

**Lochlan's Story** 

I wish to go to a Florida theme park

**Lochlan,** 6 nervous system disorder

Lochlan had his first seizure shortly before turning three months old. Two weeks, and many tests later, he was diagnosed with a nervous system disorder. When he was four months old, he faced a seizure that took away his ability to swallow. For the next two years, he was fed through a feeding tube, and has been able to gain back some of his oral eating skills. Lochlan receives continuous support from different specialists, and endures various medical procedures and treatments.

Despite everything Lochlan faces, he fills a room with his infectious laugh and smile. "He is our true superhero and has taught our family to stop and enjoy every tiny moment that can bring you joy," Lochlan's mom Gemma shared. Lochlan found out he would be getting a wish granted, which helped him feel brave and strong enough to get through his medical appointments. For his wish, Lochlan wanted to go to a Florida theme park in hopes of meeting his favourite character!

Lochlan, his three sisters, and parents headed down to the Sunshine State where they spent a week together, making unforgettable memories. "Going on this trip was something that felt impossible for a long time; this trip taught us that making memories and feeling joy is so essential as we navigate life with a medical diagnosis," Gemma shared. Lochlan's favourite memory from his trip was getting to meet his favourite character, who he now calls his best friend. He hopes to one day be able to go back to hug his best friend again.

Gemma shared how special the wish was, "No matter what happens in our families, I know that Lochlan's sisters, and we as parents will cherish the memories we made on our trip, and it will always bring a smile when we need it most."



