

Make-A-Wish India Semi-Annual Impact Report April - Sep FY'25

Anas, 5,
Leukemia, Wish
to Have a Cycle

Six months of hope, impact, and
wishes come true



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“ Every day, across hospital corridors and homes, I meet children who carry more courage than most of us adults will ever have to. Children whose worlds have been paused by illness, yet whose eyes still light up at the thought of having a smartphone to still be able to talk to their friends, meeting their cricket hero, or simply owning a bicycle.

At Make-A-Wish India, we've learned that a wish is not just a moment of joy; it's **medicine for the soul**. Over the last six months, our teams, doctors, and volunteers across eight cities have worked tirelessly to make hundreds of wishes come true, reminding us that healing often begins with hope.

This report is not just a reflection of numbers but of impact, of laughter echoing through hospital wards, of families rediscovering strength, and of children daring to dream again. Guided by our global Theory of Change, we continue to focus on **quality over quantity**, ensuring that every wish is deeply personal, meaningful, and transformative.

As we approach our **100,000th wish**, we are reminded that hope, when shared, multiplies. Together, with our partners, donors, and every believer in the power of a wish, we move closer to a world where every eligible child in India gets the chance to experience that light.



Because when a child believes their wish can come true, they start believing in their tomorrow.

– Dhruv Pandey, Chief Executive Officer, Make-A-Wish, India.

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Every 25 seconds, a child gets diagnosed with a critical illness.

– World Health Organization (WHO)

***13.7 Million**

children (3-17 years old) are currently
living with critical illnesses



Nishtha, 11,
Leukemia, Wish to
Have a phone

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1.3 Million

more are diagnosed each year,
joining them in the fight for *hope*



Amanullah, 4,
Neuroblastoma, Wish
to Have a Remote
Controlled Car

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*Global estimated annual new cases. Source: Research for Impact 2022

► 02: Vision

Our aim is to grant the wish of **every** eligible child.

Since its inception, Make-A-Wish India has granted wishes to **98,000 children** bravely battling critical illnesses. But for every child whose wish we've fulfilled, there are many more still waiting. Today, we reach only about **2%** of the eligible children in India.

Every wish we grant falls into one of four categories:

wish to
HAVE

e.g, a big
bicycle

wish to
BE

e.g, a police
officer

wish to
MEET

e.g, Alia Bhatt

wish to
GO

e.g, to Goa's
beaches



Samser, 7 years old,
T-Cell, Leukemia,
Wish to Have a Toy
Dinosaur

► 03: Wish Spotlight: Wish to Meet



"Meeting Alia has been the biggest motivation for Pranali to get better fast, so she can dance with her in-person!"

– Pranali's Mother

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Wish to MEET

We partnered with **incredible artists & athletes** to fulfill the wishes of our equally incredible children!

