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On March 7, 2019, over 400 guests joined Children's Wish Foundation at the 6th annual Night of Wonders gala. The evening raised $570,000 to support wish granting in BC and the Yukon.

Thank you to our sponsors and donors for celebrating wishes with us.



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All of us at Children's Wish Foundation, BC & Yukon Chapter, are very proud of the magic made at our 2019 Night of Wonders gala on March 7th. With the support from our donors and sponsors, we were able to raise a record $570,000 to grant wishes to children with a life-threatening illness or serious neurological condition. Being a part of our gala for six years now, I can truly say that this event's rapid growth speaks volumes about the joy wishes bring to all.

Our community continues to be incredibly generous. We have grown our revenue 400% since the inaugural Wish Gala in 2014 and, likewise, have jumped from having 20 sponsors in 2014 to now including over 35 prestigious brands and vendors each year. We thank all of our partners for their enduring support.

2020 will no doubt be another year of growth. In 2019, Night of Wonders went national with six unique Night of Wonders galas happening across Canada, in Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Saint John, and St. John's, reflecting each community. Now more than ever, our sponsors are integral to our success and our ability to reach every child with a life-threatening illness in BC.

We would like to thank our presenting sponsor, Pacific Blue Cross, and our Wish Granter sponsors, Air Transat, BCLC, BMO, McMillan Lawyers, Peterson Group, The Dr. Pavlou Foundation, and The Lazy Gourmet, for joining us in 2019.

Best wishes,



Hannah Smith
Provincial Director
Children's Wish Foundation, BC & Yukon Chapter









YOUR COMMITMENT TO **SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY** ON DISPLAY

Night of Wonders honoured our sponsors at every turn. From pre-event communications, invitations, our exclusive Wish Stories book, our printed Live Auction Preview Brochure, and event activations. Sponsors and auction donors were also featured in 120+ social media posts and multiple e-newsletters, reaching tens of thousands of people across B.C. and Canada.















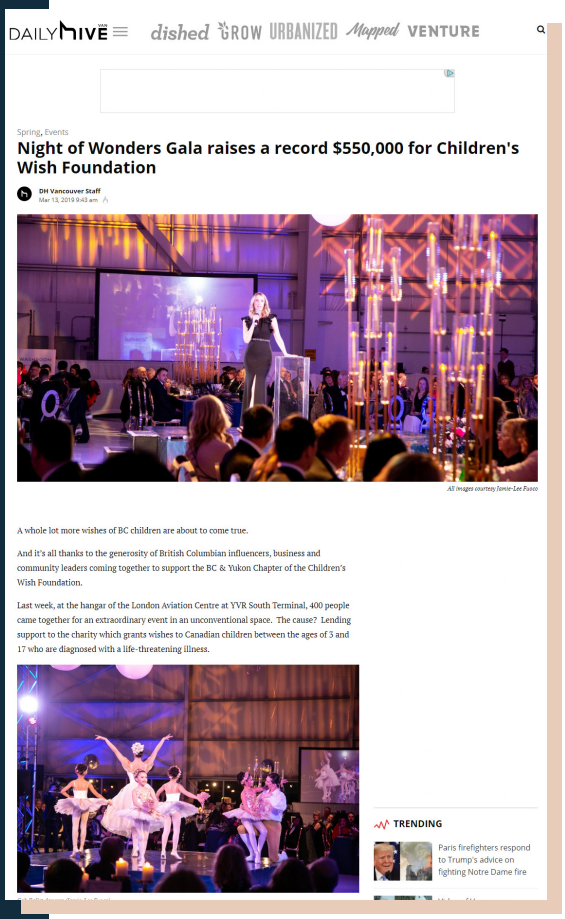
1. Presenting Sponsor and Wish Granter Sponsors featured in Wish Stories book, mailed to all guests and on display at the event | 2. Wish Granter and Corporate Sponsors recognized with branded table signage | 3. Liquidity Wines bar during the event | 4. All our sponsors featured in our event program | 5. Pure Maple Water mixing mocktails and introducing guests to their product | 6. The Lumeca Health team with their onsite display at Night of Wonders | 7. Our Live Auction donors highlighted in a beautiful and visual Live Auction Preview brochure mailed to guests in advance of the event

MEDIA

Night of Wonders received earned media attention from some of Vancouver's biggest publications, including The Province/The Vancouver Sun, Daily Hive, and BC Living. Our media impressions reached a combined 1.7M visitors.

