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NIGHT OF WONDERS



PROGRAM

April 17, 2019  
Edmonton, AB



# WISHES WORK WONDERS



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## A NOTE FROM CHILDREN'S WISH

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Dear Night of Wonders guest,

Tonight, we are honoured to welcome you to Edmonton's first Night of Wonders gala, benefitting Children's Wish Alberta & Northwest Territories Chapter. Formerly known as the I Wish for a New Waiter Gala, this evening reminds us of the generosity and compassion in our community. By joining us tonight, you are helping to put a smile on the face of hundreds of children who deserve nothing but happiness.

We hope this event fills you with joy and inspiration. From the carnival games to the amazing acrobatic entertainment - and of course the delicious food and wine – you will feel just a little of the awe and wonder so many of our children experience with a wish. Because tonight is about these exceptional kids more than anything else, you will also hear some incredible stories of courage and positivity.

Night of Wonders is our chance to celebrate the magic and power of a wish. For over 150 children in Alberta and Northwest Territories each year, wishes work wonders. Thank you to our sponsors, donors, and guests for joining us this evening and contributing to this important cause. We hope you too are touched by the wonder a wish can do.

Sincerely,



Kyla Martin  
Regional Director, Western Canada  
Children's Wish Foundation of Canada



Sherri Glenn  
Night of Wonders Gala Chair



Special thank you to **ATB Financial** for returning to Night of Wonders as our Presenting Sponsor in 2019

## Evening Program



6:00 p.m. | **COCKTAILS**

7:15 p.m. | **WELCOMING REMARKS**

RYAN JESPERSEN  
Your Host

SHERRI GLENN  
Gala Committee Chair

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7:30 p.m. | **DINNER**

8:15 p.m. | **WISH STORY**  
by Wish Mom Kathleen Reeves

To Follow | **LIVE AUCTION**

9:30 p.m. | **SILENT AUCTION CLOSSES\***

\*Auction items and invoices will be available outside  
the ballroom at 10:00 p.m.



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# Alberta means the world to us.

Running our business is a big responsibility. Not only to the clients we serve, but to all Albertans. That's why we're honoured to support the Children's Wish Gala and to be gathered among some of the biggest hearts in Alberta. Let's see just how much of a difference we can make.

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*listens in*



## Wishes Work Wonders

Children's Wish Foundation of Canada is the largest and only all-Canadian wish granting charity dedicated to granting wishes to Canadian children between the ages of 3 and 17 who are diagnosed with a life-threatening illness. For more than 30 years, Children's Wish has worked tirelessly to grant heartfelt wishes to more than 25,000 children and their families – that's three wishes each and every day, all year long!

Our newly expanded reach, which includes children diagnosed with a serious neurological or genetic illness, means continued strong wish referral support through our medical community. Wish referrals continue to increase year over year, and we are proud to maintain our 'no waiting list' policy, thanks to our generous donors.

Now more than ever, we are encouraging Canadians to donate and support Children's Wish Foundation of Canada. Wishes Work Wonders.

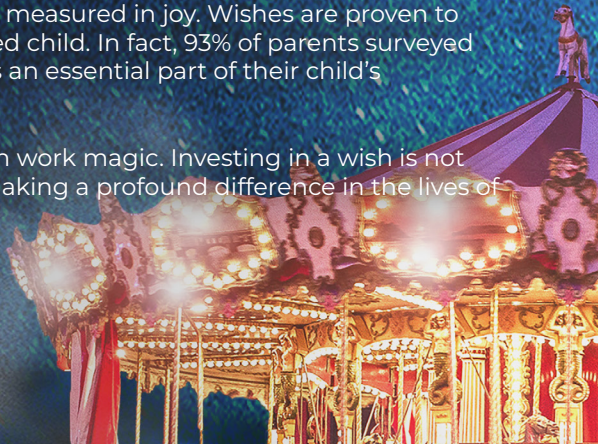


**The Alberta and Northwest Territories Chapter of Children's Wish grants upwards of 150 wishes each year.**

But these are not just 150 children's lives changed; these are also 150 mothers and fathers, 150 sets of grandparents, hundreds of siblings, and thousands of friends impacted by the magic of a wish.

The magic of a wish is not just measured in joy. Wishes are proven to reinvigorate a tired and wearied child. In fact, 93% of parents surveyed reported their child's wish was an essential part of their child's treatment.

When we grant wishes, we can work magic. Investing in a wish is not just a gift transaction — it is making a profound difference in the lives of children and families.



