

THE COST OF A WISH

Although the WISH Ambulance is free to the patient, its operating costs must be covered to keep this amazing, life enhancing initiative happening. Operating costs include vehicle upkeep, fuel, project management, meals and refreshments, insurance and other incidentals.

Sample operating costs per WISH:

Efrat's WISH to visit the Beach: \$720

Rina's WISH to attend her students' graduation and visit the Kotel: \$900

Izik's WISH to swim with the dolphins: \$1750

Yotam's WISH to ride in an MDA helicopter: \$3600

Please help us help others by donating to our BEYOND A WISH campaign.

* All donations over \$2 are tax deductible

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Beyond aWISH

The WISH Ambulance can make a real difference in the lives of many. Magen David Adom Australia has taken on this project to help make WISHES come true.

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.

Help us reach our goal to purchase this new vehicle.

EVERY DOLLAR MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Your support will make WISHES COME TRUE.



G. Lipson

Glynis Lipson

Chairperson

Magen David Australia

My dear friends in Australia,

I want to thank you for supporting our 2019 Annual Campaign - Beyond a WISH.

Here in Israel, we believe that everyone deserves to have the chance to have their last wishes granted. I am so proud that Australia has taken on this incredible project that will ensure for many years to come that we are able to lift the spirits and hopefully heal the souls of many Israeli's and their families in their time of need.

Thank you again, for making these wishes come true and generously supporting Magen David Adom.



E. Bin

Eli Bin

Director General

Magen David Israel

**Beyond
a WISH**

CAMPAIGN LAUNCH

Special Guests:

Itai Orion

WISH Ambulance Volunteer

Ravit Cohen, mother of Yotam

WISH Ambulance Recipient

Elisheva Cohen

Sister of Yotam and Bone Marrow Donor

Thursday 13th June 2019

7.30pm



Venue: To be advised

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

www.magendavidadom.com.au/event-registration/

Help us make WISHES come true

YOTAM'S WISH

Yotam at the age of 3 was diagnosed with cancer. He was hospitalised in the Oncology Ward at Ein Karem Hospital awaiting a bone marrow transplant



but his general health was poor and his blood count was far too low to perform the procedure.

The Oncology Ward overlooks the MDA ambulance helipad and each time an ambulance landed or departed, Yotam would watch out of the window and dream of flying in one of those helicopters.

The MDA WISH Ambulance team took Yotam to the helipad, gave him a lesson on helicopter operation and fitted him with his very own headset.

The helicopter took off giving Yotam the exhilarating experience of flying.

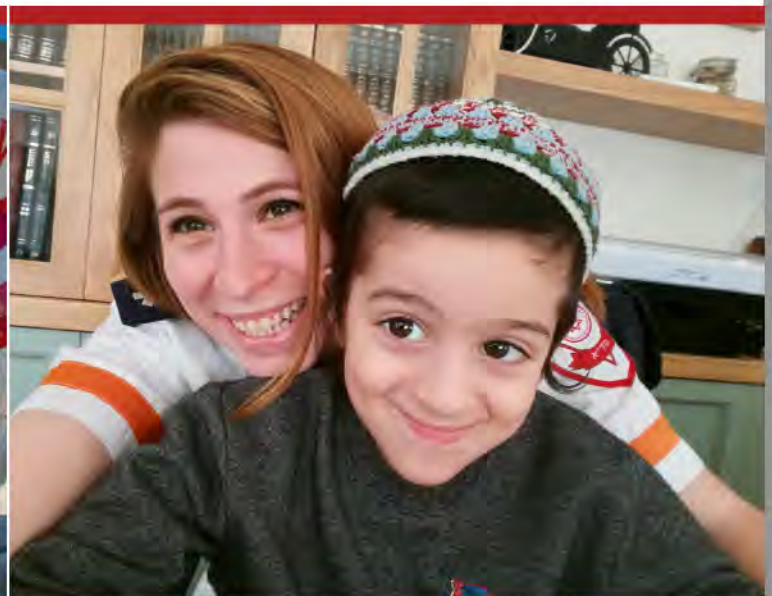
When they landed, the expression on Yotam's face was priceless. He jumped into his mother Ravit's arms totally ecstatic. His WISH had been granted.

