



## *Wakinya's Wish*



Wakinya's fascination for creatures of the sea is remarkably focused; not only does he have a great knowledge of sharks; he shows keen interest in exploring the underwater world. These attributes may be common in older children, but Wakinya is only 4 years old!

Following what was been a challenging year battling cancer, he was ready to embrace adventure.

A wish vacation in Hawaii where he ditched his water-wings and managed

to independently snorkel, opened a new world. Throwing himself and his family into activities including kissing dolphins, skimming along the ocean in a catamaran, flying over volcanoes in a helicopter and many more unique experiences, was the escape he needed to rejuvenate his spirit.

Unfortunately, extreme waves prevented him from swimming with the sharks. It was an amazing trip and Wakinya plans to visit the nearest aquarium soon.

Wishes like Wakinya's are granted through the caring individuals and groups like The Sovereign General Insurance Company. This wish provided happy memories to a child who is facing an uncertain future.

The Children's Wish Foundation sincerely appreciates the efforts of those who choose to make a difference in the lives of children suffering from life-threatening illnesses.



## *Nikita's Disney Makeover*



Everyone's heard the old saying "I'm so happy I could sing", and known people who, no matter the odds, look on the bright side of life. Ten-year-old Nikita could be a poster child for the value of positive thinking, and she's been doing it for as long as she can remember. Nikita had the first of three open heart surgeries before she was a year old and has spent a fair amount of time in hospital since then. What she remembers most about her hospital stays, chronicled in a picture book she helped create, is making friends with other patients, smiling while she did spins and donuts in her wheel chair, and making funny faces to alleviate the boredom while undergoing therapy.

Nikita loves music in school, listening to her MP3 player, and singing with her karaoke machine. Thanks to your Exile Island team, Nikita got her wish to go to Disney World. You have given her another reason to sing.

**The Sovereign General Insurance Company's staff volunteer their time and money in addition to the \$1,000,000 that the company has donated over the past five years. Thanks, Sovereign General, for making these wishes reality.**