

Wish Coordinator

*Program Services Department * Full-Time * Non-Exempt*

At Make-A-Wish Mid-South, we are more than a great place to work – our work is life-changing. Together, we create life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses. We have been doing this for over 35 years, and together, with our volunteers, donors, staff and supporters, Make-A-Wish Mid-South has granted more than 7,000 life-changing wishes and transformed countless lives.

THE TEAM

Make-A-Wish Mid-South is headquartered in Memphis, TN with remote offices in Little Rock, AR and Fayetteville, AR. We serve wish children throughout the Mid-South, including the state of Arkansas, West Tennessee and North Mississippi. The Program Services team is committed to fulfilling wishes for every eligible child.

THE ROLE

The Wish Coordinator plays a key role in delivering the Make-A-Wish mission by managing the full lifecycle of the wish experience for eligible children with critical illnesses. This role coordinates all aspects of wish planning – including family communication, volunteer collaboration, vendor logistics, budgeting and documentation – ensuring each wish is delivered safely, creatively, and in alignment with Make-A-Wish policies.

WHERE YOU COME IN

As a Wish Coordinator, you will be responsible for:

- **Wish Coordination & Family Support**
 - Serve as the primary point of contact for wish families from initial assignment through wish completion.
 - Provide compassionate, responsive support to families, ensuring their experience is positive, inclusive and stress-free.
 - Assess safety, accessibility, and medical considerations in partnership with healthcare teams and internal approvals.
- **Wish Planning & Execution**
 - Develop detailed wish plans and timelines tailored to each child's wish type.
 - Coordinate and schedule all arrangements for wish fulfillments and ensures necessary documentation is obtained.
 - Source vendors, venues and community partners to bring creative elements to each wish, including the solicitation of in-kind donations to offset the cash portion of the wish.
 - Maintain accurate and timely documentation in wish-tracking systems.
 - Monitor progress of each wish and ensures wish proceeds in a timely manner to ensure completion of quarterly wish goals.
 - Ensure compliance with risk management, safeguarding policies, and chapter/national standards.
- **Budget & Administration**
 - Create and manage wish budgets in compliance, ensuring expenses are cost-effective and within approved guidelines.
 - Process invoices, reimbursements, vendor orders, and in-kind donation documentation.

- Track wish-related data and reporting metrics for internal audits and reporting.
- Close out the wish files on a quarterly basis – ensuring all required documentation is complete and accurate.
- **Volunteer & Community Engagement**
 - Collaborate with volunteer wish granters as needed.
 - Develop relationships with community partners and donors to support wish elements and in-kind opportunities.
 - Represent the chapter at wish celebrations and wishes as needed.
- **Cross-Team Collaboration**
 - Partner with marketing team to identify storytelling opportunities and donor engagement moments.
 - Partner with the fundraising team to identify wishes that are ready for sponsor assignment – with a focus on what is best for both the wish child and sponsor.
 - Work closely with finance teams to ensure documentation is accurate and processed on a timely basis.
- **Program Team Collaboration**
 - Participates in bi-weekly team meetings to support the wish process.
 - Cover the after-hours emergency phone as assigned.
- **Other**
 - Performs other related duties as assigned or requested.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- **Required**
 - Bachelor's degree from a four-year college or university. Multiple years of work experience may be considered.
 - Minimum of 3 years of work experience.
 - Strong project management and organizational skills.
 - Excellent interpersonal skills with the ability to support diverse families who may be experiencing emotional stress.
 - Ability to balance multiple wishes simultaneously and manage time effectively.
 - Proficiency in Microsoft Office; Salesforce or CRM experience preferred.
 - Ability to learn new software programs quickly.
 - Ability to work independently and on a collaborative basis.
 - Demonstrates the ability to focus on details and prioritize multiple tasks effectively.
 - Establish & maintain filing systems.
- **Preferred**
 - Bilingual, preferably Spanish/English.
 - Experience in nonprofit program coordination, event planning, or project management.

WHAT WE OFFER

- Competitive salary: \$42,000 - \$47,000 per year
- Paid Time Off: Vacation – 12 days annually, increasing with tenure; Personal Leave – 12 days annually; and 12 holidays per year.
- Paid Medical Leave - after completion of five years of service.
- Flexible work schedule.
- Comprehensive benefit package that is paid for by the chapter, including medical, dental, vision, disability and life insurance.
- 401k Retirement Savings plan, including a company match after completion of six months of service.
- Employee Awards and Recognition programs.

WORK ENVIRONMENT

- Office-based with hybrid flexibility.
- Occasional lifting of items for wish deliveries (usually < 25 lbs).
- Availability for evening or weekend wishes and events.

HOW TO APPLY

Please send a cover letter, resume and salary requirements to administration@midsouth.wish.org. Applications without a cover letter or salary requirements will not be considered. Candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. No phone calls please.

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