Mark a Wish Foundation of Central Calif.

**Mission Statement**: We grant the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy.

**Services Provided**: There are four steps to granting a wish. Each step builds on the next to help create the amazing experiences that delight wish kids and their families. A wish experience is frequently a source of inspiration for children undergoing difficult medical treatments and a positive force that helps them overcome their obstacles. A wish experience is often more than a dream come true.

**Step 1: Referral** - We rely on medical professionals, parents and children themselves for referrals. Children who have reached the age of 2 ½ and are under the age of 18 at the time of referral who have not received a wish from another wish-granting organization may be eligible for a wish.

**Step 2: Medical eligibility** - We determine a child’s medical eligibility with the help of the treating physician. To receive a wish, the child must be diagnosed with a life-threatening medical condition – i.e., a progressive, degenerative or malignant condition that has placed the child’s life in jeopardy.

**Step 3: Finding the true wish** - We send one of our enthusiastic wish teams to learn the child’s one true wish. These passionate volunteers connect with wish children and help explore their imaginations for the experience that will delight and inspire them.

**Step 4: Creating joy** - Our wish granters create an unforgettable experience driven by the child’s creativity. It’s an incredible experience that enriches not just the lives of the children and their families, but often an entire community.

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