

Make-A-Wish Week Fundraiser At AHS



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Make-A-Wish is a nonprofit organization who grants wishes of children between the ages of 2 1/2 and 18 years old, who are suffering from a life-threatening illness.

These wishes can be extravagant, or not so extravagant. Pretty much whatever the child wants, Make-A-Wish is devoted to making it happen!

Wishes that are granted are funded through individuals, corporations, and foundations. Make-A-Wish does not receive any government assistance, thus making it so important that Make-A-Wish has such generous donors.

Alamosa Student Council is currently hosting a Wish Week to fundraise for the Colorado Make-A-Wish foundation!

Student councils and student governments across the state of Colorado also host Wish-Week and Alamosa Student Council is stoked to hop on the band-wagon.

Wish-Weeks typically focus on a local Wish Kid, in efforts to share their story to give wish week further significance. Along with fundraising for the Make-A-Wish foundation.

Alamosa's Wish-Kid is a kid named Kingston. Kingston is three years old, and suffers from a congenital heart disease. He is from Greeley CO, and his wish is to go to

Disney World to meet Mickey Mouse! The money raised through Wish-Week does not go solely towards granting Kingston's wish, but towards the Make-A-Wish foundation to help raise money for all Wish Kids like Kingston.

The culture at Alamosa High School during Wish-Week has been breathtaking. Seeing such a large amount of students dressing up for spirit days and raising and/or donating to the cause has been immensely gratifying.

Make-A-Wish is a very honorable organization. Suffering from a terminal illness not only has a negative impact on the child, but also a terrible impact on the child's family.

A multitude of concerns plague families who have a child suffering from a terminal illness. Those concerns make it extremely difficult to remain positive throughout treatment.

Make-A-Wish does a phenomenal job at boosting the morale for the children they help and their families.

When a child is suffering from a terminal illness, it is hard for that child and their family to remain optimistic. Make-A-Wish effectively aids families and children in enduring their condition and remaining hopeful.

When talking about the significance of Kingston's wish to his condition, the Colorado Make-A-Wish foundation has stated, "A wish gives Kingston the chance to be a kid in

a place that's brought him happiness. When he's sick or during every hospital stay, Disney is the one thing that has made him feel a little better".

Wish Kids are often stripped of their childhoods. They have a different set of concerns in their lives, and they do not always have the opportunity to simply go to the park or hangout with their friends.

Make-A-Wish gives wish kids the opportunity to live care-free and reconnect with their true selves. It is easy for Wish Kids to lose hope, optimism, and meaning,

Make-A-Wish equips Wish Kids and their families with a joy that makes the pain more tolerable.

The little bit of joy that Make-A-Wish provides plays a key role in the treatment of Wish Kids.

Different fundraisers that AHS Student Council has hosted this week include a penny drive war between first hour classes, selling goodie bags, selling sham-grams, selling stars that can be placed on the Make-A-Wish star wall, a money-counting stall at the beginning of class, and raising money

through half-court shots during basketball games.

Student Council also reached out to Alamosa Elementary School to help us fundraise for Wish-Week. At AES, STUCCO hosted a competition between each class to raise the most money to donate to Make-A-Wish. The class that raises the most money will receive a root beer float party when they come back from Spring Break!

Wish Week is not over yet, so it is to be determined if AHS Student Council will meet their fundraising goal of \$2,500.



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Above- Alamosa's assigned Wish Kid, Kingston, throwin' up a peace sign

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