



## Make-A-Wish Ireland and Behaviour & Attitudes

Luke Reaper, director of Behaviour & Attitudes has joined the board of Make-A-Wish Ireland.

*“MAKE-A-WISH IRELAND GRANT WISHES TO CHILDREN WITH LIFE THREATENING MEDICAL CONDITIONS TO ENRICH THE HUMAN EXPERIENCE WITH HOPE, STRENGTH AND JOY. I AM DELIGHTED TO HAVE BEEN ASKED TO HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE. SOME PEOPLE HAVE ASKED ME ‘HOW CAN A WISH MAKE A DIFFERENCE?’ TO SEE THE EMOTIVE AND RESULTANT ENHANCEMENT OF THE CHILDS WELLBEING CLEARLY UNDERLINES THE IMPORTANCE OF THE WISH PROCESS. TO BE ABLE TO MAKE THAT DIFFERENCE AND BRING HOPE AND JOY TO A CHILD IS PRICELESS” LUKE*

A brief history of Make-A-Wish International

- Began in Arizona in 1980 when Chris Grecius age 7 wished to be a state trooper
- Mum & Local Police Force granted his wish
- Chris made a second wish that all sick children could have a wish granted
- Make-A-Wish America & International is born
- In 37 countries worldwide
- 30,000 volunteers worldwide
- 225,000 wishes granted since 1980

Make-A-Wish Ireland

- Established in Ireland in 1992
- Top 5 Affiliates
- 2009 highest wish-granting per capita
- Granted 173 wishes in Ireland - 2009
- 2009 - 1000<sup>th</sup> wish milestone
- Ambassadors include; Gareth O Callaghan, Padraig and Caroline Harrington, Peter Develin, Bernard Dunne, Daithi O Se, Jonathan Sexton, Miriam O’Callaghan, Laura Bermingham, Ken Doherty and Imelda May

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