



# CHRONICLE

A publication of A Special Wish Foundation, Dayton Chapter

## OUR MISSION

To grant the Special Wish of a young person, birth through age twenty, who has been diagnosed by a physician as having a life-threatening disorder.

## DID YOU KNOW?

The Dayton Chapter of A Special Wish Foundation is the **ONLY** local wish granting organization and over 90 cents of every dollar is used to grant the wishes of our local children.



Thanks to the generosity of the Dayton community, the Dayton Chapter of A Special Wish Foundation has been able to grant special wishes to local children for over 27 years.



## Corgan's Ultimate Party

### ... Celebrates End of Treatment

Most kids wish for a trip to Disney World or wish to meet a celebrity, but for Corgan Pollo, his special wish was

to celebrate his last day of treatment with the help of A Special Wish Foundation.



Six-year-old Corgan, who was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia, celebrated the end of his treatment with a party at Mayfield Elementary School, complete with all of his closest friends and family, face painting, clowns, a magic show by the Amazing Alto, and even an extraordinary concert performed by Alvin and the Chipmunks.

"We appreciate all of this so much, and we will never forget you and the ASW team! The party was more

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## Kyle's Trumpet

### ... A Gifted Opportunity

At 18-years-old, Kyle Chown has a heart filled with music and an ear tuned to trumpets.

When asked what he would like as his wish there was no question that it had to be one of his favorite instruments, the trumpet. With the help of A Special Wish Foundation, Kyle, who was diagnosed with Alveolar Rhabdomyosarcoma, was able to obtain one of his favorite musical instruments along with a private rehearsal and opportunity to play with Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra.



"I'm normally a critical guy, but on that stage was one of the few moments where I let myself believe that I was one of the

best, because I was playing with the best and it felt very special..." Kyle says.

Kyle has been playing the trumpet since fifth grade. When he found out that A Special

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## Special Volunteers: The Three Hearts

Three local women connected through buying and selling houses have a true passion for helping others. Sue Miller, Sales Executive at M&M Title; Cyndi Scarpelli, Vice President of Sibcy Cline Realtors; and Dona Niswonger, Senior Loan Officer at Union Savings Bank founded Three Hearts Productions in 2004. They envisioned an evening of entertainment, socializing, and excitement during February to incorporate a Valentine's theme. Fast forward to 2010 and A Special Wish is chosen to receive funds raised at the 6th Annual Valentine's Dance featuring the original "Dancing with the Dayton Stars."

The ladies were involved in the dance 110 percent from beginning to end. Each offered their expertise and availability to make the dance a great success! "You all do amazing work! I feel honored to be a supporter of ASW and get to play a small part in making these wishes come true," exclaimed Dona Niswonger.



## Corgan's...

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than we could have ever hoped for! Everything was PERFECT!!" said Misti, Corgan's mom.

A Special Wish Foundation worked with generous community businesses to make Corgan's Wish possible. The food was donated by the McDonald's of Middletown and Franklin, Ohio, along with desserts donated by the Elé Cake Company and Jamie Burns.

Another part of Corgan's special Wish was that The Goddard Schools of South Lebanon, Redbank, and Loveland had been fundraising for the remaining cost. The school auctioned children's paintings at events and spread the word about Corgan's Wish through letters and cut out hearts.

"The children have really enjoyed being a part of granting a Wish. I find it vital to install kind acts as habits within my own children, and I am so glad that the Goddard Schools are doing the same" said Julie Smallwood, a mother of two at the Goddard Schools and A Special Wish Board Member.

## Kyle's...

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Wish Foundation would grant his wish he spent hours- upon- hours researching and emailing different professionals about advice for getting the best possible trumpet to suit his needs.

"After all that, I made my wish as specific as possible, and was very pleased with how A Special Wish sent me exactly what I asked for — and more," he says.

Kyle received above and beyond what he and his family had expected. With his wish granted he set off to practice with Dayton Philharmonic's Orchestra's Charlie Pagnard, the first trumpet for the Orchestra, and now receives trumpet lessons from Pagnard.

With his wish granted, it was time to take the stage and excel at what he loves most. His passion is in both music and baseball and every second he gets to incorporate one or the other, or both, his passion shows as he continually strives to excel in both.

The idea of one day reaching the level of experience and skill as those in the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra is a dream of Kyle's.

Kyle's mother, Pamela Chown, explained that Kyle had been playing the trumpet of his father, Terry Chown, which is more than 30 years old. So for them, this was a blessing.

"Playing the trumpet is something he will always be able to do if he wants, so he felt like this wish was something that would truly last a lifetime," Pamela says.

With the help of A Special Wish Foundation, Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra and Edwards Instruments located in Elkhorn, WI, Kyle achieved something he never thought he would. With a brand new trumpet, lessons from Pagnard and the experience of playing with a renowned orchestra, his wish lives on as he becomes a more gifted trumpet player.

"We're very, very grateful for everything A Special Wish did to make this happen for Kyle," Pamela says.

