

JJ's Trip Gave his Family Time Together

JJ and his family traveled all the way from Maine to Give Kids The World Village in Kissimmee, Florida to take his wish trip in 2019. With four older siblings it was hard for the family to come together and just "be a family."

[Give Kids The World Village](#) is an 89-acre, whimsical nonprofit resort, that provides week-long, cost-free wish vacations to critically ill children and their families from around the world who want to visit Central Florida. Families that visit Give Kids The World must be referred by one of more than 250 wish-granting organizations or foundations, such as [Make-A-Wish Foundation](#).



A stay at the Village is much more than a weeklong vacation; it's a chance for these families to laugh together, play together, and create unforgettable memories away from hospital stays and medical treatments.

JJ's mom tells us that "two years later, he still talks about the Dino mini golf, the JJ express, the carousel, and most importantly the Castle of Miracles and getting to make his star!!" She says, "this trip was a trip of a lifetime for JJ and his four teenage siblings. They got to spend time together having fun and making special memories. We will always cherish

our trip! We cannot wait to come back as alumni and visit!"

Last year, the Village closed to wish families like JJ's due to the global pandemic, delaying more than 6,000 wishes. Despite the closure, the Village created a unique opportunity last December for visitors and donors to experience – Night of a Million Lights. Night of a Million Lights was designed to raise funds to ensure that the wishes of critically ill children could return bigger and better than ever before once the time was right to reopen. Last year, USA Today named Night of a Million Lights the "Number One Thing To Do in December in Orlando."

It was such a huge success that the Village has decided to do it again this year and the [Workers' Compensation Institute](#) is playing it's part in bringing it back. WCI has organized a Gala event "Winter Wonderland" to be held December 11, 2021 in conjunction with GKTW's second annual Night of a Million Lights. For more information about the WCI-GKTW collaboration, [click here](#).

WCI & GKTW's 2021 Winter Wonderland Experience



Bring friends and family along to join us for a magical holiday experience Saturday, December 11. Last year, USA Today named GKTW's Night of a Million Lights the "Number One Thing To Do in December in Orlando!"