



The Medical Team

The medical team of the Wish Ambulance consists entirely of VOLUNTEERS.

Each Wish is carefully planned in coordination with the patient's attending physician, accompanied by the highly qualified medical staff.

- An EMT driver specialized in emergency medicine
- Anesthetist nurse certified in Intensive Care
- Paramedic
- If necessary, the patient's doctor

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MDA VOLUNTEERS FULFILLED WISHES IN 2018



The Wish Ambulance is part of the treatment process, allowing patients to immerse themselves once again in society and gain hope and the morale to fight their disease or condition.

The realization of a wish or a dream is an important element in improving the state of mind of a terminally ill patient during their most difficult days and thus allowing them to forget, if only for a moment, their pain and suffering. Most of the wishes are sentimental and very personal in nature: taking part in family smachot such as a child's wedding or graduation; visiting natural and heritage sites; attending sporting or cultural events; meeting relatives or celebrities. Each Wish Ambulance trip is meticulously coordinated in advance by the project team.

The Wish Ambulance team receives daily requests from patients and their families whose dream for their children, parents, brothers or sisters, is to fulfill one last wish.

Yonat Daskal

Wish ambulance project manager

I want to thank all those who contribute to the Wish Ambulance. We have the ability to fulfill the wishes of patients who would otherwise not get this opportunity thanks to your amazing help! I hope that we will continue together to fulfill more wishes and dreams!!

How it works

In order to respond to the many requests and wishes, MDA Israel has set up a toll free number. The team of volunteers handle each of the requests from patients or their families and friends with care.



Benjamin Netanyahu

Prime Minister of the State of Israel

During a Wish Ambulance visit with Shmuel Mordechai

With my wife Sarah, we welcomed Mr. Mordechai Shmuel to our residence. Mordechai has been battling cancer for 12 years. Thanks to MDA, he realized his wish to meet us. The honor of receiving him was even greater for us. We were very moved to meet a wonderful man, a Zionist in his body and soul, who struggles with courage against his illness and who does not lose hope. We pray for his recovery and health, and send our thanks to MDA, which helps save lives, but also souls.

Mordechai Shmuel

Aged 75, he has been fighting cancer for 12 years. To achieve his greatest wish, he needed the help of Magen David Adom. Mordechai's wish was to meet Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his wife Sarah. The Wish Ambulance arrived at the Beer Sheva Retreat House where Mordechai is being treated, to take him to the Prime Minister's residence in Jerusalem where he had the pleasure of sharing a moment with Benjamin and Sarah Netanyahu. After his meeting with the Prime Minister, Mordechai wanted to go to the Kotel, and the MDA Wish Ambulance gladly obliged.



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Our Objective

The Wish Ambulance is truly a magnificent initiative that allows people in extreme distress to be comforted by joy, even for a few hours, through the fulfillment of a wish or an experience that many healthy people take for granted.

The goal is to do a mitzvah for those who are suffering and are unable to realise their wish due to complications with their health and/or logistics.

Your support will enable us to respond to more such dreams and wishes, anywhere, anytime, and thus relieve the pain of patients and their families.

This unique project is provided as a free service to patients in need.

With your help, Magen David Adom Australia intends to raise AUD \$500,000 to purchase a new Wish Ambulance, to allow us satisfy more patients and realize more and more wishes.

Help us make their wishes a reality.

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Yotam Cohen

Yotam is 3 years old and is fighting against Leukemia. He suffers the daily effects of chemotherapy. After his bone marrow transplant, his family wanted to find a way to cheer him up and allow him to fulfill his dream: flying in a helicopter.

The Cohen family approached Magen David Adom and the Wish Ambulance. With the help of MDA, Yotam was able to enjoy a guided tour in an MDA helicopter experiencing a superb 15-minute flight over the city of Beer Sheva.

Mushon Vaknin, a veteran pilot and Director of the Lachish Region and MDA's Air-Evac Unit, explained to Yotam the specifics of a helicopter and offered him MDA's Paramedic's badge.

A FANTASTIC MORNING FOR YOTAM AND HIS FAMILY!

Ravit Cohen

Yotam's Mother



We are so grateful! MDA fulfilled my son's dream. Everything was done with the greatest professionalism. We hope that his renewed joy will be reflected in future medical tests and will help Yotam in his healing process.

Mushon Vaknin

Director:MDA Lachish Region & MDA Helicopter Air-Evac Unit

MDA helicopters act as a flying emergency room. We fight for the lives of patients who are often between life and death. This is the first time the helicopter has experienced pure and innocent joy, as seen by Yotam's smile and joy. This young man is a hero! It was a privilege and an honor to fulfill his wish with this helicopter flight.