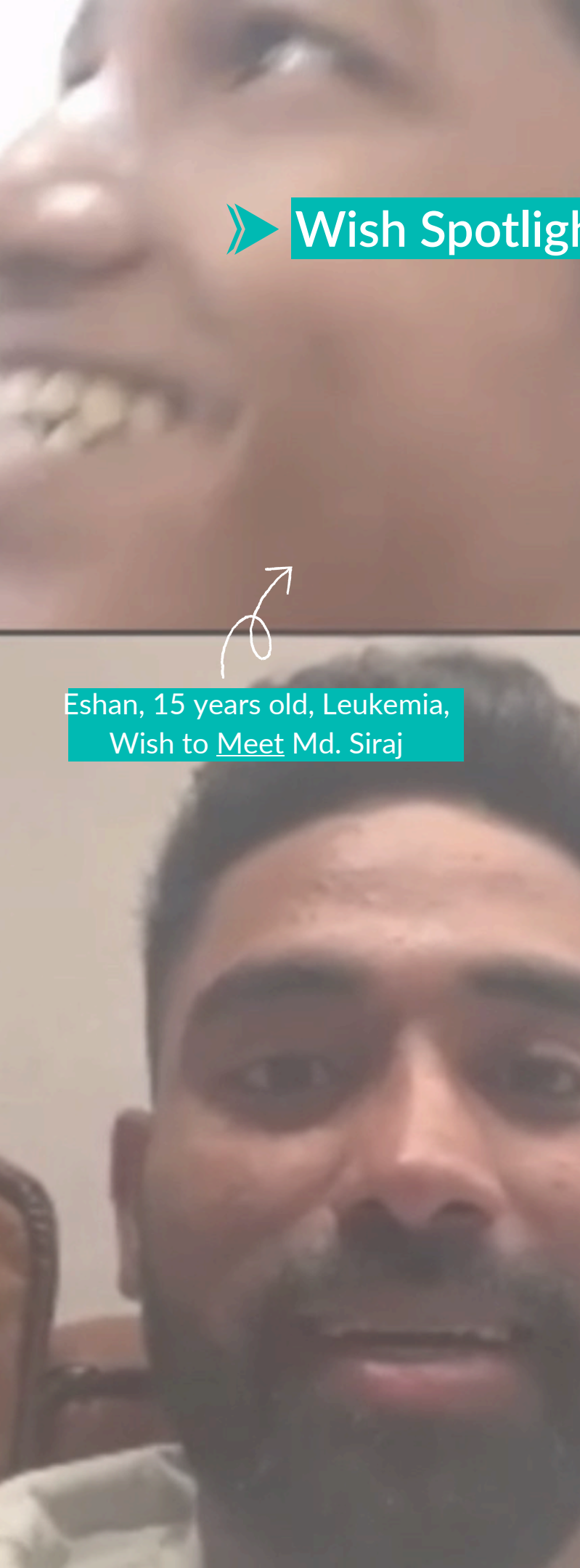
Pranali, 14,
immunocomprised



Amira, 11 year old,
Type 1 Diabetes



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SPORTS
ATHLETIC



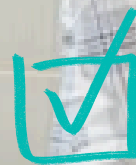
Eshan, 15 years old, Leukemia,
Wish to Meet Md. Siraj

» Wish Spotlight: Wish to Meet

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Adarsh, 12 years old, Ventricular
Septal Defect (VSD), Wish to
Meet Rohit Sharma



Signed merch +
batting advice.



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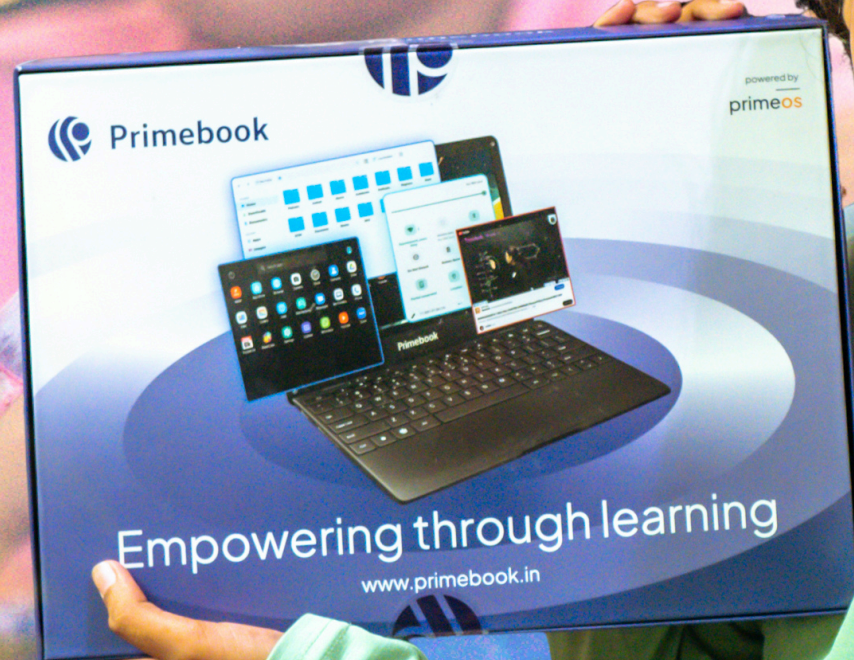
Vivaan, 11 years old,
Juvenile Diabetes, Wish to
Meet Sunil Chhetri



Signed custom jersey +
his very own football.

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» Wish Spotlight: Wish to Have



Wish to HAVE

← Syalu, 13 years old, living with Hodgkin's Lymphoma wished for a laptop so she can keep up with online classes + play games with her friends!

► Wish Spotlight: Wish to Be

Wish to BE

← Aman, 17, battling Leukemia, wished to be an author and publish his own autobiographical book, now available at Crossword stores!

