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Make-A-Wish honors Gundersen Lutheran

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Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Wisconsin recently honored six champion hospital systems throughout Wisconsin, including Gundersen Lutheran, with the W.I.S.H. (Winner in Sharing Happiness) award for being leaders in medical referral for critically ill children. The awards were presented at Host Night 2009, held in Milwaukee.

For 25 years the Make-A-Wish Foundation has granted wishes to children between the ages of 2 ½ and 18 who medically qualify. "We could not fulfill our mission without the help of these critical partners," says Patti Gorsky, president, Make-A-Wish Foundation. "Each one of these organizations has served as a catalyst in the wish process to fulfill young dreams."

Each W.I.S.H. award was presented by a wish child who had been treated at the respective hospital, and more than 550 donors, volunteers and wish families were in attendance.

"We are proud to partner with the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Wisconsin in referring our patients with life-threatening medical conditions for the phenomenal opportunity of making a wish based on the child's hopes and dreams, and seeing it come true," says Gundersen Lutheran physician assistant Andrea Winters, PA, Pediatric Cardiology.



In 2006, Molly Quinn was treated for lymphoma at Gundersen Lutheran, where she was also granted her wish, a dog named Oliver. Now 17 years old, Molly presented Gundersen Lutheran's (l-r) Toni Peters, MD, Andrea Winters, PA, (Molly with Oliver) and Susan MacLellan, MD, with the W.I.S.H. award.