On social media, our sponsors were tagged in more than 120 posts, reaching over 28,000 people on Facebook and over 21,000 on Instagram.

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Night of Wonders Gala raises a record $550,000 for Children's Wish Foundation

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A whole lot more wishes of BC children are about to come true.

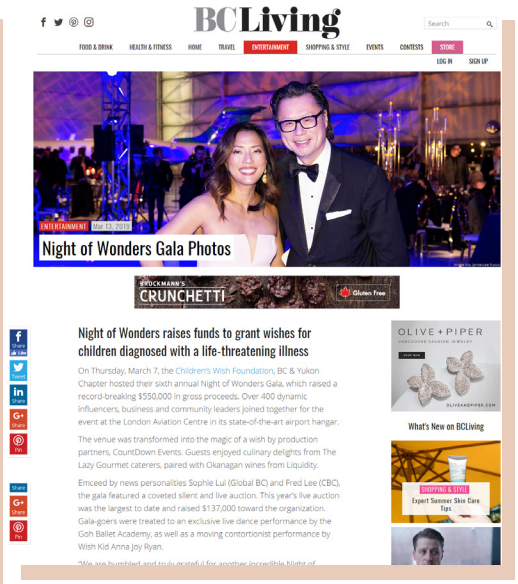
And it's all thanks to the generosity of British Columbian influencers, business and community leaders coming together to support the BC & Yukon Chapter of the Children's Wish Foundation.

Last week, at the hangar of the London Aviation Centre at YVR South Terminal, 400 people came together for an extraordinary event in an unconventional space. The cause? Lending support to the charity which grants wishes to Canadian children between the ages of 3 and 17 who are diagnosed with a life-threatening illness.

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Night of Wonders Gala Photos

Night of Wonders raises funds to grant wishes for children diagnosed with a life-threatening illness

On Thursday, March 7, the Children's Wish Foundation, BC & Yukon Chapter hosted their sixth annual Night of Wonders Gala, which raised a record-breaking $550,000 in gross proceeds. Over 400 dynamic influencers, business and community leaders joined together for the event at the London Aviation Centre in its state-of-the-art airport hangar.

The venue was transformed into the magic of a wish by production partners, CountDown Events. Guests enjoyed culinary delights from The Lazy Gourmet caterers, paired with Okanagan wines from Liquidity.

Emceed by news personalities Sophie Lui (Global BC) and Fred Lee (CBC), the gala featured a coveted silent and live auction. This year's live auction was the largest to date and raised $137,000 toward the organization. Gala-goers were treated to an exclusive live dance performance by the Goh Ballet Academy, as well as a moving contortionist performance by Wish Kid Anna Joy Ryan.

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NIGHT OF WONDERS GALA

The Children's Wish Foundation, BC & Yukon Chapter, hosted their 6th annual Night of Wonders Gala which raised a record-breaking $550,000. Over 400 guests attended the event at the London Aviation Centre in its state-of-the-art airport hangar. Guests enjoyed fabulous food and wine as well as a live dance performance by the Goh Ballet Academy, and special performance by Wish Kid Anna Joy Ryan.

Children's Wish BC & Yukon Chapter advisory board

Adrian Bois, Heidi Worthington, and John Crawford

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Anna Joy Ryan, Priscilla Correa-Ryan and Ben Ryan enjoy the reception

Guests Kimberly Wallace and Hannah Smith

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COUNTDOWN EVENTS

Thank you to CountDown Events and The Lazy Gourmet for helping us raise $550,000 at this year's Night of Wonders gala.

The annual Night of Wonders gala is the premier event of Children's Wish, BC & Yukon Chapter, bringing together over 400 of Vancouver's business and social luminaries to help grant wishes for dozens of children diagnosed with a life-threatening illness or serious neurological condition.

This year's Night of Wonders gala took place at London Aviation Centre in their incredible airplane hangar. Located at YVR's South Terminal, this venue was transformed into the magic of a wish by our production and culinary partners, CountDown Events and The Lazy Gourmet.

The event immersed guests in a magical wonderland through distinguished décor, sound design by Showkraft Production, lighting and other exciting elements to reimagine the traditional charity gala.

