

Thank you for making a lasting impact on the lives of children in our community!

A wish fulfilled helps children feel stronger, more energetic, more willing and able to battle their life-threatening medical conditions. For many of them, it marks a turning point in their fight against their illnesses. For their doctors, nurses and other health professionals, the wish experience works in concert with medicine to make their patients feel better, emotionally and even physically. A wish strengthens families so members are better able to support each other.

Your generous gift helped celebrate a magical wish experience for:

- **Lisandro, age: 14 of Philadelphia. Lisandro's Wish was to meet Rob Dyrdek of MTV's Fantasy Factory!**



WISH IMPACT STUDY

- ★ **89%** of doctors, nurses and social workers believe the wish experience can influence wish kids' **physical health**
- ★ **81%** of parents observe an **increased willingness** by their wish kids to comply with treatment protocols
- ★ **96%** of parents said the wish experience **strengthened** their families
- ★ **87%** of adult former wish kids say their **wish experience** gave them the courage to pursue opportunities that were difficult or impossible before they received their wish

Lisandro's Wish to Meet Rob Dyrdek of MTV's Fantasy Factory!

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their Team Lisandro tees!

Lisandro's family and Rob all boasting





Lisandro, other Make-A-Wish Children from across the country, and the cast of MTV's Fantasy Factory! Lisandro is all smiles, front and center!

Lisandro's Wish Recap!

Wish Notes: The Wish experience began with all Wish Families from across the country meeting in the hotel lobby to review and sign the waivers before departing on the bus. The Fantasy Factory and MTV required waivers and appearance releases for each participant entering the building.

The group arrived out front of the *Fantasy Factory* and everyone started screaming because they recognized the blue gates and building of the "*F Factory*". They arrived 20-30 minutes early and unfortunately Rob and his crew were still working on some of the surprises. Everyone waited patiently on the bus as the anticipation was building. When they were ready, one of Rob's team member's welcomed the families and escorted them into the lobby.

The Wish Children took a group photo behind the *Dyrdek Enterprises* sign in the lobby. When they were ready to film, they took all 8 Wish Children into the factory for a surprise entrance by Rob and the entire cast.

Upon entrance, Rob handed each Wish Child a large gift bag full of goodies! He called each Wish Child up, by name, to get their bag and welcome them to the 'F Factory.' Then the rest of the family members were invited in for the festivities.

Everyone spent the afternoon enjoying the activities that the *Fantasy Factory* had to offer; doing tricks into the foam pit, riding on the skateboard ramps, playing basketball with Rob and meeting the entire cast! It was an awesome day!

Rob and his crew were so generous with their time and continued to take pictures and autographs on demand. They provided a great lunch for the group that consisted of pizza, salad, snacks and drinks. During lunch, Rob made his way to his office which was where he would meet with each Wish Child individually. Each family had their own time to talk with Rob and see all the sights of his entertaining office. He let the Wish Children sit in his big office chair for a very cool photo op! They got to take pictures with his famous chair made of skateboards and see his special collection. Rob, then, gave each Wish Child a *DC* hat.

After the individual meet-and-greets concluded, Rob and all the Wish Children took a couple group photos in front of the large skateboard and said their goodbyes. Our wonderful colleague at the Los Angeles Chapter, shared that they believe this episode of Fantasy Factory will air next season 2015.

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Our Chapter of Make-A-Wish grant more Wishes!
Welcome to the Make-A-Wish Philadelphia, Northern Delaware
and Susquehanna Valley Family!!!