

Journeys for a Lifetime

Coalition for Kids International & Fundacja Dziecięca Fantazja

Coalition for Kids International would like to express a huge “thank you” to our international youth volunteers. Thanks to you we are able to make even more wishes and dreams come true for terminally ill children in Poland.

On November 9, 2014, 11 students and 2 teachers from St. Mildred’s-Lightbourn School, Oakville, Ontario, Canada, departed for Warsaw, the capital of Poland. From there they took the train to Berlin and the next day they were already fully immersed in the history and culture of this powerful city. The following morning they travelled to Kraków, Poland, to begin their work. The students split into two groups and over the next 7 days, with each group travelling almost 1000 km in Poland, they met 22 terminally-ill children in their homes to personally deliver their humble wishes. They would bring joy and happiness to the children, their families and caregivers - and to countless other sick children they met in hospitals. They would change the lives of many - including their own.

We would like to share this photo extract of part of their journey with you...



Bundestag Senate



Berlin Wall (opposite the “Topography of Terror”)



Canadian Embassy in Warsaw



Main Square in Kraków

Alicja, 17, suffers from cerebral palsy and other illnesses



Alicja wished for a comfortable bed, a mattress and a TV. She absolutely LOVED her presents.

She opened everyone carefully and was checking them out in great detail. Alicja had the most beautiful smile!

Dorota, 16, suffers from a heart failure



Dorota wished for hair styling tools.

When she received her hairdryer, flat iron and professional hair cosmetics, she was the happiest young lady ever!

Wiktorija, 4, suffers from heart failure



Wiktorija wished for a tablet and some toys. She never expected to receive so much! We will never forget her smile!

Hospitals in Łódź and Kilece

We visited the Children's Hospital in Łódź and Kielce. They were very emotional visits for everyone. There was a lot of children, some very young - in difficult and stressful conditions. Most of the parents were on the edge, crying, helpless and alone. There were not enough doctors - it was so hot, no air conditioning, and no space for anyone...

However everyone, the children, parents and staff were so grateful for the little gifts we were giving out to them all. It was a life-lesson in reality...



Daria, 5, fights from acute leukemia lymphoblast

Daria wished for a TV so she could watch her favourite programs whenever she wants and my little Pet Shop and Pony Toys. She received lots and lots and lots of other toys as well!



Mikołaj, 4, suffers from muscular atrophy

Mikołaj wished for a tablet and now he can watch movies and listen to the music wherever he is!



Karolina, 9, fights against leukemia lymphoblast

Karolinka wished for a tablet and some home accessories. She was very grateful for her presents.



Paulina, 8, fights against medulloblastoma (brain tumor)

Paulina wished for a sit up hammock and some home accessories..

..and we made these wishes happen!



Arkadiusz, 16, fights against cancer

Arek wished for a mountain bike - you should have seen his face when he got it! Priceless!



Anna, 18, suffers from acute Crohn's disease

Ania wished for a new bed and a tablet. When she saw her presents she gave us the biggest smile ever!



Mateusz, 9, fights against Wilms' tumor

Mateusz is a very positive and smiling boy. He wished for an Xbox and Lego - he absolutely loved his presents!



Krzyś, 9, fights against eye and brain cancer

Krzyś dreamed about having a PS3 Move with games... we brought him much more...



Jakub, 13, fights against a brain tumor

This teenage boy dreamed of having a laptop. He was absolutely overwhelmed with happiness when he received it!



Filip, 6, fights against Hodgkin's Lymphoma

Filip wished for a small bike, a tablet and a camera.

He screamed with joy!



Magda, 7, fights against a brain tumor

Magda wished for a TV and some toys. When she found that she was getting much more, she couldn't believe it!



Natalia, 9, fights against acute leukemia lymphoblast

Natalia wished for an Xbox with games, princess bedding and some toys. She was so happy with her presents.



Bartek, 16, fights against acute leukemia lymphoblast

Bartek's wish was to get a mountain bike - he absolutely loved it!



Olga, 16, suffers from acute Crohn's disease

Olga wished for a mountain bike.

She is a very modest girl and she was truly grateful.



Martyna, 8, fights against leukemia

Martynka is a very positive and smiling girl. She wished for a rocking chair, a tablet and art supplies.



Hubert, 10, fights against Hodgkin's Lymphoma

Huber dreamed about an I-phone and a tablet.

He didn't expect to receive both at the same time! What a nice surprise☺



Krystian, 13, suffers from spina bifida

Krystian's wishes were for a camera and a tablet.

After our visit he sent us a text message saying "I'm still in shock - thank you so much!"



Joanna, 13, fights against bone cancer

Asia was overwhelmed with joy when she has got her presents. She wished for a TV and an Xbox.



Michał, 20, suffers from neuroborreliosis

Michał suffers from a disease that wasn't diagnosed for 13 years. After treatment he is gradually coming back to life (before he was confined to his bed and he couldn't communicate with anyone at all). Michał wished for a PS Vita with games. It will be great therapy for him!



Thank you!