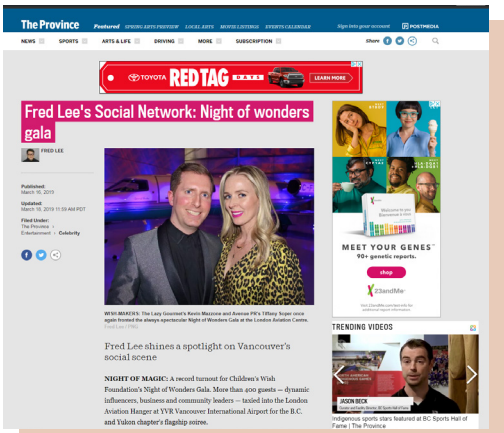
To date, Night of Wonders has raised over $2 million to grant the wishes of children very much of renewed hope and joy in their lives.

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Fred Lee's Social Network: Night of wonders gala

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Fred Lee shines a spotlight on Vancouver's social scene

NIGHT OF MAGIC: A record turnout for Children's Wish Foundation's Night of Wonders Gala. More than 400 guests — dynamic influencers, business and community leaders — tuxed into the London Aviation Hangar at YVR Vancouver International Airport for the B.C. and Yukon chapter's flagship soiree.

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Night of Wonders came together beautifully with the continued support of sponsors like CountDown Events.

Year over year, they elevate our gala to the next level, creating an aesthetic brands jump to be aligned with.

CountDown Events led a team of dedicated event industry vendors to create this beautiful space.

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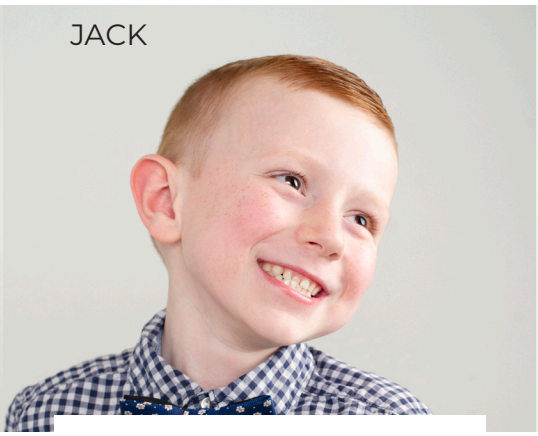




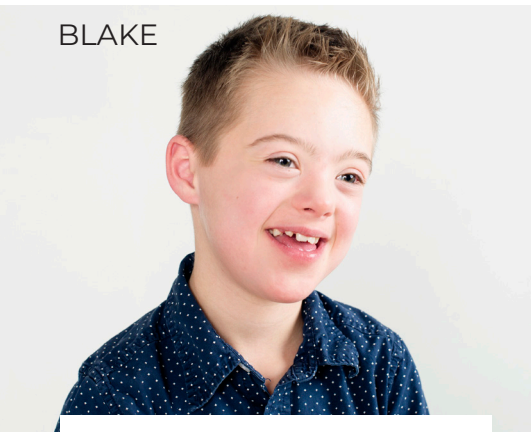
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Our Wish Granter level sponsors made nine dreams come true.









JORDAN'S **Wish Story**



Jordan is 16 years old and truly living life to its fullest. He's full of creativity and energy and loves writing music like his favourite rapper Kendrick Lamar. He dreams of one day joining the entertainment industry too, maybe becoming a film producer or stunt coordinator. But for now, he's working on his basketball game and spending time with friends while getting through high school.

On paper he sounds like a typical teen, but go back a few years and Jordan wasn't doing well. He was diagnosed with a benign astrocytoma in his brain at age four and underwent two sets of 17-month chemotherapy treatments at age 8 and 10 to kill what was left of the feisty tumour. While needing the extra care and attention from his parents, they struggled financially to balance work and meeting his needs, plus taking care of his older brother, Andrew. But the strong and courageous family made it through and now Jordan has been tumour-free for five years!

The lasting effects of his cancer have left him with no use of his left hand, a weaker left leg and foot, and damaged left-field vision – yet he still rocks it on the basketball court and football field! Jordan and his family hadn't known a wish was an option until his doctors told him he could receive one from Children's Wish. He was elated and surprised, and "over the moon", knowing that having this opportunity now is a true gift. He has decided to have a home recording studio built for his wish so he can write and record his own raps. We'll be watching for Jordan to hit the charts one day!



