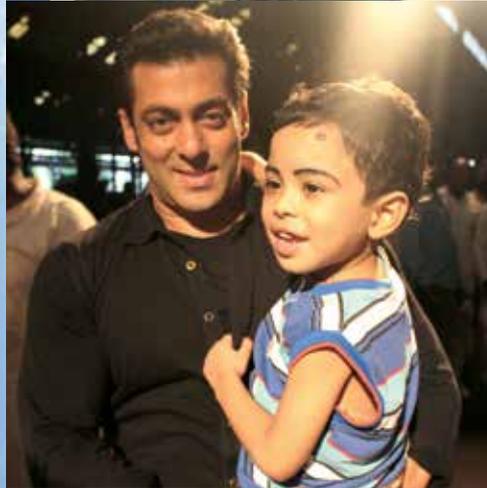


# You Can Make Wishes Come True

I WISH TO ...



SHARE THE POWER OF WISH

# BE PART OF THE **MAGIC!**

Each year, thousands of Indian children are diagnosed with life-threatening medical conditions. In an instant, their lives are changed forever. Carefree days spent laughing with friends are put on hold as these children are catapulted into a strange and unfamiliar world filled with doctors' appointments, countless tests and great uncertainty.

Each and every one of these children deserves a wish. They deserve the chance to put aside the harsh realities of their life-threatening diagnoses and just be kids again.

Read some of their amazing wish stories on the inserts included with this brochure.

Then, experience the joy of helping others during their time of greatest need by sponsoring a child's wish today. Together, we can provide children and their families with a much needed dose of joy.

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**Somdev Mukherjee, 10,**  
wishes to be a doctor

# *I wish to meet...*



"I WISH TO  
MEET  
SALMAN KHAN"

## MD. FARHAN RANA APOORVA

In September 2013, four-year-old Farhan Apoorva was a bedridden child suffering from relapsed progressive cancer in the abdomen and receiving morphine as the ultimate painkiller. Chemotherapy salvage was his only hope of finding some respite from the growing tumor and intolerable pain. He received the therapy soon before going to see his Hero. Giving him the medicine was much easier as he was enthusiastically looking forward to his dream journey to meet Mr. Salman Khan. He was drowsy and quiet on his trip to Mumbai, but his return journey to Kolkata was full of bubbling energy and laughter. Many onlookers were surprised to see such a happy child with a grave disease like cancer! More surprise awaited us on his second visit for the next cycle chemotherapy. He danced and breezed into the out-patients clinic full of joy and abundant energy! His second cycle chemotherapy was a cakewalk, with no complication. His abdominal tumor could not be felt this time. He is now due for his third cycle chemotherapy. May the Almighty bless and protect him.

A small poem:

Happiness gives courage to fight,  
Happiness brings glowing light.  
Granted wish has immense power,  
Negativity can never devour.  
Happy dreams should always come true,  
Removing sadness and life's blue.  
Make-A-Wish has such a team  
Fulfilling every child's dream!  
May God grant the power to you and your organization to carry forward the sincere efforts.  
Thank you and regards,



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# *I wish to go...*

"I WISH  
TO GO TO SHIMLA"



NEHA SALIM SHAIKH

*"The use of traveling is to regulate imagination by reality, and instead of thinking how things may be, to see them as they are."*

*– Samuel Johnson.*

Neha Salim Shaikh is a seven-year-old chirpy girl from Mumbai who is suffering from a life-threatening illness. Her most cherished wish was to see and play with snow. We, at Make-A-Wish Foundation® of India, fulfilled her dream by sending her on a vacation to Shimla — the queen of the hills. At first, when our volunteers told her that her wish was going to be fulfilled, she didn't believe them till the time she actually went there and touched the snow with her bare hands. She was accompanied by her parents. She had a wonderful time in Shimla as she visited all the famous tourist spots. But her happiest moment was when she went to a spot full of snow. She jumped and played and soaked into the moment completely. Her parents captured her moments of fun and frolic and shared the pictures with us. We, at Make-A-Wish, hope that this experience has brought strength and joy into her life.



# *I wish to be...*



"I WISH  
TO BE A DOCTOR"

## SOMDEV MUKHERJEE

Somdev Mukherjee is 10-year-old child who stays in Burdwan, West Bengal. He was being treated in Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai. When our volunteers met him to identify his most cherished wish, he instantly said he wanted to be a doctor for a day as he feels that a doctor's profession is the most noble profession and they do so much good work by treating sick children. He wanted to serve the children of the hospital that he was being treated in and bring happiness to their lives. His wish was granted on March 19, 2010 with the help of Dr. Shripad D. Banavali (Head — Pediatric Oncology), Tata Memorial Hospital and volunteers of Make-A-Wish Foundation® of India. As he sat besides Dr. Banavali wearing the doctor's coat and a stethoscope around his neck, he was smiling with excitement and happiness. Dr Banavali gave him the joy of helping patients (all children) and he happily checked their blood pressure and heartbeat. After the above session, he went to the children's ward for a round with a team of doctors. He shook hands with all the children and distributed chocolates too. His parents were really happy to see their child's joy and happiness and they thanked the entire Make-A-Wish Foundation® of India team for making his wish come true.



# *I wish to have...*

## SOURABH MALL

Sourabh is a cheerful three-year-old child from Mumbai who suffers from a life-threatening medical condition. Our volunteers first met him in the hospital while he was being treated.

Sourabh was very hesitant to talk to our team. He was shy and barely spoke. When we asked him about his most cherished dream, he said he wanted to have a battery-operated bike. The day of his wish granting was happened to fall on his birthday. Our team put in all efforts to make this day very special for him. We decorated the entire office and bought a cake for him as the staff members participated in his celebration along with us. When we presented the bike to him, we saw a totally different side of Sourabh. He laughed, smiled and started playing with his new bike.

We were happy to make this difference in his life. We watched him play with his new toy and his parents thanked us for it.



"I WISH TO HAVE A  
BATTERY-OPERATED BIKE"

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