you work for a company that may be interested in having a fundraiser or hosting a third party event for us, please contact Amber Maham at (937) 641-4263 or mahama@childrensdayton.org.



**Yee Hoo! BIG SUMMER BLOWOUT!**

Please visit our Amazon wish list to donate a gift for A Special Wish's 2019 Holiday Party.

*We need your help!*

ALL GIFTS ARE PRESENTED TO LOCAL FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN BATTLING LIFE-THREATENING ILLNESSES.

**TOY DRIVE!**  
Gifts or toys for children battling life-threatening disorders (birth through age 20). Gifts between \$10-\$20. **Please no toy guns, including Nerf guns.**

**WHEN:**  
All gifts need to be received by Monday, November 25.

**WHERE:**  
The wish list can be found at [tiny.cc/HolidayParty](http://tiny.cc/HolidayParty). Any gifts may be delivered to the Special Wish office; call Tyler at (937) 641-4265 to arrange.

**WHY:**  
The holidays can be a difficult time for some Special Wish Families and this is a way for the community to support these families. What better way to spread Christmas cheer than by bringing a smile to a child going through the unimaginable.

# Wish Kids Enjoy Time With Their Families

## LAVANTE WISHED TO MEET CELEBRITY CHEF GORDON RAMSAY

LaVante has always loved to cook and was even considering a career in the culinary arts. Not only did he get to meet and spend time with Gordon Ramsay, but he was there for a taping of *MasterChef Junior*, one of his favorite shows and even earned an apron! Unfortunately, one month after his wish was granted, LaVante lost his battle with cancer and donated his body to science. "He just had that heart," his Mom said. "Some people are born with it. He just always wanted to give."



Meeting the Hell's Kitchen and MasterChef host/judge

## BAILEY WISHED TO GO TO HAWAII

Bailey and his family spent the week on the gorgeous island of Oahu. He chose to spend it hiking, snorkeling, swimming with sea turtles and attending a Luau. During the hikes they were able to find secret pools, springs, hiking trails and black sand beaches.



Sunrise, Sunset

## TRISTAN WISHED TO CREATE HIS OWN NIKE SHOE

Tristan loves Michael Jordan and everything that is Nike. It was no surprise that he wanted to design his very own pair of Nikes. He was very excited to receive his custom shoes, but, A Special Wish Foundation did not stop there! Tristan went on a shopping spree as well!



Ballin' Shoes!

# Flying High with the Thunderbirds



High five for the high flyer

ASW kicked off the summer with the Thunderbirds at our annual Vectren Dayton Air Show preview party. Over 70 families came out to enjoy the perfect weather, wonderful food and incredible acts flying high in the sky. The day concluded with a meet and greet of the Air Force Thunderbird pilots, and of course, a photo opp!

Thank you to Zombie Dogz, Sweet P's Handcrafted Ice Pops, Mikesell's Snack Food Co., Coca-Cola, Centerville Noon Optimist, RTA and the Vectren Dayton Air Show for helping to make this day possible.



Soaring, tumbling, freewheeling

## Ways to Get Involved

Volunteer · Host a fundraising event  
 Birthday fundraiser on Facebook  
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