On returning to the hospital the doctors were reluctant to again test Yotam's blood count in preparation for the bone marrow transplant but on Ravit's insistence the check showed a marked increase in Yotam's blood count and he was able to receive the wonderful donation of bone marrow from his sister, Elisheva.

"Suddenly you realise, that the soul has such a profound effect on the body. By granting Yotam his WISH, we've helped make the transplant a reality." – Yonat, MDA Paramedic & Wish Ambulance Project Manager.

"You see these people, their dedication and compassion, such energy they invested in cheering up Yotam and making him happy. It was so powerful and significant" – Ravit, Yotam's Mother.

Yotam, B'H is on the road to recovery.



Beyond a WISH

2019 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

Our WISH is to raise

\$500,000

by our 'Give for Life' Day on
20th June 2019

Help us purchase a new WISH
Ambulance.

Every dollar creates an
opportunity to make a difference
in the the lives of many.

By donating you can help fulfill
the WISHES of terminally ill and
immobile patients for years to
come.

To donate, please visit:

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THE WISH AMBULANCE

THE WISH AMBULANCE IS AN MDA INITIATIVE THAT ALLEVIATES PAIN & SUFFERING BY GIVING HOPE.

It can heal the soul of patients and their families who are burdened by illness or injury. They are often denied enjoyment of life's meaningful moments.

Our WISH Ambulance represents the humanitarian and Jewish values on which MDA is built.

The WISH Ambulance gives HOPE by granting wishes – from simple to highly complex



MAKING WISHES COME TRUE

– of those who have given up hope. Whether child, adolescent, adult or the elderly, the WISH Ambulance is available to all who are suffering illnesses that affect their mind, body or mobility.

The patient is boosted by this amazing experience that can have invaluable moral and physical benefits and sometimes even aid recovery.

The WISH Ambulance service is totally free to the patient and is available to all, regardless of ethnicity, religion or gender.

The cost of the WISH Ambulance, fully custom fitted, is **\$500,000**. Our WISH for 2019 is to reach this target. Help make our WISH a reality. Help us help others by donating to our Beyond a WISH 2019 campaign.



Seeing her Students Graduate

Cancer had kept school teacher Rina away from her beloved students for more than 6 months. Her WISH was to see them graduate from high school, something she thought was impossible. But MDA's WISH Ambulance made her WISH come true.

The WISH Ambulance staffed by professional MDA volunteers, collected Rina from her home, took her to the Graduation Ceremony, out for coffee with her family and a visit to the Kotel. It was a delightful day that Rina will remember forever.

"I've missed my colleagues and students so much. Thanks to the MDA WISH Ambulance, I was able to see my beloved students graduate. I'm indebted to the team. THANK YOU!"

MDA's Director General: *"Rina is a life teacher. We were happy to be able to play a part in making her happy. Caring for someone's soul is no less important than medicine. MDA is proud of the WISH Ambulance and the incredible work the volunteers do to make each WISH a reality for patients who struggle with terrible illness."*



Brother's Bond

The Locker brothers, 78 year old Shlomo and 85 year old Avraham, had not seen each other for more than two years as both suffered ill health. That was until Berta, Avraham's daughter asked MDA Wish Ambulance to grant the brothers' WISH to be reunited. The brothers, both Holocaust Survivors, were able to be reunited and spent a very precious day together.

A volunteer Paramedic and two medics collected Avraham from his home in Nazareth Illit and Shlomo was collected from his home in Bat Yam by another Paramedic, medic and the WISH Ambulance Project Manager.

Both teams constantly monitored the health of the two brothers to ensure they remained stable allowing them to put aside their troubles for a few hours to just enjoy being together for possibly the last time.

With incredible excitement Shlomo Locker thanked the MDA teams for the special bonding they had made possible – *"thank you so much, you have performed a great Mitzvah. These moments of precious bonding with my brother were only a dream until you made them a reality. You have given me the strength to fight on, it's a feeling that I can't describe, thank you so much!"*

