“The greatest moments in life are not concerned with selfish achievements, but rather with the things we do for the people we love and esteem ... ”

Walt Disney

Nearly 1,500 children from Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Florida got a special preview of Pandora – The World of Avatar before it opened at Disney’s Animal Kingdom Theme Park.
At Walt Disney World Resort, we believe our community is at its best when we collaborate as volunteers, neighbors and friends. Disney Cast Members are honored to work alongside the business, nonprofit and community leaders who strive to make Central Florida an even better place to live, work, learn and play.

“Growing up in Central Florida, I was fortunate to be part of a caring network of family, friends and neighbors. When we support children and families as part of a strong, dynamic community, there’s no limit to what we can do together. I’m proud to be part of a company that embraces this spirit of partnership and puts action behind its dream of Central Florida’s continued progress and vitality.”

George A. Kalogridis
President
Walt Disney World Resort
At Walt Disney World Resort, bringing families together to create unforgettable memories is at the heart of everything we do... including our support for children and families.

For children with life-threatening medical conditions, one moment of magic can make a world of difference. Whether it’s a hug from a favorite Disney character, a day of adventure in a Walt Disney World theme park or just taking a break from treatment to be a kid – Disney is proud to help provide treasured memories for these families.

That’s why supporting wish organizations, such as Give Kids the World and the Make-A-Wish Foundation, has been a Disney priority for decades.

In addition to theme park tickets, Disney provides gifts and complimentary theme park benefits. Disney VoluntEARS support wish organizations with countless hours of service.

Supporting wish organizations is just one of the ways Disney works to enrich children and families through shared experiences that nurture, inspire, and empower them, creating a brighter world.

We’re better together when we INSPIRE

At the Give Kids the World Village, Disney’s presence is felt with regular character appearances and Cast Members’ support. Supporting wish organizations is just one of the ways Disney works to enrich children and families through shared experiences that nurture, inspire, and empower them, creating a brighter world.

To find out more about how Walt Disney World Resort supports a variety of programs that strengthen children and families, follow our news at www.aboutwaltdisneyworldresort.com

“Walt Disney World has been here for our organization and the kids we serve from the very beginning. Give Kids the World exists thanks to Disney’s generosity in donations, VoluntEARS, and, of course, those special theme park experiences that make our families’ visits so magical.”

Pam Landwirth
President and CEO
Give Kids the World
We’re better together when we CREATE

From the moment they take the stage, through each well-rehearsed line and lyric, to their final bows, the hundreds of Central Florida students who take part in the Disney Musicals in Schools program make the most of their moment in the spotlight.

A collaboration between the Dr. Phillips Center School of the Arts and Disney Theatrical Group, Disney Musicals in Schools is an immersive, 17-week program designed to help students explore their artistic abilities. At no cost, schools in Orange, Osceola, and Seminole counties receive guidance from trained teaching artists, education support materials and performance rights to musicals such as The Lion King, The Jungle Book and Aladdin.

Made possible in Central Florida through cash and in-kind support from The Walt Disney Company, the program culminates for students and teachers with a 30-minute performance of a Disney musical at their school. And these aspiring artists get an even bigger curtain call, with the Student Share Celebration in the Walt Disney Theater at the Dr. Philips Center for the Performing Arts.

After this time in the limelight, who knows what these students will be inspired to do?

“It’s so inspiring to see these students grow into confident, collaborative performers who believe in themselves. When kids experience musical theater, they learn so much more than memorizing lines or hitting their marks. They build creativity, communication, problem solving and teamwork skills that last a lifetime.”

Dana Brazil
Director of Education
Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts

Disney hosts Kids & Family Zone at El Parrandón festival
Families experience the Orlando Repertory Theatre with Disney’s support
Disney supports the Orlando Ballet
Families experiencing the Orlando Repertory Theatre with Disney’s support
“Whatever we accomplish belongs to our entire group, a tribute to our combined effort.”

