

= The Care Bears ' Big Wish Movie =

The Care Bears ' Big Wish Movie is a 2005 children 's animated feature film , produced by Nelvana Limited and released by Lions Gate Home Entertainment . Directed by Larry Jacobs and Ron Pitts , and written by Jeffrey Alan Schechter , the film is a follow @-@ up to the Care Bears ' previous efforts in 2004 's Journey to Joke @-@ a @-@ lot . It was the fifth film to feature the Bears , and the second to be computer @-@ animated .

The Big Wish Movie centres on Wish Bear , a Care Bear who can make and grant wishes . After some of them do not work , she feels worried that the other bears have overlooked her abilities , and wishes for a few new friends who care more than she does . Those three ? Messy Bear , Me Bear and Too Loud Bear ? cause further trouble for Wish Bear , her wishing star Twinklers , and all of Care @-@ a @-@ lot .

As with Journey to Joke @-@ a @-@ lot , Toronto 's Nelvana produced and self @-@ financed the Big Wish Movie ; additional work was handled by India 's Crest Animation Productions . Production involved various personnel from the previous film , among them Ron Pitts , composer Ian Thomas and various voice actors including Stephanie Beard , Stevie Vallance and Julie Lemieux . The Big Wish Movie was released on DVD by Lions Gate on October 18 , 2005 ; prior to this , it premiered on U.S. and Canadian television , and was accompanied by a tie @-@ in book from Scholastic Press . It subsequently received favourable reviews from Parenting magazine and the Pittsburgh Post @-@ Gazette . This was Nelvana 's final production with the Care Bears , before SD Entertainment of California assumed responsibility for future instalments in the franchise .

= = Plot = =

This movie starts when , atop the roof of an observatory at their cloud @-@ filled home of Care @-@ a @-@ lot , the Care Bears hear Wish Bear 's story of how she (as a Cub) found her new friend , a wishing star named Twinklers . The Care Bears are touched by this tale , but are a bit worried when she uses Twinklers ' inherent power to wish them all some popcorn . Cheer Bear raises concern that this may be a frivolous use of Twinklers ' power . Wish Bear , however , assures everyone that she is a trained professional .

The next day , Wish Bear uses the wishing power to help her friends . She wishes for plenty of rainbow sap for Share Bear , and for Grumpy Bear 's rocket to have " zoom " , but the wishes backfire when the sap overflows and the rocket spins out of control .

A monthly meeting of Care @-@ a @-@ lot 's steering committee (with Champ Bear presiding) reveals a problem with the Caring Meter . The machine , which measures how much caring there is in Care @-@ a @-@ lot , has moved towards the raincloud side . Wish Bear suggests using her wishes , but is rejected since not all of them work as intended ; they didn 't like their wishes (" I Wish ") . Disappointed , she decides to wish for other bears who like wishing as much as she does . This causes three new bears to arrive in Care @-@ a @-@ lot : Me Bear , Messy Bear , and Too Loud Bear .

Everyone is pleased to welcome the new neighbours at first , but things soon get out of control . The new bears unwittingly make a huge mess of everything (especially when the huge mansion they asked for causes pollution) . Then , after a confrontation with them at a picnic (" Get a Lot ") Wish Bear accidentally wishes Twinklers away to the new bears ; they soon abuse the star 's power with an amusement park focusing on Me Bear , a mud pie for Messy Bear , and a huge noisy motorcycle for Too Loud Bear . Once the new bears finally realise their problem , they try to fix it with more wishes , but to no avail ? Care @-@ a @-@ lot becomes a blank white space (wishing that all of this was gone) , the bears begin to glow in color (wishing for everything to be back how it was , but with more color) , Grumpy Bear turns black and white (wishing for less color) , and Messy Bear turns into Messy Cub (wishing for everything to be like it used to be) . When they try to wish Twinklers back to Wish Bear , the star ultimately loses his power from exhaustion (because they had been pushing him much too hard) . Wish Bear uses Grumpy Bear 's rocket to bring him to the Big Wish , a grandmother star , in the sky . Big Wish restores his power , but not before Wish

Bear assures her that she has learned her lesson , which is wishing is fun , but it is far more important to work hard to achieve your dreams .