Read more at our feature on [The Free Press Journal](#) here :)

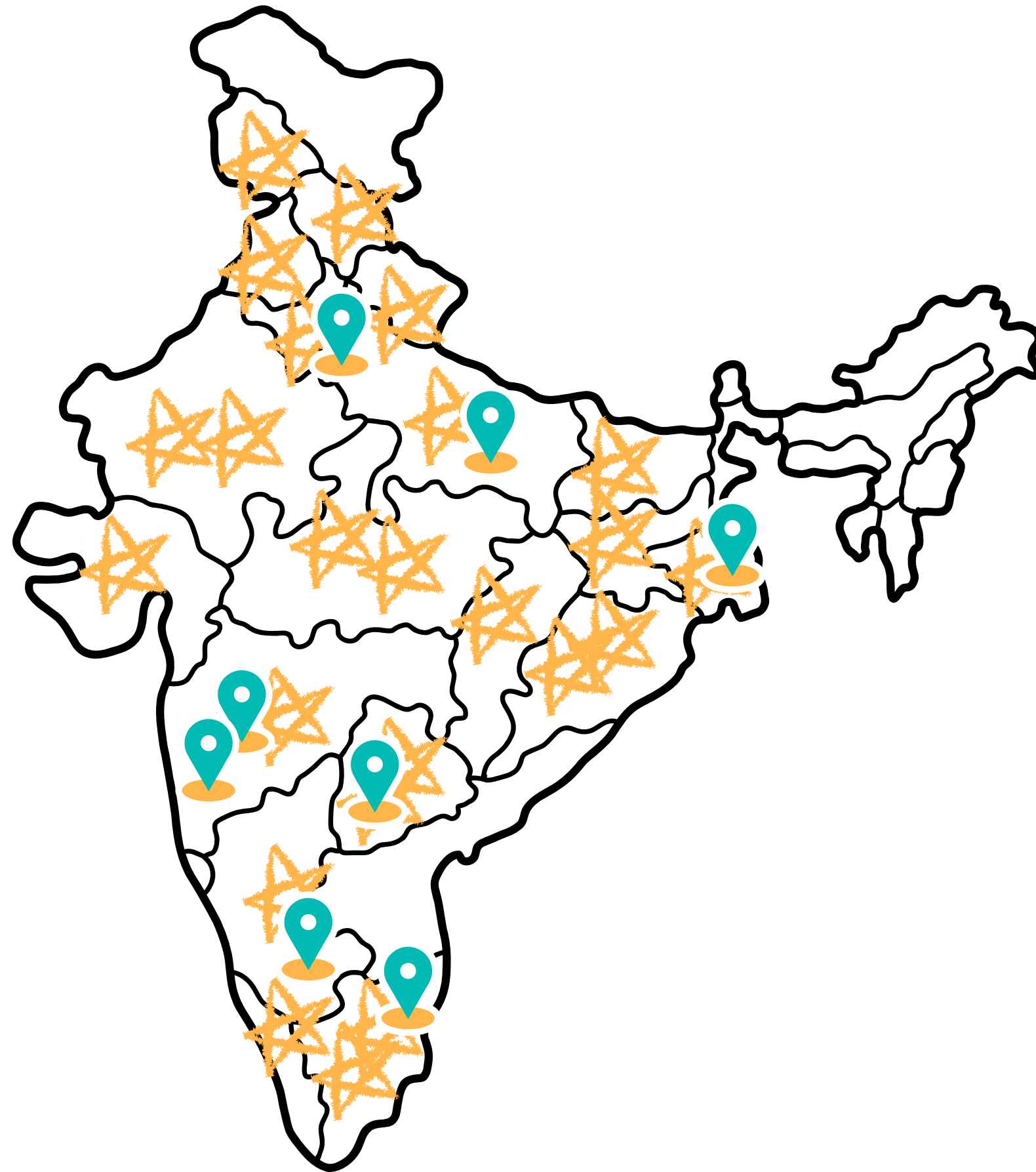


Wish to GO

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John, 10 years old, facing Sickle Cell Anaemia, wished to go to Goa so he could see the beach for the first time & build sand-castles!

► 04: National Footprint



While our offices are currently based in eight cities, **Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Pune, Hyderabad, Chennai, Kolkata, and Varanasi**, we've granted wishes from across the country. Our extensive network of hospitals, volunteers, and doctors, all come together to bring these wishes to life. **One child, one smile, one city at a time.**

120+
partner hospitals

100+
engaged volunteers

700+
network doctors

► 05: Impact Philosophy

Our impact isn't something we only **count**, it's something we **feel**. In the glow of a diya our children painted, in their shared laughter, and in the spark that returns when a child rediscovers joy.

