

Dog days

A former wish child helps grant more wishes at sled dog racing fundraiser



This year's Can't Depend on Snow Sled Dog Race was an extra special affair for Fond du Lac athlete Jeanna Giese and her team of sled dogs. Jeanna knows firsthand the importance a wish can have on the life of a child: in 2005, Make-A-Wish Wisconsin granted her wish to go to Walt Disney World® Resort.

"A wish really lets a kid know that people care about them," says Giese. "For that one moment, they're just completely happy, inside and out. Being able to give that back to a kid is just incredible."

Jeanna and her team joined dozens of other racers and fans at the Rolling Meadows Golf Course in Fond du Lac for the 8th annual event. Organizers Mike Schwandt and Deb Borndahl have expanded the all-weather sled dog race into a day of fundraising activities including pet pictures with Santa Claus, the Husky toss, a celebrity challenge relay race, an outhouse race and chances to win incredible raffle prizes.

Thanks to a growing base of racers and supporters, the event raised a record-breaking \$7,000, which will help grant Priscilla's wish for a Sweet 16 party and ToKeng's wish to have a shopping spree.

Above: Wish kid Jeanna Giese with her sled dog Asher.