Wish Bear tells them that wishes are not an effective solution any more , and everyone works together to make their home beautiful again (" It Takes You and Me ") . In the end , Me Bear , Messy Bear , and Too Loud Bear , having seen the error of their ways , apologize and ask if they can still live in Care @-@ a @-@ lot . The rest of the bears agree , and decide to go on a road trip , and the movie ends .

= = Cast = =

= = Production = =

As with 2004 's Journey to Joke @-@ a @-@ lot , The Care Bears ' Big Wish Movie was self @-@ financed by the Nelvana studios in Toronto , Ontario . The second computer @-@ animated production with the Care Bears , it is also the franchise 's fifth feature instalment . Director Larry Jacobs had previously worked on another Nelvana venture , a public television series entitled Cyberchase . Mike Fallows , the director of Joke @-@ a @-@ lot , served as the supervising director . The film featured various voices from Joke @-@ a @-@ lot , among them Stephanie Beard , Julie Lemieux , Stevie Vallance , Robert Tinkler , Andrew Sabiston and Scott McCord . Animation was handled by Nelvana in Canada , and Crest Animation Productions in India . Big Wish marked the last time Nelvana embarked on a Care Bears project ; from 2006 onward , the California @-@ based SD Entertainment was responsible for future animated fare with these characters , starting with Oopsy Does It ! in 2007 .

= = Release = =

The Care Bears ' Big Wish Movie first aired on Canadian television on October 3 , 2005 ; in the United States , it premiered on cable television 's Disney Channel on October 17 . The day after the U.S. premiere , it became one of Lions Gate Home Entertainment 's five direct @-@ to @-@ DVD " marquee " offerings for young viewers ; restaurant chain Burger King served as the promotional partner . Twice during 2005 , Stephanie Beard (the voice of Wish Bear) promoted the film in the Toronto Star under the alias Suga Baybee ; in October , she proclaimed that it " is going to be a classic " . The film charted on Video Business ' Top Kids Rentals list for January 23 , 2006 , where it ranked 20th . On August 11 , 2007 , it placed seventh on Billboard 's Top Kid DVD Sales chart . Jeffrey Alan Schechter , the film 's writer , was nominated for a Writers Guild of Canada Award . The film is known under two French @-@ language titles : À vos souhaits les Calinours ! (in Canada 's Quebec province) and De Nouveaux Arrivants chez les Bisounours (in France) .

Days before the release of the Big Wish Movie , Scholastic Press published a Care Bears storybook based on the film ; it was written by Sonia Sander and illustrated by Jay Johnson . One scene in the book involves Wish Bear and the three new Bears grocery shopping ; this does not appear in the film . Later in the book , when Messy Bear wishes for everything to be like it used to be , it causes the Bears to travel back to the age of the dinosaurs ; in the film , Twinklers just turns Messy Bear into Messy Cub .

Bruce Kluger of Parenting magazine referred to the Big Wish Movie as " Cute stuff , if a tad sticky @-@ sweet : Heart @-@ shaped toothbrushes , toasters , and waffles abound . " Cristina Rouvalis of the Pittsburgh Post @-@ Gazette gave it three stars out of four , and said that " Young Care Bear fanatics will wish for more . " In April 2010 's Journal of Aging Studies , Sylvia Henneberg commented that Big Wish , the grandmother star , served as " a poor substitute for a truly three @-@ dimensional maternal figure " .

= = Music = =

The music for the Big Wish Movie was composed by Ian Thomas (also from Journey to Joke @-@ a @-@ lot) , and conducted and orchestrated by Peter Cardinali . At his studio , Thomas worked with the Hamilton Children 's Choir on the film 's opening theme . In February 2005 , Stephanie Beard said that " I Wish " , a track she performed , " is my favourite cartoon song yet . It 's so cute ; I can 't wait for the world to hear it . "