

"The Make-A-Wish Foundation of New Jersey grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy."

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Ms. Marnie Clemente
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Dear Ms. Clemente:

On behalf of the entire Make-A-Wish Foundation® of New Jersey, I would like to thank you and everyone from River Dell Middle School who participated in your fundraising efforts. We are truly grateful to be the beneficiary of your support. As part of our Adopt-A-Wish program, I am pleased to let you know that your support from this year's fundraiser has partially adopted the wish of 4 year-old Kiaari who wishes to go to Disney World.

Kiaari is a four year old girl who likes to play with her kitchen set and play dress up. She also likes to eat eggs, fruit, and bananas. Her favorite show is Dora the Explorer. What separates Kiaari from other little girls her age is that she has been diagnosed with Tricuspid Atresia which is a form of congenital heart disease whereby there is a complete absence of the tricuspid valve. When Make-A-Wish volunteers visited with Kiaari and her family to ask her the magical question "if you had one wish, what would it be?" Kiaari wished to go to Disney World because she thinks she would have so much fun with her family there. Kiaari and her family will be traveling to sunny Florida this spring to visit the Disney theme parks where they will stay at the Give Kids the World Village- a special area adjoining Disney specifically reserved for wish children and their families. At the "village" wish children like Kiaari are treated to around-the-clock ice cream service, handicapped accessible pools and water park, a brand new life-sized Candy Land board game, and characters that even read them bedtime stories! Kiaari will also receive a special button that will allow her and her family to go straight to the front of the line at all the rides, shows, character meet-and-greets and other park attractions as well as park hopper passes to "hop" in between the Disney parks as much as they want. We're sure that Kiaari will have many magical memories and we can't wait to hear all about them when she returns!

Research has shown that more than 820 children are diagnosed with a life-threatening medical condition annually in the state of New Jersey. – a number that will only increase. Last year, we granted 478 unique, special and magical wishes such as the boy who wished to visit his family in Poland; a teenage girl who wished to go on a shopping spree to buy clothes for school; a young lady who wished to meet her favorite singer and joined him on stage for a dance and the numerous Disney World wishes that made countless girls and boys feel like princesses and superheroes- feelings their illnesses had taken away. Each year, we raise the bar as we strive to identify an ever-increasing number of eligible children and grant their wishes. Something we would not be able to achieve without your generous support!

In our 26-year history, no wish-eligible child has ever been turned down because of a lack of funding and that's because we have caring donors like you who have helped make these wishes come true. Once again, thank you for helping us restore hope, strength and joy to the life of Kiaari and for *sharing the power of a wish*®!

Sincerely,

Kimberly Puleo
Director of Special Events