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Dear Medical Students,

Make-A-Wish® grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy. Headquartered in Phoenix, Make-A-Wish is one of the world's leading children's charities, serving children in every community in the United States and its territories. With the help of generous donors and more than 27,000 volunteers, Make-A-Wish granted over 14,000 wishes last year.

According to a 2011 U.S. study of wish impact, most health professionals surveyed believe a Make-A-Wish experience has positive impacts on the health of children. Surveyed children expressed that they felt renewed strength to fight their illness. Their parents say these experiences helped strengthen the entire family.

Our belief in this principle inspires us to grant as many wishes as possible. In an effort to reach as many eligible children as possible, **a project is underway that will serve as a resource to all 61 Make-A-Wish chapters throughout the United States.**

When a child is referred to Make-A-Wish, a member of the chapter staff collects general demographic information about the child, as well as some information about the diagnosis or medical condition. Many of these chapter staff have limited medical exposure. The goal of the project is to provide disease guidance for these conditions so that even the most inexperienced staff are knowledgeable enough to ask relevant questions in order to help determine eligibility.

It is our hope that you might be interested in participating in this project. You will be able to choose the specialty (or specialties) you are interested in. We will be providing an outline for you to follow. Each condition guidance form should take less than 30 minutes to complete.

With your help, the Make-A-Wish chapters will have clear, easy to understand, medical information that will help them respond to questions from referring medical professionals, psychosocial support staff, and families across the nation.

If you would like to assist with this Make-A-Wish project, please contact Emily Slaw (eslaw@wish.org).

Thank you so much for your time and consideration! We will be certain to acknowledge your participation in this project.

Share the Power of a Wish®

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