



HUNT OF A LIFETIME

"Hunt of a lifetime is a non-for-profit organization with a mission to grant hunting and fishing adventures and dreams for children age 21 and under, who have been diagnosed with life threatening illnesses."

This organization was founded in memory of Matthew Pattison, a boy from the United States, who was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Disease. Matt's dream was to hunt moose in Canada. But with Matt's parents, Tina and Chester's income already stretched, Tina turned to the "Make-A-Wish Foundation" for help. "Make-A-Wish" was already under fire for supporting two previous hunts, and declined Tina's application. Tina was determined to fulfill Matt's dream, so she called upon the outdoor community for help. Generosity streamed in from the town of Nordegg, Alberta, as well as an outfitter, a resort, a helicopter charter company, a drilling and blasting company, a grocery store, a feed store, a Wyoming hunting trip broker, and a nurse to aid in an emergency. Matt finally got his moose, a huge bull moose with a 56-inch-wide-rack.

Soon Matt's cancer accelerated and he passed on at the age of 19. At his funeral, people asked if they could make a donation in Matt's name to a good cause. Someone had suggested "Make-A-Wish", but Tina said "No". Instead Tina thought why not make a foundation in Matt's name. Tina wanted to grant hunting and fishing dreams for children with life threatening illnesses. Since August 1999, the Pattison's have granted 387 wishes and 80 more wishes for 2008.

Alberta Outfitters have been a proud partner in this program since its inception. Hunts have been provided for whitetail and mule deer, moose, elk and black bear.

How to get involved:

- There are many outfitters across North America that are willing to donate hunts for children in need. While Alberta outfitters have hosted many children, we have not provided trips to Alberta children. If you know of someone that is eligible for a Hunt of A Lifetime - we need to hear from you!
- If you're an outfitter in Alberta and willing to sponsor a hunt, we also need to hear from you.
- Many of these trips are organized on short notice, so having a list of partners ready to participate is very important.
- To notify the organization of a possible candidate, visit their website to fill out an application.
- To offer to sponsor a hunt visit, www.huntofalifetime.org/ to fill out the questionnaire.
- To provide a donation to assist with costs associated with the program contact Tina Pattison.

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