



Making wishes come true



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Erica Lewis with Flamingo Gardens shows Pumpkin, an Eastern Screech-Owl, to Ayden Hooper, 4, and his parents Margaret-Ann and Jonathan Hooper, from Murryville, Ga. The children's charity [Kids Wish Network](#) granted the wish for Ayden, who was diagnosed with Down syndrome and Transient Leukemia Myeloproliferative Disorder, a life-threatening blood disease. Kids Wish Network also arranged a private tour of Flamingo Gardens and a behind-the-scenes visit with Josh, a 600-pound black bear.