## ABOUT CHILDREN'S WISH



**64%**

OF WISHES GRANTED TO  
CHILDREN WERE FOR  
TRAVEL



**121**

CITIES FROM 46 COUNTRIES  
WELCOMED WISH  
FAMILIES LAST  
YEAR



**94%**

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**2.5M**

CANADIANS HAVE HAD  
THEIR LIVES TOUCHED IN  
SOME WAY BY A WISH



**100%**

OF PARENTS AGREED THAT  
THE WISH PROVIDED  
POSITIVE LONG-  
LASTING CHANGES  
TO THE FAMILY



## MEET THE REEVES FAMILY

The Reeves are a very special family. Parents Brian and Kathleen, who already have grown children of their own, heard about several children with high-needs medical conditions who were up for adoption. Knowing few parents might be up for the challenge, Brian and Kathleen offered to adopt all seven children and give them a loving home. These amazing kids range in age from five to 16 years old and six of them have been approved for a wish from Children's Wish.

The oldest of the bunch, Jane, is 16 years old and loves fantasy and music. She suffers from congenital heart disease, has gone through heart surgery and now lives with a pacemaker. Her favourite thing to imagine is rocking out and being friends with the band KISS – especially Starchild. For her wish, she traveled to Vancouver to see KISS “for real.” She saw the band in concert and got to meet them backstage! Weeks later, she was still showing people photos of her wish.

The next oldest, Claire, is 13 years old and has a rare genetic disorder. She is g-tube fed and requires a wheelchair. She loves the little things in life; like the sound of bells, watching fish swim and the taste of berries. At the moment, Claire's wish is to take a Disney Cruise.

Eleven-year-old Kyle has PANDAS hypertension, congenital hepatic fibrosis, and polycystic kidney disease. Kyle spends his time reading and playing piano, and loves the family cat Mirabelle. When he grows up, he would like to work in an arcade and own a fleet of vending machines. He has not decided on his wish, but he is thinking about travelling to Atlantis Paradise Island.

## THE REEVES FAMILY

His brother, Gavin, is 10 years old and lives with a heart transplant. He is very friendly and loves music just like Jane. He likes learning about rock stars and uses music to balance himself. For his wish, Gavin decided to go to Disney World with his whole family. He loves spending time with his family, especially his younger siblings that he helps take care of.

Also 10 years old is Charlotte, who has congenital myotonic dystrophy. Charlotte is a big fan of Disney soundtracks and loves to swim. When she grows up, she'd like to work in a movie theatre. For her wish, she is planning on taking a Disney World trip like her brother Gavin.

Last, but definitely not least, is Zoe. She is five years old and has brittle bone disease. Because of the risk of breaking her bones, she spends much of her time in a wheelchair. She loves to watch Paw Patrol and Wonder Woman. Her favourite animals are elephants and horses, so for her wish she wants to do something with horses.

This loving family epitomizes the kindness and generosity in the Children's Wish community. They are giving back to Children's Wish by sharing their story and spreading awareness of the magic of a wish. Speaking about Jane's wish, mom Kathleen said this: "It is undeniable that this experience made Jane feel special and gave her something very special to remember and share for the rest of her life. It was amazing and moving to share in this with my daughter. Thank you Children's Wish Foundation!"



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## ULTIMATE DINNER PARTY

The Ultimate Dinner Party includes welcome cocktails and light appetizers in the infamous and exclusive **Penthouse Suite for six people at the Renaissance Edmonton Airport Hotel**. Your meal is served in the Chef's own personal dining room and includes **four courses with wine pairings**. After dinner, the Penthouse is yours until the next day when you will enjoy breakfast for 2 in HALO Bistro. Parking is included for up to 6 vehicles.

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Travel to the beautiful Okanagan Valley for a **four-night stay at the luxurious O'Rourke Peak Cellars Winery for six people**. Enjoy all that the area has to offer starting with **wine tasting at the O'Rourke Peak Cellars in the Log House**. The next day you will take a cruise on the lake for the afternoon and enjoy more delectable food and beverages. Fit in a **round of golf at Predator Ridge** and enjoy breakfast in the Hockey Canada Cabin while enjoying the spectacular views from the terrace. On Sunday you will be taken on a tour of **Chase Winery's cave**, which is being constructed in the side of the mountain.

