

Name of the wish child: Vignesh Kumar

<i>Age:</i>	<i>11 years</i>
<i>Gender:</i>	<i>Male</i>
<i>Resident of:</i>	<i>Salem, Tamil Nadu</i>
<i>Referring Hospital:</i>	<i>GH- ART Center</i>

<i>Date of Identification:</i>	<i>29/8/2015</i>
<i>Date of Fulfilment:</i>	<i>14/09/2015</i>
<i>Wish Volunteer:</i>	<i>Bakianathan/ Neda</i>
<i>Wish gift:</i>	<i>To Meet- Viswanthan Anand</i>

Wish Story:

Wish Photograph:

Vignesh Kumar is an 11 years old boy from Salem District, suffering from a life threatening illness and taking treatment for the same in GH-ART Centre.

He is a very charming wish child and his interest is to play chess. He is studying in a government school, where they don't encourage games like chess. "I like to play chess but I have got an opportunity to play in a bigger platform as my school doesn't permit" says Vignesh

His parents are economically backward and so they can't afford to join him in a chess training academy. Apart from playing chess he also likes to dance and his favourite dancer is Actor Lawrence. " He tries to imitate his dance moves has also performed in school cultural program" says



Vignesh's mother.

When the Make A Wish Volunteer met this child in ART Centre, he was feeling very shy to speak with them. Later, he became comfortable and shared his interests (Playing chess) to them. "Though I have not participated in any chess tournaments so far, I enjoy playing chess. I wish to learn more about it" says Vignesh. When the volunteers asked about his most cherished wish he said he wish to meet Viswanathan Anand. "I want to play with him once and experience how he plays his moves and learn the strategies. It will help me to better myself"

With the help of our volunteer Mr Gangadhar we were able to fix an appointment with Grand Master Viswanthan Anand at his residence. When we informed Vignesh that his wish is soon going to be fulfilled he was more than happy and excited. Vignesh and his parent travelled all the way from salem to Chennai to fulfil their son's wish.

Vigensh had got an opportunity to play chess with his idol Viswanathan Anand. Make A Wish team had enhanced him by gifting him a Chess board autographed by Viswanathan Anand. He was very happy to receive it and joyfully posed for the picture with all smiles on his face.

"I am not a professional Chess player, but I always wished to learn more and master myself in Chess. Today I got to learn many things from Viswanathan Anand sir and I'll try to make use of this learning to better myself" says Vignesh Kumar.