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## NEWS RELEASE

### Make-A-Wish® Alabama Celebrates World Wish Day® With A Wish Reveal

**Birmingham, AL.** (April 26, 2016) – Make-A-Wish® – The global wish-granting organization that has granted more than 350,000 wishes worldwide since its inception in 1980 – will celebrate its annual World Wish Day® on April 29. In celebration of World Wish Day, Make-A-Wish Alabama will be surprising a fourteen-year-old girl with Hodgkin's Lymphoma with news that her one true wish will be granted. The wish reveal will take place at Samford University in the East Lobby of the Pete Hanna Center at 5:30 PM on Friday, April 29, 2016. The Zeta Zeta Chapter of Chi Omega will be assisting with the wish reveal.

"Most people who have seen or experienced the life-changing effects of a wish-come-true don't realize that behind every wish is a team of community supporters who helped make it possible," said Pam Jones, President and CEO for Make-A-Wish Alabama. "It is because of the joint efforts of donors, volunteers, store owners and businesses in local neighborhoods throughout Alabama that help make more and more unforgettable wishes come true every year, and for that, we emphatically say, 'Thank you!'"

Make-A-Wish Alabama is asking individuals in the local community to join them in honoring and thanking the doctors, social workers, donors, and volunteers who believe in the powerful, life-changing nature of a wish. The recognition taking place locally is part of a larger global effort happening at more than 100 Make-A-Wish chapters and affiliates around the world.

The worldwide "Thank You" day will take place on April 29, in honor of the organization's 36th anniversary. Individuals can show their support for those who make wishes come true by sharing a World Wish Day message with the hashtag #WorldWishDay on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Messages of thanks will help honor those who make life-changing experiences possible for children with life-threatening illnesses in the state of Alabama.

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#### **ABOUT MAKE-A-WISH® ALABAMA**

Make-A-Wish® Alabama grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy. Make-A-Wish® is the world's largest wish-granting organization, serving children in nearly 50 countries on five continents. With the help of generous donors and more than 32,000 volunteers worldwide, Make-A-Wish grants a wish somewhere in the world every 21 minutes on average. Since 1980, it has granted more than 350,000 wishes to children around the world.

In September 2012, Make-A-Wish® Alabama was established as an independent 501(c)(3) headquartered in Birmingham and is locally governed by a 16 member board of directors. Make-A-Wish Alabama is one of 62 federated chapters of Make-A-Wish America. Our mission is carried out on the local level – right here in Alabama.