

## Nathaniel's Normal Week in Florida

Nathaniel, a happy kid from California, went into quarantine nearly a year before the rest of the world shut down in 2020. But this young man, who suffers from leukemia, got the week of his life when he visited Give Kids The World Village in Kissimmee, Florida before the global pandemic hit us all.

[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.

"Our family enjoyed the most wonderful week of our lives at Give The Kids World Village. Our son had already been in quarantine for almost a year prior due to his treatment for leukemia and a very compromised immune system. That week was the first week in almost a year where he got to be a regular kid - playing, running around, socializing and even eating all the ice cream he could want," said Nathaniel's mom. "The next week we returned home and were under quarantine due to the pandemic and we have since been in quarantine. He had exactly one week of normalcy and it is those

memories that he consistently revisits and shares through this difficult and isolating time. We feel so blessed that we were given that week."

Last year, the Village closed to wish families like Nathaniel'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!"