

Kerry & Melinda Kirby Foundation Helps Grant Life-Changing Wish for Louisiana Child Battling Leukemia

Kerry & Melinda Kirby Foundation partners with Make-A-Wish to grant a Disneyland wish for a Louisiana child battling leukemia, bringing hope to one family.

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Texas Gulf Coast and Louisiana, announced today that it has helped grant the wish of 10-year-old Sarah, who has courageously battled leukemia for more than two and a half years. Sarah's dream of visiting Disneyland became a reality through the Foundation's support, creating cherished memories for herself and her family during an incredibly challenging chapter of their lives.

Every wish granted through Make-A-Wish represents far more than a special experience—it provides hope,

strength, and joy for children facing critical illnesses and the families who stand beside them. The Kerry & Melinda Kirby Foundation is honored to support this mission because every child deserves hope, every family deserves encouragement, and no one should have to face life's hardest battles alone.

The Kerry & Melinda Kirby Foundation has become a steadfast supporter of Make-A-Wish, funding a local wish and partnering on statewide awareness initiatives, including illuminating two of Louisiana's most iconic bridges in blue for World Wish Day. These efforts reflect the Foundation's ongoing commitment to improving lives through meaningful partnerships and lasting community initiatives.

"Helping grant Sarah's wish was one of the most meaningful experiences we've ever had," said [Kerry W. Kirby](#), Co-Founder of the Kerry & Melinda Kirby Foundation. "A wish is far more than a trip or a gift—it gives children and their families optimism, inspiration, and cherished moments at a time when they need it most. We are deeply grateful to Make-A-Wish for allowing us to be part of Sarah's story and to help create a memory that will last a lifetime."

"Seeing Sarah's smile reminded us that some of life's greatest moments come from giving others the opportunity to dream," added Melinda M. Kirby. "We hope her wish inspires others to support Make-A-Wish so more children facing critical illnesses can experience the same happiness and unforgettable memories when they too have their dream come true."

"Every wish is made possible because of compassionate partners who believe in the life-changing power of hope," said Shelly Millwee, CEO and President of Make-A-Wish Texas Gulf Coast and Louisiana. "The generosity of the Kerry & Melinda Kirby Foundation will give Sarah and her family moments they will cherish forever. Wishes create hope, build strength, and bring joy during some of life's most difficult moments, and we're incredibly grateful for the Foundation's partnership and unwavering commitment to helping children across Louisiana."



Kerry W. Kirby and Melinda M. Kirby

About The Kerry & Melinda Kirby Foundation: Renowned entrepreneurs Kerry W. Kirby and Melinda M. Kirby are dedicated to supporting communities and causes, with a strong emphasis on humanitarian, educational, healthcare, and equality initiatives. Through the Kerry & Melinda Kirby Foundation, they provide resources to nonprofit organizations that drive progress and amplify the voices of those who are often not heard. Learn more at: [Kirby.Foundation](https://www.kirby.foundation)

About Make-A-Wish® Texas Gulf Coast and Louisiana: Make-A-Wish Texas Gulf Coast and Louisiana is one of 58 chapters throughout the United States and its territories. Since our inception in 1984, we have granted more than 12,500 wishes to local children, and during fiscal year 2025 we granted 650 wishes, a record for the organization.

Make-A-Wish creates life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses. Together with generous donors, supporters, staff, and volunteers, Make-A-Wish delivers hope and joy to children and their families when they need it most. Make-A-Wish aims to bring the power of a wish to every child with a critical illness because wish experiences can help improve emotional and physical health.

Make-A-Wish is the No. 1 Most Trusted Nonprofit operating locally across 50 states, per Morning

Consult, serving children in every community in the United States and in 50 countries worldwide. Since 1980, more than 575,000 wishes have been granted to children around the world. Change a local child's life today at wish.org/louisiana

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