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## KITCHEN TAKEOVER

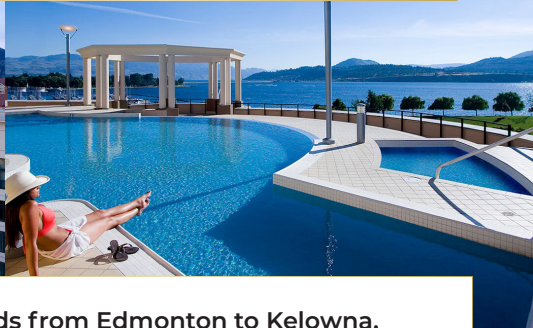
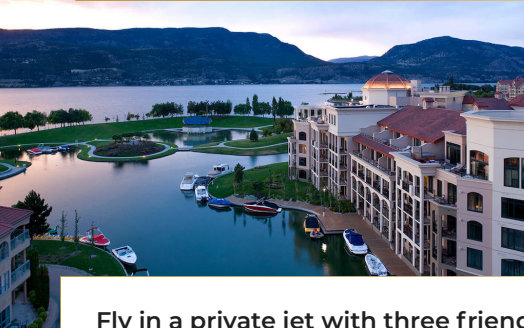
**Skinny Legs Roaming Chef, Amy Kellock**, will cater a delicious dinner for 10 in your home! Sit back, relax, and let Chef Amy take on all the work - including menu planning, shopping, prepping, of course cooking, and the clean up! This package makes for a perfect special occasion dinner. **Meat Supplied by Acme Meat Market.**

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## JET-SET TO KELOWNA



Fly in a private jet with three friends from Edmonton to Kelowna, BC for a weekend away to remember. You'll start off in the luxurious private departure lounge, where you'll board one of **Aurora Jet Partners class-leading Phenom 100 light jets** for the most luxurious flight of your life – you'll only wish it was longer. Once landed in the sunny Okanagan, you'll spend two nights in a three-bedroom suite at **The Royal Kelowna**, donated by Patrik's Water Hauling Ltd. This beautiful lake-front resort has it all, including a rooftop outdoor infinity pool and hot tub, steam room, gym, beach, and casino!

When you're not lounging poolside, you can trade your sandals for sneakers and take in the **Kelowna Beer Bike tour with Canadian Craft Tours**. You'll saddle up on this 15-passenger bike and travel around some of the best local breweries in town. For dinner, you can head to **Cactus Club with a \$300 gift card** in hand, donated by Boss Equipment.

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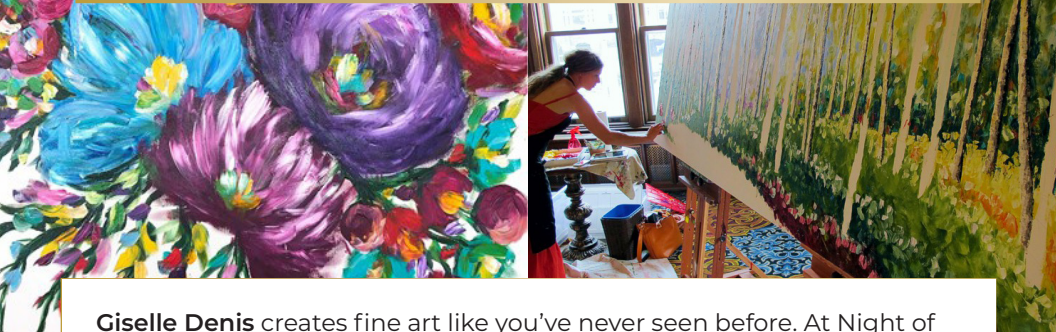
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## LIVE PAINTING BY GISELLE DENIS



**Giselle Denis** creates fine art like you've never seen before. At Night of Wonders, you can watch Giselle paint live and craft a masterpiece ready to take home. Giselle is the performance painter at Fairmont Hotel Macdonald and the Raffles Hotel in Dubai. She paints nature in bright bold colours, with a warmth and joy that you can't help but feel happy when you look at it. She connects to people in a unique way through her live painting experience.

"Art has always had a way of breaking down barriers. Time and again it has provided a place where strangers can find common ground and open the door to communicate with one another. I paint hope. My message, story, and vision is all about hope," Giselle says.

One of Giselle's paintings sold for \$50,000 for the Little Warriors charity & this kickstarted her campaign to raise \$1 million for charity. Since then her work has raised over \$625,000. **Watch Giselle paint and get ready to take her creation home tonight!**

**VALUE: Priceless**

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## SALMON FISHING AT PRIVATE RETREAT

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