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Cold Stone makes ice cream wishes come true Thursday

On a blazing hot Oregon July day, nothing cools the palate and soothes a sweet tooth quite like an ice cream cone.

Today, (Thursday) and until the end of the month, each frozen bite will benefit others as well. In honor of National Ice Cream Month, Cold Stone Creamery is hosting the "World's Largest Ice Cream Social" at its stores nationwide, including the one at 2227 NW 185th Ave. in Tanasbourne, from 5 to 8 p.m. to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

All proceeds from the ice cream social and purchases at Cold Stone Creamery stores throughout July will benefit the foundation, said Shari Poindexter, a Make-A-Wish Foundation of Oregon spokesman.

Store guests will be treated to the "Make-A-Wish Creation," developed by Alexei, 7, a wish child from Atlanta, Georgia. The creation is cake batter ice cream hand-blended with Oreos M&Ms and chocolate fudge on a frozen granite stone.

Customers will be asked for donations benefiting the Make-A-Wish Foundation. "The foundation grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy," Poindexter said.

For a \$1 donation, ice cream lovers can invent signature ice cream Creations and have their name and recipe inscribed on a Make-A-Wish star to posted on store walls throughout July. All star proceeds, July store profits and donations will be donated to the foundation to grant Alexei's wish to travel to Alaska with his family. Other children like Alexei with life-threatening medical conditions will also benefit.

For more on the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Oregon, call Shari Poindexter at 503-292-2280 ext. 22.