

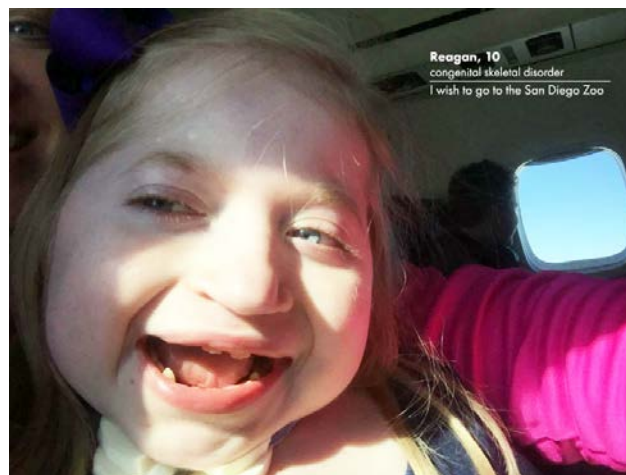
## NEWS RELEASE

### Make-A-Wish® Alabama raises airline miles to help grant more wishes

**Birmingham, AL.** (July 8, 2016) – Reagan was only three months old when her parents got the news that would shape their daughter's life forever. Her diagnosis of a congenital skeletal disorder meant that she would never walk, never turn a cartwheel, and never jump rope. Instead Reagan's childhood has been filled with countless trips to the hospital for X-rays and daily medical treatments that affect her entire family.

Reagan, now 9-years-old, wished to go to the San Diego Zoo. With the help of Make-A-Wish Alabama's Wishes in Flight program, the worries of Reagan's condition were forgotten when she and her family traveled to San Diego as her wish was granted in April.

More than 60 percent of the wishes granted by Make-A-Wish Alabama require air travel, which totals to 16.8 million airline miles each year. Every traveler can help grant life-changing Make-A-Wish experiences, like Reagan's. All it takes is a donation of air miles through the Wishes in Flight® program. Make-A-Wish Alabama accepts airline miles year round from American Airlines, Delta, JetBlue, Southwest Airlines and United Airways.



Now through August 31, the Delta and United miles donated will be matched, mile for mile, up to 500,000 miles. We are encouraging Alabama residents to donate their unused airline miles to help make wishes come true.

To donate miles, visit [alabama.wish.org/wishesinflight](http://alabama.wish.org/wishesinflight).

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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.