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## *A critical illness steals a child's summer. A wish gives it back.*

A child's summer memories should include sunshine, running through sprinklers, enjoying pools or the lake and eating s'mores over a campfire. For so many Michigan wish kids, their summers are spent in and out of the hospital, refraining from the pool or lake because of their chemo port and worrying about upcoming appointments and treatments.

A critical illness like cancer or congenital heart disease can steal a summer, but a wish gives it back. A trip up north gives wish families a time to bond together, taking in the beautiful northern Michigan weather and sights without worries about their medical journey. A playset gives the wish child a safe place to escape to all summer long. An above-ground pool creates a fun spot to splash and play from the comfort of their backyard. A golf cart or pontoon boat allows a wish kid to explore and enjoy the outdoors with their family.

*"We moved out to the country in December with just under seven acres," Finnly's mom, Catherine, said. "She loves to explore it, but it takes its toll on her body. It takes her longer to get from A to B, so she wished for a golf cart that she could have out here to make it easier to get around. The truck pulled up on wish day, and you could see the golf cart clear as day.*

*Finnly put her hands over her mouth, and the tears started welling up. Allowing my daughter to have some abilities is every parent's dream.*

*Finnly can now keep up and explore our property without her disability slowing her down. Thank you, Make-A-Wish!"*

Make-A-Wish Michigan continues to actively grant wishes right now. You can give Michigan wish families the gift of fun summer memories with a donation today. Will you help grant a summer wish today?

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