

HEROES OF HOPE

YOUR IMPACT ON THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES AT THE CHILDREN'S CENTER

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**"I wish life would go
back to normal."**

Bringing Hope to Children's Dreams

"I wish there were cures to cancers."

"I wish to grow up and have a good family."

"I wish to be able to see my dad again."

"I wish money would fall from the sky."

"I wish my mom was alive."

"I wish to be a good strong man like my dad."

"I wish that I would get good grades."

"I wish I had a puppy."



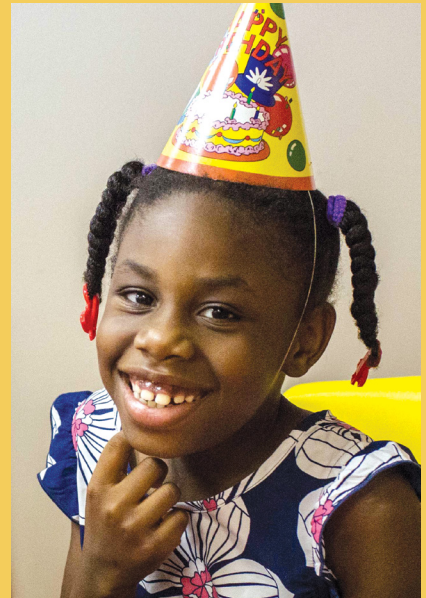
Wishes are personal. At The Children's Center, we give children the space and opportunity to dream big, dare boldly and to share their personal wishes on our Wishing Tree. Some of those wishes are captured above.

The Wishing Tree is a way for therapists to begin their relationships with children—to get more of an inside glimpse into what a child may be thinking. This is one step in our Healing the Hurt program, which is 70% of the work we do at The Children's Center. This work would not be possible without you.

The Wishing Tree allows our children to see that they're not alone. Wishes vary from being lighthearted to things far too serious for a child to deal with. While not every burden can be lifted, together we can help them begin to find a way.

Thanks for helping to bring hope to children beginning their healing journey.

Birthday Parties are Back! Hooray!



COVID-19 has taken away so many special moments for children and families—school, summer camp, play dates, and normal holidays. It's frustrating, isn't it?

No longer! We figured out how to bring back our beloved monthly birthday parties to make sure children are being celebrated properly. Enter: the virtual birthday party! Each month we invite anyone who wants to attend to celebrate those with a birthday. Including you!

Black Panther attended the most recent birthday party and read books and played games with our birthday boys and girls, giving each special child a chance to celebrate themselves and have fun!

Join us for our next one.



Understanding Dad™: A Program for Moms

Think about how the most vital relationships in your life have shaped who you are. Our new program **Understanding Dad™: A Program for Moms** focuses on building that critical relationship between mothers and fathers in Wayne County.

We work to help raise mothers' awareness behind the importance of a father's involvement. Sessions help mothers build effective communication skills through personal reflection on their own developmental histories, and by working to show the effect relationships have on their children. The program also teaches mothers important co-parenting skills for raising children when they are not in a partnership with their child's father.

"This program is wonderful and eye-opening, looking at how our relationships with our parents, our mother and father, have an impact... it builds an awareness and helps to improve the relationships with the mothers and fathers of children," says Christine Hudson, Community Engagement Specialist.

It's because of you that this program is possible, and the effects are already talking hold. Thank you for helping bring this program to life!

Splish-Splashing Our Way to Summer!

Summer's just around the corner and nothing's more fun than a dip in the pool!

You're making it possible for children 13 and younger to learn how to swim, **FOR FREE!**

Thanks to you and the amazing support from Aqua-Tots Swim School, our budding swimmers will be ready for a splish-splashing summer in no time. Cannonball!





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2021 Power of Possibilities Virtual Breakfast

More Power, More Possibilities for Children!

During the time of COVID, Detroit families have been experiencing isolation, fear, uncertainty, loss, and trauma. Join us at the 2021 Power of Possibilities virtual breakfast to give children and families the help they need and hope of better days ahead.

Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at
7:30AM virtual networking;
8:00AM program begins.

The event is free to
attend, RSVP required at
www.TheChildrensCenter.com/Power-of-Possibilities



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Believers like You Make Dreams Come True

Children deserve to dream and envision a better future for themselves. Help us see that vision through. By showing children they are not alone, you can help them build their confidence and feel a sense of belonging. Join our Believers monthly giving program today to empower children to dream bigger than they ever imagined.

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