



Make-A-Wish New Zealand is on a mission to grant the wishes of children with a critical illness.

From creating magical memories with family, to tree huts, bedroom makeovers, princess playhouses, meeting celebrities or swimming with dolphins, each wish is unique and only limited by the child's imagination.

Each year Make-A-Wish New Zealand grants over 150 magical wishes. This year Bell Gully summer interns were lucky enough to help make that magic happen.

We had the amazing opportunity to spend a day volunteering at the Make-A-Wish Foundation's head office in Newmarket. We heard moving stories about the positive and inspiring wishes that Make-A-Wish grant for children with critical conditions. The Foundation works closely with children throughout their 'wish journey', building hope and something to look forward to everyday. It was clear to see that the Foundation brings a positive light to these kids in a time of need," says Jaimee Miller, Bell Gully summer intern.

"We were immersed in a range of tasks, including filing, present wrapping, wish-box preparation, chocolate goodie-bags, sorting through dress ups and toy cupboards – feeling as if we were in Santa's workshop!

"We learned so much about how the Foundation makes a life-changing impact on the children and their families, and we were happy to support the staff with some extra helping hands."

In addition, for many years Bell Gully has provided pro bono legal advice to the Foundation on a number of matters including reviewing sponsorship agreements and other funding arrangements with commercial organisations, and reviewing trust documentation.

Says CEO Pam Elgar, "When you are a small charity the support by professional firms such as Bell Gully is a huge relief and benefit. More importantly we really value the relationship we have been able to develop over the many years of support. It was such fun to have the energy of the Bell Gully volunteers in our office, and my team love sharing our wish stories and what we do with others."

Helping make wishes —*— come true