Jordan and Dr. Pavlou

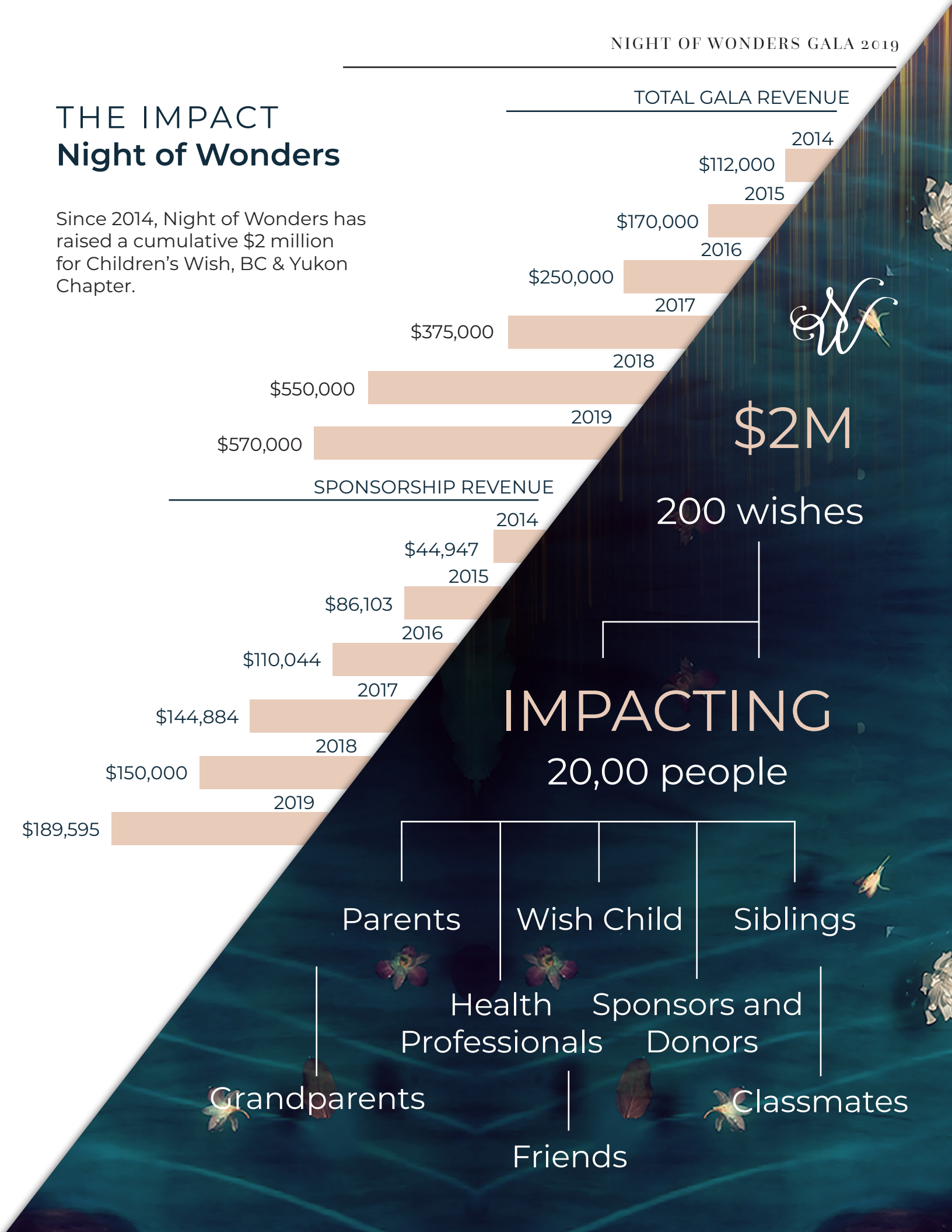


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THANK YOU TO THE DR. PAVLOU FOUNDATION FOR GRANTING JORDAN'S WISH.

THE IMPACT
Night of Wonders

Since 2014, Night of Wonders has raised a cumulative $2 million for Children's Wish, BC & Yukon Chapter.

















THANK YOU TO OUR 2019 NIGHT OF WONDERS GALA COMMITTEE:

From left to right: Virgil Hlus, Samantha Louie, Loveena Chera, Heidi Worthington, Kevin Mazzone (Co-Chair), Tiffany Soper (Co-Chair), Ryan Mckinley, Kim Desmerais, Gemma Bishop. Not pictured: Soha Lavin and Paula Pepin



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