

Make-A-Wish Norway and House of Math partner to support seriously ill children in their school lives

In connection with World Wish Month, Make-A-Wish Norway and House of Math are entering into a new partnership aimed at giving critically ill children better conditions to succeed in their school day. Through this collaboration, all Make-A-Wish families in Norway will receive one year of free access to the House of Math learning platform.

April is marked globally as World Wish Month in memory of Chris Greicius, the boy who in 1980 had his wish to be a police officer for a day fulfilled. The realization of this wish became the beginning of what is today the world's largest wish-granting organization, Make-A-Wish, which fulfills wishes for children with critical illnesses in nearly 50 countries.

With this new partnership, Make-A-Wish Norway and House of Math aim to contribute something that lasts beyond the wish itself: increased confidence, mastery, and continuity in learning.

Many of the children and young people who have wishes granted through Make-A-Wish are absent from school for extended periods due to illness and treatment. This can make it difficult to keep up with lessons, particularly in mathematics, where learning builds step by step.

House of Math is designed to help students identify knowledge gaps and build understanding gradually, at their own pace and regardless of where they are.

“We are incredibly grateful that House of Math has chosen to offer this opportunity to our wish children and their families. For many children who have gone through long periods of illness, returning to everyday school life can be challenging. Being able to offer a tool that supports learning, confidence, and a sense of mastery means a great deal,” says Kristin Anderssen, Managing Director of Make-A-Wish Norway.

For House of Math, the partnership is also personal for the company's founder and CEO, Vibeke Gwendoline Fængsrud.

Fængsrud was born with a serious heart defect and underwent major heart surgery as a child. She points out that this gives the collaboration a very special meaning.

“This collaboration is deeply personal to me. If Make-A-Wish had existed in Norway when I was a child, I would have been a wish child myself. I know how much it means to be seen, uplifted, and supported when life is difficult. That's why it is a great honor for us to give something back to children and families facing challenging situations,” says Fængsrud.

She also emphasizes that learning and a sense of achievement can play an important role in the journey back to a more normal everyday life.

“When children are away from school for long periods, academic gaps often arise, making the return more difficult than it needs to be. If we can help make that path a little easier, a little safer, and a little more hopeful, it truly matters,” she says.

The partnership begins in April 2026 and includes all families affiliated with Make-A-Wish Norway.

About Make-A-Wish Norway

Make-A-Wish Norway is part of the global Make-A-Wish organization, which grants wishes to children with critical illnesses. The organization works to bring hope, strength, and joy to children through life-changing wish experiences.