Guided by our **Global Theory of Change**, we focus **not on how many** wishes we grant, but on **how meaningfully** we grant them, measuring not just numbers, but joy sparked, hope restored, and families strengthened.



Our children painting diyas in our wish granting event near Diwali.

April - September

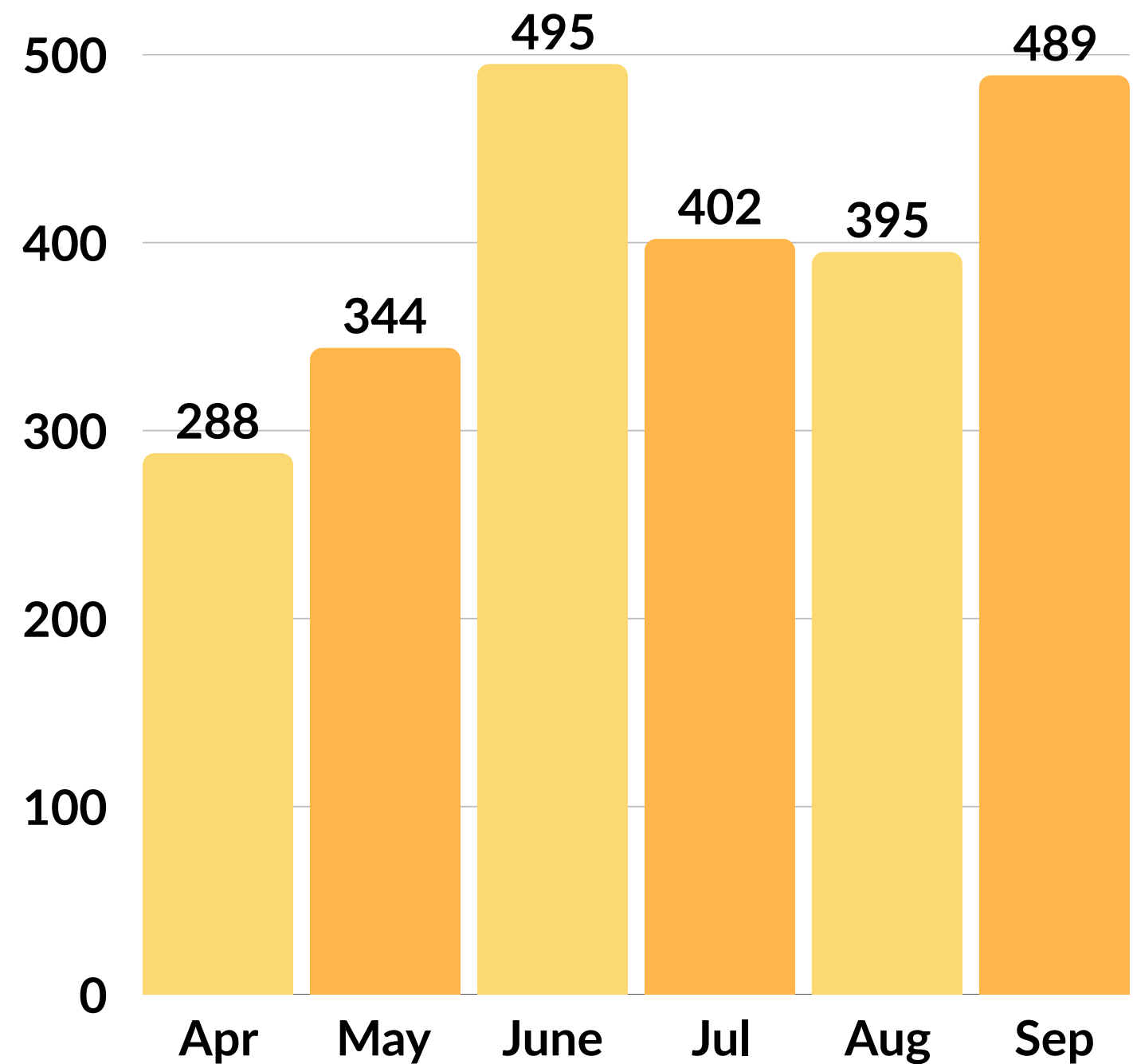


Figure 1: Number of wishes granted april-september.

