

WHEELS UP //

Lifestyle

Trends, tastes and talk.

“A WISH BRIGHTENS A KID'S SPIRITS AND MOTIVATES THEM TO FIGHT ON.”

—Jimmie Johnson

Cause Celeb //

Jimmie Johnson, a driving force in granting wishes.

Since it was founded in 1980, the Make-A-Wish Foundation has granted more than 200,000 wishes for children battling life-threatening illnesses. Wishes include shopping sprees, trips to amusement parks and the chance to meet celebrities and pro athletes. Four-time NASCAR champ Jimmie Johnson has helped fulfill the wishes of several children in the Make-A-Wish program, and he serves on the foundation's national advisory board. “The kids inspire me,” says Johnson, “because of the strength and determination they show dealing with their illnesses.”

WHAT YOU CAN DO

LEARN:

A child's wish is granted every 40 minutes. wish.org

ACT:

From event-planning to wish-granting, the foundation needs volunteers. donate.wish.org/volunteer

GIVE:

Donate frequent flyer miles. wish.org/help/donate_airline_miles



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History Lesson //

The Hope Diamond

The long, storied and sometimes questionable history of a famous blue rock.



2010

In honor of Winston, the diamond has been placed in a temporary commemorative setting (called Embracing Hope), which coincides with the debut of the documentary film, *Mystery of the Hope Diamond*.

1995



Beautiful, blue-eyed actress Michelle Pfeiffer is photographed wearing the diamond for *Life* magazine.

1958

Winston donates the diamond, now 4552 carats and known as the Hope Diamond, to the Smithsonian Institution.

1949



Famed jeweler Harry Winston buys McLean's entire diamond collection after her death.

1668



French explorer Jean Baptiste Tavernier sells a 112-carat blue stone found in India to King Louis XIV of France.

1673

The royal jeweler recuts the stone to create a 67-carat diamond. It's renamed The French Blue.

1792

Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette turn their royal jewels over to the government during the French Revolution. The French Blue later disappears.



1839

The diamond surfaces in the catalog of British banker and author Henry Thomas Hope.

1909

Pierre Cartier buys the stone.

1911

Evelyn Walsh McLean of Washington, DC., buys the diamond from Cartier for \$180,000. She has it set in a pendant necklace.



The Hope Diamond was the inspiration for the Gem of the Ocean, the centerpiece of 1997's *Titanic*.