

Meet Wish Kid Jacob

Jacob is a sweet thirteen-year-old boy from Monona with Down Syndrome who was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia, a dangerous blood cancer. Jacob's world was consumed with painful procedures and more time spent at American Family Children's Hospital than at home over a ten-month period of complex treatments.

Jacob remained an amazing champion throughout his difficult and scary journey. He has taught so many people by example how to not dwell in the past, nor fear the future, but live in the current moment.

Jacob's love of fishing, swimming, and having fun with his family made it easy to decide that his greatest wish was to have pontoon boat. His wish was granted between two weeks of consecutive in-patient treatments, but you could not tell by Jacob's reaction on the boat. He was dancing and yelling with excitement! It was amazing to see the smiles from everyone on the boat during that trip – something the entire family will always remember.

Please join us as a cherished sponsor of Walk for Wishes to help reach our important goal of granting a life-changing wish for every local child battling a critical illness. **Currently, there are more than 500 life-affirming wishes pending (our largest number ever), which means there are hundreds of kids like Jacob who are anxiously counting the days until their heartfelt wish is granted. We need your support now, more than ever!**



I wish to have a pontoon boat

Jacob, 12
leukemia
Monona, WI

“Having Make-A-Wish® Wisconsin provide such a meaningful gift has left an indelible mark of positivity on not just Jacob but our entire family.

People often ask if there is anything they can do to help families in these situations. In all sincerity, making a contribution to Make-A-Wish Wisconsin is an amazing and wonderful way to help pull families through tough times – it certainly has had that impact on us!”

– Sam, Jacob's Dad

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