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Non-Profit Category	
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Organization W-9	
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Amount sought	
5,000	

# What is the purpose of your charity?

Make-A-Wish creates live changing wishes to children with critical illnesses. The Rio Grande Valley chapter grants wishes to local children ages 2 1/2 to under 18 from Hidalgo, Cameron, Willacy, Brooks, Kenedy, and Starr counties. When a wish is granted, a child who is undergoing some of the most difficult treatment and times, receives a moment of reprieve, joy, and strength. Wishes bring hope to a child and many times gives them the encouragement to face another day.

# If selected, how will the organization utilize these funds?

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All funds received by Make-A-Wish Rlo Grande Valley are used locally to grant wishes. In the 2024 fiscal year (September 1 - August 31), Make-A-Wish Rio Grande Valley will grant over 80 wishes with a goal to grant 90 in 2025 and 100 in the 2026 fiscal year.

### Will the organization provide volunteers to help with the setup and/or operation of the event?

Yes. Make-A-Wish Staff will be available as will the newly formed Wishmaker Advisory Council whose purpose is to extend the capacity of Make-A-Wish Rio Grande Valley.

#### How many volunteers will be available?

10-20

# Why should we support your charity?

Make-A-Wish Rio Grande Valley grants wishes to local children with critical illnesses. From cancer to aggressive critical and sometimes terminal illnesses, our local children are fighting every day for their lives. Make-A-Wish Rio Grande Valley is an independent chapter of Make-A-Wish America. Funds raised and granted locally to the RGV chapter are used solely for local children. Currently, our local chapter has over 100 children who are waiting for their wish to be granted. The vision of Make-A-Wish is to grant the wish of every eligible child. With the support of the Crawfish Boil Foundation, this vision will become possible.

Children with critical illnesses many times lose the joy of childhood - they are separated from friends, cannot go to school, and lose out on every day happiness. When a child is interviewed for a wish, a child has the opportunity to dream, to explore, and to imagine. Many times parents say the moment a wish is granted, they get a break from their child's illness and appointments even if it is just for one day.

We are grateful for the consideration of granting funds to Make-A-Wish Rio Grande Valley. The \$5,000 request will cover the expenses to grant one local child their one true wish. Thank you for joining us in the power of a wish.

## **Notes**



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