## Ways You Can Help

A Special Wish Foundation is making a difference in the Miami Valley granting wishes to children in Montgomery, Greene, Darke, Shelby, Mercer, and Miami counties. Together, we can grant the wishes of every eligible child in the Miami Valley. Here are ways you can help:

- ★ **Connect** with A Special Wish Foundation on Facebook and LinkedIn for latest wishes and volunteer opportunities. Or email [aspecialwish@childrensdayton.org](mailto:aspecialwish@childrensdayton.org) to be added to our monthly eNewsletter list.
- ★ **Host a Fundraising Event** – Penny drives, casual days, dessert auctions, bowl-a-thons, & golf outings. Endless possibilities to help ASW!
- ★ **Host an ASW Ambassador** – We can visit your business, organization or club to speak about A Special Wish.
- ★ **Shop Stella & Dot** – All proceeds from items purchased at [www.stelladot.com/laurenzmz1101](http://www.stelladot.com/laurenzmz1101) with hostess code "A Special Wish" will be donated to A Special Wish Foundations' 7th Annual Valentine's Dance on February 10, 2012. Promotion will run from May 1st through November 11, 2011.

## Upcoming Events:

### Fajita Fest

This year, A Special Wish will celebrate 12 years of Fajitas! The 12th Annual Fajita Fest will be held on **July 16** at the Polish Club on Needmore Road in Dayton. Each year the event sponsors a child's Wish.

This year, Schafer's Wish to Drowsy Water Ranch in Colorado will be made possible by the Fajita Fest volunteers and patrons! Over the 12 years, Fajita Fest has raised over \$60,895.70 for A Special Wish!

### Team Special Wish

Have you ever wanted to cross a finish line of a race but just needed that extra motivation to sign up? Look no further — A Special Wish has just the program for you! Team Special Wish is a way for you to get active for a great cause. At no cost to sign up, Team Special Wish provides fundraising materials needed and sincere motivation to



finish with a smile on race day for a great cause! Participants raise funds and awareness for A Special Wish while training for their big race! This year's featured event for Team Special Wish is the Air Force Marathon. Participants can sign up for the 5k, 10k, Half or Full Marathons

**September 17 and 18, 2011.**

Email [rickers@childrensdayton.org](mailto:rickers@childrensdayton.org) to sign up for Team Special Wish today!

### Vectren Dayton Air Show

A Special Wish is proud to announce the continuing partnership with Vectren Dayton Air Show. All of our Wish families are invited to attend a private viewing of the featured US military jet team. US military jet teams only offer this opportunity to local Wish Granting Organizations like A Special Wish. This year, the Air Force Thunderbirds



will perform for ASW children & their families on **Friday, July 22**. This annual event gives our families an opportunity to enjoy the highlights of the Air Show without the discomfort of large crowds, which most of our children cannot be exposed to. This terrific opportunity would not be possible without Vectren Dayton Air Show, Dayton Power and Light, and Greater Dayton RTA.

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### Valentine's Dance Recap

A Special Wish Foundation is proud to announce its successful partnership with the Three Hearts: Sue Miller, Dona Niswonger, and Cyndi Scarpelli. The event was the 6th Annual Valentine's Dance. The Three Hearts chose A Special Wish to benefit from all proceeds, which totaled over \$65,000.

The sold out event featured heavy hors d'oeuvres, a silent auction, a Caribbean cruise for two raffle prize, sounds of the Gem City Jazz, and the original Dancing with Dayton's Stars Competition. We would like to thank this year's celebrity dancers, Rita Beck, Pamela Morris, Maha Kashani, Bryan Bucklew, Phil Parker and Dr. David Roer for all of their hard work and dedication leading up to the big performance. We would also like to thank and recognize their talented instructors



Sara Andrews, Shay Rebollo, Katt Saliba, Marc Abel, Aaron Santos Ordaz, and Larry Saldivar who donated their time to the event.

The event was sponsored by Lead Salsa Sponsors: Dayton Power & Light and Meijer. Tango Sponsors: Pediatric Associates of Dayton, Allergy & Asthma Associates, Dr. Rick Smith; Gary Auman of Dunlevey, Mahan and Furry; Lexus of Dayton; and Fox Trot Sponsor Deneal Feldman Realty; The Freund Family and L&C Insulation of LaCrosse, WI., and the The Connor Group.

**Mark your calendars for the 7th Annual Valentine's Dance on February 10, 2012!**



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## Glow FORE Wishes

This year marks our 2nd Annual Glow Fore Wishes Golf Outing to benefit A Special Wish Foundation. Friday, June 24th A Special Wish is hosting a fun-filled night golfing event. Teams will compete in an after dark nine-hole golf outing testing golfer's skills using golf balls and markers that glow to show the way during play. The event will take place at Yankee Trace Golf Club in Centerville with registration beginning at 7:30pm for a 9pm start. The tournament will be played in a scramble style with closest to the pin and longest drive competitions included. Foursomes, sponsors, and volunteers are needed to make this year's event another great success for A Special Wish!

We rely on events such as this one to help fund the special wishes of children with life threatening disorders. Our organization is wholly dedicated to granting wishes. We operate on minimal expenses so that more than 90 percent of contributions go toward granting wishes... not overhead costs.

**Glow Fore Wishes • Friday, June 24th • Yankee Trace Golf Club**

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