

I am still wishing...

Thalia, 6
cancer



Thalia was diagnosed with cancer when she was just 18 months old. When her mom noticed that her belly was enlarged and felt a very large, hard lump she took Thalia to the doctor to get an ultrasound. That night, Thalia was admitted to Sick Kids and underwent multiple different tests and diagnosed two days later. Thalia had surgery and immediately started her chemotherapy treatment protocol. Since the cancer had spread so quickly, her team of doctors suggested a treatment plan that was fast and aggressive – five rounds of chemotherapy, one major surgery, multiple smaller ones, two stem cell transplants, 12 days of radiation and then six months of immunotherapy. She spent months in the hospital (including her and her sister's birthdays) that it soon became her normal.

She is now six years old and loves spending lots of time outside biking, colouring and playing with her friends and two older sisters. Although Thalia is the youngest, she has learnt how to be spunky and loud to keep up with the “big girls.” Her favourite colours are purple and pink and loves french fries, mac and cheese & pizza. She enjoys lots of different types of music but her favourite song while in treatment was “Country Roads” by John Denver ... but currently would pick “Witch of the West Moorland” by Stan Rogers.

Thalia's wish was one of the thousands impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. When asked about what her wish means to her and the family, Thalia's mom said, ““when we found out Thalia could have a wish it was unexpected. This wish is a symbol of Thalia's journey and a celebration of all of the obstacles she has had to overcome. We are looking forward to creating new memories that will last a lifetime.””

Hope is essential for children with critical illnesses. It is thanks to your generous support that we can continue creating hope and bringing joy to wish kids in your community, and across the country, like Thalia.



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