

Stirring Up Wishes: Help Make Children's Wishes Come True

(NAPSA)—Eight-year-old Alex eats, sleeps and breathes hockey. For this determined and energetic young boy, acute lymphoblastic leukemia could not keep him from playing the sport he loves. Last summer, thanks to the Make-A-Wish Foundation® and Betty Crocker, Alex's wish for a synthetic ice rink in his backyard was granted. Now, not even the summer heat can keep Alex from grabbing his hockey gear and hitting the ice.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation grants a wish every 40 minutes for a child with a life-threatening medical condition. For children like Alex, the Foundation brings life-affirming hope, strength and joy to their lives. This spring, the Make-A-Wish Foundation and Betty Crocker are making it easy to **share the power of a wish®** through the Stirring Up Wishes program, now in its second year of making children's wishes come true.

Starting in March, join Betty Crocker in raising up to \$500,000 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation to help grant wishes. Just look for specially marked Betty Crocker products at grocery stores nationwide—Betty Crocker will donate 10 cents to the Make-A-Wish Foundation for every specially marked package purchased, with a guaranteed minimum donation of \$250,000 and a maximum donation of \$500,000.

Throughout the campaign, Betty Crocker is celebrating these special moments at **StirringUpWishes.com**, where you can read about other incredible wishes stirred up by Betty Crocker and the Make-A-Wish Foundation, and try wish-inspired recipes. Get started now by reading Alex's story and making his favorite Brownie Ice Cream Cake.



Thanks to the Make-A-Wish Foundation and Betty Crocker, Alex can play his favorite sport year-round on a synthetic ice rink in his backyard.

Alex's Wish

Over the span of two full days and with help from the Make-A-Wish Foundation of New Hampshire, Betty Crocker and volunteers, a brand-new 24-by-48-foot synthetic ice-skating rink was installed in Alex's own backyard. To Alex's surprise, players from his two favorite hockey teams, the University of New Hampshire and the Rochester Blackhawks, were on hand to help. Before skating for the first time on his new ice rink, Alex received a custom-made hockey jersey, a personalized trophy and a surprise visit from the Manchester Monarchs mascot.

Now Alex can practice the game he loves so much in his own backyard along with his many friends and teammates. But most importantly, he's feeling strong, healthy and happy. "It feels like a miracle," said Alex's mom, Marcie. "Alex is getting a second chance at life, and we get a second chance to be with him."

Alex's Favorite Brownie Ice Cream Cake

Make a delicious fudgy and frosty ice cream cake and celebrate Alex's wish.

Prep Time: 25 min.

Total Time: 3 hours, 55 min.

Makes: 16 servings

Ingredients:

- 1 box (1 lb, 6.5 oz) Betty Crocker® Original Supreme brownie mix (with chocolate syrup pouch)
- Water, vegetable oil and eggs called for on brownie mix box
- ½ gallon (8 cups) vanilla ice cream, slightly softened
- 1 cup hot fudge topping, warmed if desired
- 2 tablespoons Betty Crocker® Decorating Decors candy sprinkles
- 16 red maraschino cherries with stems, drained
- 1. Heat oven to 350°F. Line 2 (9-inch) round cake pans with foil; grease bottoms only with shortening or cooking spray.
- 2. Make brownie mix as directed on box, using water, oil and eggs—except divide batter evenly between pans. Bake 22 to 26 minutes or until toothpick inserted 2 inches from side of pan comes out almost clean. Cool completely in pans, about 1 hour. Do not remove from pans.
- 3. Spread slightly softened ice cream evenly on brownies in pans. Freeze at least 2 hours or until ice cream is firm.
- 4. Remove desserts from pans. Place on serving plates. Cut each dessert into 8 wedges. Drizzle each wedge with hot fudge topping. Decorate with candy sprinkles and cherries. Store covered in freezer.

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