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ANDREA

"I wish to become an artist"
10, acute lymphoblastic leukemia



Andrea's wish to be an artist came true in 2015. Andrea's inspirational wish helped her become the **youngest artist ever to be exhibited** in her own exhibition space at the **Museum of Contemporary Art**

in Sydney! Not only that, but Andrea was invited by Google to create a Make-A-Wish Google Doodle, having the chance to collaborate with a US-based Google designer.

When she was 10, Andrea was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukaemia. It was her love of colour, painting, and drawing that spurred her wish, and she says that whenever she thought about her wish, **it helped her forget about her illness and difficult times in hospital undergoing treatment.**

Andrea supports other Make-A-Wish wish kids and the Wish Force by attending events and activities, sharing her story and enthusiasm for Make-A-Wish's work. Her mum Tamar says *"Andrea's ability to focus on her art was her escape from the cruel and harsh reality of her life back then. Now, she's doing visual arts for one of her HSC subjects and loves to put anything together to make art."*

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ADAM

"I wish to go to 'Dig It' at Thunderbird Park"
10, CNS sarcoma

Growing up on a dairy farm is what has inspired Adam's passion for the outdoors, tools, and big machinery, like the family tractor So, when Adam saw an advertisement for the 'Dig It' activity he knew that his wish would be "To 'Dig It' at Thunderbird Park".

During his wish, **Adam demolished, drove machinery, fossicked for crystals, and camped with his whole family.** Adam's favourite activities all in one weekend!

Adam underwent treatment for his central nervous system sarcoma during COVID-19, which meant being separated from his family.

"Adam's diagnosis rocked us a lot, as it would with any family. No one expects to hear that there's a mass on your child's brain. It's been a wakeup call to our family, not to work too hard, to stop and smell the roses – and to enjoy our time together!"



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QUINN

"I wish to fly with a unicorn in the sky."
6, acute lymphocytic leukemia

Shortly after her fourth birthday Quinn was later diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia. Quinn's wish was 'to fly with a unicorn in the sky'.

Quinn's wish began at the Sydney Observatory, where Staff learned that there had been some changes in the sparkle of Unicorn planet! Later that day, Quinn's family received a phone call noting that a ball of sparkle had left Unicorn planet and was heading toward Sydney! Quinn and her family then received an official invitation to go on 'Unicorn Patrol' via helicopter.



Whilst in the air, **Quinn and her family experienced the near sighting of a unicorn!** Something bright whooshed passed them, and the majestic sound of chimes sounded through the helicopter. After landing safely back at Sydney Harbour, Quinn received a photograph that revealed there was indeed a unicorn flying nearby.

Beneath the Sydney Harbour Bridge, Quinn and her family walked down a glimmering light path lined with the thrilled faces of those who also believe in unicorns, accompanied by the serenity of soft, majestic music. At the end of the path, Queen Rainbow and 'Snowy' the unicorn were waiting with a special picnic, just for Quinn.