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Rina

Rina has been teaching for 25 years and fighting cancer. Her wish was to attend the graduation party for her students.

The Wish Ambulance brought Rina to the ceremony for a very moving meeting with her students.

Tomer Bar Levi

MDA volunteer

When we arrived, we were charmed by Rina's personality and strength.

She had not left home for more than six months.

In such moments, we understand again and again what this special project means. It is a privilege to allow suffering people to see their dreams and wishes become a reality.

Orit & Mani Hadi

Seriously injured in a car accident in Holon, transported in serious condition and hospitalized at the Sheba Medical Center in Tel Hashomer, the doctors said they would remain in the hospital for a long time.

But thanks to the Wish Ambulance, this couple was able to attend the wedding of their only son.

Adi Ben-Aharon

The paramedic who rushed them to the hospital, was aware of their son's imminent marriage:

I had been told that the Wish Ambulance would fulfill their wish, and take them to the wedding. When they offered me to lead them and join them, I was overcome with joy, I feel that we have come full circle.

Dor Tziziashvili

Dor is 16 and fighting Cancer. For the past 2 years his condition has required close medical supervision. A fan of superheroes, "Larger than Life", a volunteer organization that helps Dor and his family in their daily lives, turned to MDA so that the young man could realize his dream and

see the latest Wonder Woman film.

The Wish Ambulance team took Dor to the movies. During the trip, he shared his knowledge of the superheroes with the medical staff and then watched the film! He sat in the first row in a movie theater open just for him, Dor was delighted to admire the great powers of Wonder Woman ... played by renowned Israeli actress Gal Gadot. The energy passed on to Dor who fights like a hero to fight the disease!

Dvora Balwa

March 2017, Dvora was looking forward to the Wish Ambulance. Hospitalized in Hadassah Mt. Scopus Hospital for several months, she is connected 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to an oxygen tank that gives her 10 liters of life every hour. She hardly ever leaves her bed. Although she does not have much air in her lungs, Dvora keeps her spirits up. She always has dreams like seeing the place she loves the most in Israel, the place where she was born: the Kinneret at Lake Tiberias.

Uri and Benny were the MDA medics and her two companions for the whole day.

On a screen inside the ambulance the landscape is shown, filmed by the camera installed on the roof of the ambulance.

Uri, her guardian angel coordinates the oxygen reserves that Dvora needs. No stress today - everything is under control! If the oxygen bottles require attention at any moment, they will not dictate the program of the day; today it is Dvora who decides.

The journey along the valley reminds Dvora of her memories and emotions. At the crossroads of Zemach Junction, she is on the verge of tears. She did not believe it could happen: to see the Kinneret one more time.

Another stop to prepare the oxygen reserves at the MDA Tiberias station and go to the beach.

The Kinneret is clear and soothing; the rescuers keep oxygen close to

Dvora and gently tilt it into the lake. How joyous is the feeling of floating in the water. The day continues with a delicious meal, planned by MDA. The whole family is gathered around Dvora.

It is already five o'clock in the afternoon, time to say goodbye to friends and family. This is not a goodbye; Dvora is in such a good mood that it illuminates all the sad faces.

The story of this day could have ended in the calm of the Wish Ambulance driving home but things did not unfold as well. On the way back, the team witnessed a pileup at the Kfar Adumim Junction. Three vehicles were involved in this dramatic accident. Several wounded needed to be treated, many of whom were in serious condition. They had to act quickly.

Uri and Benny, both experienced paramedics in the field immediately provided first aid pending the arrival of other MDA ambulances.

The victims were separated by our two rescuers according to the severity of their condition.

The first ambulances arrived, a woman had to be taken away urgently. The decision was made to transport her with the Wish Ambulance to the nearest hospital. The siren sounds.

The same vehicle now carried a woman who had just realized her dearest wish and a woman whose most cherished wish is to stay alive. Uri treated her and provided painkillers. A race against the clock had begun.

The end of the story? Happy! The victim did not suffer sustaining injuries from her accident. Arriving at Ein Kerem Hospital in Jerusalem, she was taken care of by the Emergency Room staff. Our rescuers gave their best to save her. It was then time for Uri, Benny and Dvora to say goodbye. What a day! What intense emotions experienced by each and what an adventure! This day gave Dvora courage and strength to face her illness. It will remain forever in the memories of Dvora and her relatives.



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