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Kick off 2025 by Plunging for A Wish Come True



The first day of 2025 will be special
for many reasons. For numerous groups
and individuals, they will head to the
ocean for a great cause while helping two
local kids who are battling life-threaten-
ing illnesses.

A Wish Come True, the oldest wish-
granting organization in Rhode Island
and Massachusetts, will host its annual
Polar Plunge at Easton's Beach (AKA
First Beach) in Newport on Wednesday,
January 1st, from 11:00 AM till 1:30 PM.
Arrive early, as parking will be limited.
This year's presenting sponsor is LiUNA-
RI Laborers' District Council.

This year's featured "Wish Kids" are
Lars and Indy. Lars is 8 years old from
Jamestown. Indy is 4 years old and is
from Coventry RI. Lars had a stroke last
February. Indy is struggling with brain
cancer. Indy's father works for the Town
of North Kingstown, and it is the main
reason LIUNA is the presenting sponsor.
Both children's wish is to go to Florida.
One will go to Disney and the other to an
exclusive Marriott resort.

"We know that one of our teammates
is struggling with the unimaginable as
he watches his daughter in the battle of
a lifetime. We want to be there for his
family. Partnering with A Wish Come
True to grant her wish is the least we can
do. Knowing that this family will receive
additional support through this painful
journey is also why we want to help,"
stated Arthur Jordan, Business Manager
Rhode Island Laborers' District Council
and Laborers' Local 1322.

AWCT Executive Director Mary-
Kate O'Leary said, "Often, people don't
realize they are donating to help make
dreams come true for children with a
life-threatening illness. This event fea-
tures more than 5,000 people willing to
head into the water and be 'freezin' for a
reason'."

Last year, Santos Nieves carried his
daughter, Graciela, into the water and we
were all so motivated.

"It was truly touching to see how our
efforts truly matter," stated, Bryan Gan-
ley, a Plunger for over 40 years. "Walk-
ing behind that family was so powerful
and something we will never forget!"

"We are especially grateful to the
people who made this event so successful
for over two decades," said O'Leary, who
will be one of the plungers. "The money
we raise from this event goes toward
helping children and their families find an
opportunity for joy as well as helping the
family get back on their feet during this
long and challenging journey."

There are several ways the public can
help, according to O'Leary. Sponsorship
levels begin at \$250 through \$2,500 and
you can find information at www.awish.org.

Plungers will be encouraged to give
\$25 to take the big plunge. In addition,
there will be t-shirts, and merchandise for
sale.

This year, the charity challenges
companies to form teams to get their em-
ployees involved. Individuals may also
form teams. Any team that raises at least
\$1,000 will be entered to win a \$1,500
prize!

To Form a Team and to register to
participate:

www.awish.org

For those who are unable to attend but

would like to help, they can either click
or visit the webpage:

About A Wish Come True:

A Wish Come True, Inc. is a non-
profit 501(c)(3) organization founded
on October 8, 1982. Their mission is to
provide wishes and resources to families
with a child (ages 3-18), suffering with a
life-threatening illness that live through-
out Rhode Island and Southeastern Mas-
sachusetts.

For more details about the event and/
or the organization, please visit their
website at www.awish.org. Or, feel free
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