

Impact of a Wish



*I wish to go to
Disney*

Noah, 8
Cancer

"It's just like seeing the light at the end of the tunnel, and we're almost there,"

—Noah's Father, Jeff

We are honored to nominate Sergeant Aaron Ligo & the Durham Selective Enforcement Team for the #WhyWeServe grant from Aftermath. As you said, every day, officers put on a uniform to serve and protect, but they go above and beyond that to help make their community a better place. On December 19, Sgt. Ligo and SET team went above and beyond for one child in our community.

Noah, 8, was undergoing treatment for cancer at UNC Hospitals. Fighting a critical illness, Noah was set to receive his wish to go to Disney World from Make-A-Wish Eastern North Carolina. Noah's father, active duty Army, wanted to make the Wish delivery extra special so reached out to Durham SET for a little help. Sgt. Ligo spearheaded a special "mission" to get Noah from the treatment room and bring him outside to where the entire SET team was waiting, with an armored truck, to let Noah know he was going to Disney World. Noah has always loved everything SWAT, so his family couldn't think of a better way to tell Noah he was getting his wish. Sgt. Ligo lead communication between Make-A-Wish, UNC Hospitals and his team in order for the Wish delivery to go smoothly.

The SET team went above and beyond, from reaching out to local vendors to get a "Noah-sized" uniform just in time for the delivery, to bringing multiple members of the team to be a part of the day. They even invited other children going through treatment to explore the truck. Every single officer greeted the kids with the biggest smile and an attitude that showed they didn't "have" to be there because of work, but that they all WANTED to be a part of this special experience. Make-A-Wish Eastern North Carolina was humbled to share this experience with Sgt. Ligo and the Durham SET team. We believe that a wish gives children renewed energy and strength, brings families closer together and unites communities - with the help of Sgt. Ligo, he exemplified this by uniting our community to put a big smile of Noah's face. Money from Aftermath Services to Make-A-Wish Eastern North Carolina would go directly to granting a life-changing experience for another child in our community, just like Noah.

**Sergeant Aaron Ligo &
the Durham Selective
Enforcement Team
Create Unbelievable
Experience for Wish
Kid Noah!**



When a wish is granted, a child replaces fear with confidence, sadness with joy and anxiety with hope.



Wishes have proven physical and emotional benefits that can give children with critical illnesses a higher chance of survival.



Right now, 1 in 4 eligible children in Eastern North Carolina is going without a wish.

**Check out more from Noah's
day with the Durham Selective
Enforcement Team:**

- * [Video from UNC Health Care](#)
- * [Coverage from WRAL](#)
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