WALT DISNEY
At Disney, we believe conservation and caring for the planet are more than just good ideas. They’re core to our company, dating back to its earliest days. At Walt Disney World, we carry forward this longstanding commitment through our Disney’s Animals, Science and Environment Team, whose mission is to care for animals and the environment, connect people to nature and conserve our natural resources. Led by some of the world’s top wildlife conservationists, animal care experts and educators, research at Disney’s Animal Kingdom Theme Park and The Seas at Epcot is making a difference around the globe.

Established on Earth Day in 1995, the Disney Conservation Fund (DCF) has proudly supported grants to nonprofit organizations working in more than half the countries in the world and in Florida. With the help of our guests, the DCF is working to reverse the decline of at-risk wildlife, and inspire kids and families to protect the planet.

-- Walt Disney

"Conservation isn’t just the business of a few people, it’s a matter that concerns all of us… If we will use our riches wisely, if we will protect our wildlife, and preserve our lakes and streams, these things will last us for generations to come."

Dr. Anne Savage is a world-renowned expert on cotton-top tamarins. We’re proud of the work she’s done to help protect these critically endangered monkeys, as well as her commitment to partnering with Colombian conservation groups.

Dr. Mark Penning
Vice President
Animals, Science and Environment
Disney Parks

"As Disney’s conservation director, we’re better together when we CONNECT TO PROTECT"

To learn more about how The Walt Disney Company is working to reverse the decline of cotton-top tamarins and other endangered species, visit DisneyAnimals.com.
We’re better together when we COLLABORATE

Since Walt Disney World Resort began welcoming guests from around the world in 1971, Disney has played an integral role in the economic growth and prosperity of Central Florida. Through the years, our company and Cast Members have worked with chambers of commerce, entrepreneurial organizations and regional associations to help build a stronger community and contribute to the quality of life our families, friends and neighbors enjoy.

Joining with other tourism businesses, community partners and economic development organizations, Disney has helped advance the region’s global reach and competitiveness, promote a well-educated, qualified workforce, and enhance infrastructure and community resources. As a result, Central Florida has become a destination for an ever-growing array of international companies and high-tech firms.

Walt Disney World Resort has also built relationships with local businesses and entrepreneurs, which supply high-quality services and unique products for our theme parks and resorts. With an inclusive approach to these partnerships, Disney has helped develop Central Florida’s diverse workforce and thriving small business community.

“As Central Florida’s largest employer, and a longstanding champion for economic development, Disney has helped shape a thriving, diverse landscape for business in our community. By embracing inclusion, innovation and a spirit of partnership, Disney has helped local businesses grow, succeed and contribute to our region’s continued vitality.”

John F. Davis
Executive Vice President
Orlando Regional Chamber of Commerce
Disney Cast Members take advantage of unique wellness opportunities

Cast Members celebrate service milestones with special events

We’re better together when we PURSUE OUR DREAMS

U.S. Army Reserves soldier, Disney College Program intern, resort front desk hostess and catering manager Tai Lashley has had many titles on her path to career success at Walt Disney World Resort. And with each, she’s gained experience that has prepared her for a bright future with Disney.

“I joined [the Army] because I wanted to travel and be a part of something that would help me grow,” said Tai. “I learned life skills while serving my country.”

Tai was drawn to Disney for its unique Cast Member benefits and commitment to veterans through programs like Heroes Work Here, a company-wide initiative to hire, train and support those who have served. Today, she joins VoluntEARS activities like working at local food banks and championing the annual Toys for Tots and United Way campaigns.

“When I look ahead to what’s next, there are so many possibilities,” she said. “That’s the cool thing about working at Disney, you don’t have to stick to one path. I can seek out new skills and make lots of different moves, but still be with Walt Disney World.”

From health and wellness programs to groups that help cultivate interests and skills to special activities and discounts, Disney Cast Members enjoy a unique array of benefits that make being part of the magic even more special.

“I love that Disney supports the hiring of veterans. There is room to grow and many roles I could pursue.”

Tai Lashley
Guest Experience Manager
Disney’s Contemporary Resort

“You can design and create, and build the most wonderful place in the world. But it takes people to make the dream a reality.”

~ Walt Disney

Find out more about Disney’s commitment to hiring veterans at heroesworkhere.disney.com and explore the possibilities of becoming part of the Cast that makes magic at Walt Disney World Resort at parksjobs.disneyemployees.com

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