

# Press Release

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## ***Make-A-Wish Brings Outdoor Sanctuary to Life with Support from Rick's Custom Fencing & Decking and Partners***

**Vancouver, WA – August 27, 2025** — A boy's love of sunshine is about to inspire an entire community.

Rick's Custom Fencing & Decking has partnered with the **Make-A-Wish Foundation of Oregon** and industry partners **Acrylite** and **AS&D** to transform a simple backyard deck into a safe outdoor retreat for **Rex**, a 15-year-old Vancouver teen who lives with a nervous system disorder.

Though Rex is non-verbal and non-ambulatory, his happiest moments are spent outdoors in the sunshine. His family dreamed of creating a safe, shaded outdoor space where Rex could enjoy the sun without the risks of heat or overexposure.

That dream is coming true with the generosity of local and national partners:

- **Acrylite** is donating a full **Acrylite Patio Cover**, providing bright, UV-protected outdoor living.
- **AS&D** is donating custom aluminum railings for safety and enclosure.
- **Rick's Custom Fencing & Decking** is donating all decking materials and labor.

The final design features a **bench** for caregivers and family, creating a space where Rex can relax safely and comfortably year-round.

"This project is about more than construction — it's about giving Rex and his family moments of joy together in the sunshine," said *Taylor Stanley, VP Marketing*.

"We're grateful to Acrylite, AS&D, and Make-A-Wish for helping us make this dream a reality."

"We rely solely on the generosity of the public and community partners to move our mission forward, and Rex's wish would not have been possible without our friends at Rick's Custom Fencing & Decking, Inc. Their team gave their time, talent, and full hearts to make his biggest dream come true. This is the power of community, and it is incredible to see that spirit of hope come to life for Rex and his family. We're so grateful." - Kaitlyn Bolduc, VP of Marketing and Communications

The project was completed on August 26<sup>th</sup> and has created a lasting gift for Rex and his family.

### **About Rick's Custom Fencing & Decking**

For more than 45 years, Rick's has helped Northwest families build fences, decks, and patio covers designed for beauty, safety, and connection — while supporting projects that change lives across Oregon and Washington.

### **About Make-A-Wish Oregon**

Make-A-Wish creates life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses. We are on a quest to bring every eligible child's wish to life, because a wish is an integral part of a child's treatment journey. Research shows children who have wishes granted can build the physical and emotional strength they need to fight a critical illness. Since 1983, Make-A-Wish Oregon has granted the wishes of more than 5,500 children living in Oregon, and Clark County, Washington. For more information visit: [www.oregon.wish.org](http://www.oregon.wish.org)

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