2,413
wishes granted in in
the **past 6 months**

489
wishes granted
last month

98,000+
wishes granted **since 1995**

► 07: Impact Survey| Findings

Six months of data from 507 wish children show what we've always known; a wish is more than a moment of joy. It strengthens families, improves well-being, increases treatment compliance and supports better treatment outcomes.

97%

of wish children felt happy and excited after their wish.

95%

said they love remembering their wish, it still makes them smile.

81%

said their wish helped them forget about being sick.

95%

said their wish made their family happy too.

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Kamil, 17, Leukemia,
Wish to Have a Tablet

► 07: Impact Survey| Methodology

Survey Overview

Six-month follow-up survey (Apr–Sep 2025) across our **eight operational** cities in India, adapted from our global **Theory of Change** to measure **joy, resilience, and family well-being**.

Data Collection

Conducted **in-person** by trained volunteers, in preferred languages. Prior consent and comfort ensured for each child.

Sample Scope

507 of 2,413 wish children surveyed, one month post-wish. Randomly selected by volunteers across diverse wish types, ages, and regions.

Analysis & Credibility

Responses **verified and analyzed** using descriptive stats and themes. At a **95% confidence level**, the survey findings carry a **±3.9% margin of error**.

Riya, 11, Leukemia,
Wish to Have a Laptop





► 08: Wish Alumni Spotlight



“Meeting **Hrithik Roshan** was a dream come true. From watching him on screen to finally standing beside him, it was a **once-in-a-lifetime** moment I’ll cherish forever. That experience deeply shaped my confidence and inspired me to live life to the fullest, despite every challenge.

I made this wish **21 years ago**, and I would choose it again and again.”

– Somya Malik, Wish Alumni, living with Thalassemia Major, Wished to Meet Mr. Hrithik Roshan

(Fulfilled in 2004)



82%

(like little Somya!)

wish children
believe that their
wish made them
feel strong and
brave

– Make-A-Wish India Survey (2025)



» 09: Doctor Spotlight: How Wishes Support Healing

88% of medical professionals observe better treatment-compliance post wish.

– Wish Impact Global Survey (2023)

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*I've witnessed firsthand the incredible joy and hope that Make-A-Wish brings to children battling life-threatening illnesses and their families. Your work goes far beyond momentary happiness, it **brings light, strength, and emotional healing** to young patients. It's been deeply inspiring to collaborate with your team and see those smiles come alive*

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DR. MAMTA MANGLANI
DIRECTOR, PEDIATRIC HEMATOLOGY-
ONCOLOGY & BMT CENTRE

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*While the life saving medical therapy certainly adds years to their lives, it is without a doubt - the warm smiles & compassionate gestures of Make-a-Wish volunteers who strive to fulfil their wishes, is what **adds immense joy to their lives! These moments of happiness serve as a powerful complement** to medical care, enhancing the overall quality of life for the children under our care.*

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DR. MAMATHA M LALA
PEDIATRICIAN & PEDIATRIC HIV SPECIALIST

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*Treatment is only one part, but **bringing smiles back through wishes is incredibly important for children with chronic illnesses, who are often very fragile.** The Make-A-Wish Foundation plays a crucial role in doing that for these little ones, and I truly appreciate it.*

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DR. YASHWANT GABHALE
PAEDIATRICIAN
SION HOSPITAL

► 09: Wish kids' spotlight; their favorite moments

“When I wore the police uniform and sat on the IPS chair, I felt very good and I never want to forget that moment.”

– Satya, 10, Leukemia, Wished to Be a Police Officer

“My guitar helps me relax when I feel low, it was my long-time dream come true.”

– Priyajit, 8, Leukemia, Wish to Have a Guitar

“I felt like a real princess that day, and really liked my pink crown!”

– Mantasha, 4, living with Thalessemia Major, Wished to Be a Princess

“I could not stop smiling!”

– Kumuda, 12, Cardiovascular Disease, Wish to Meet Indian Army

“He (the toy) is like my friend!”

– Satyam, 5, Hodgkin's Lymphoma, Wish to Have a Doraemon Plushy



► 10: Our corporate partners



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Lubrizol



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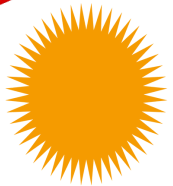


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