

Jonah Zahn, A Phoenix Sun For A Day, Living A Real Life Wish

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Some things are about more than basketball. Some things are deeper and show the humanity of people, humbling us to our most basic core.

This is one of those moments as the [Phoenix Suns](#) took time out of their day yesterday to welcome in a kid from halfway across the country and, for a day, treated him like one of their own.

As young Jonah Zahn walked in the land of giants that is the NBA for a day, he was the one with the most heart and courage. It takes a special kind of courage to battle Von Willebrand'd Disease everyday at his age than it does to take a full speed charge from [LeBron James](#) or have the ball in your hands in a tie game down the stretch.

In the end those are factors of a game.

On the surface he is like any other shy young 12 year old boy out of his element on an NBA practice court. He didn't blend in with the trees all over the court, however humbled them as he shot (and made) jumpers with them, leading huddles, and interacting with them.

"He has a nice little jumper," said Interim Head Coach [Lindsey Hunter](#) . "I talked about him playing."

Jonah had a simple description for all of this, "They are so much taller than me."

He came all the way from Illinois to become a Sun for a day, but build memories for life with these real life giants.

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The Make-a-Wish foundation made this happen for Jonah as they have for many kids in the past. All the Phoenix Suns had to do was welcome in Jonah, as they did with open arms. From signing a contract, getting a jersey in the same press conference room that rookies and newcomers are welcomed in, to practicing with the team, today was about memories.

"We were just sharing some Mid-West stories," said Hunter about his time with Jonah.

"He is from Illinois and I lived there the past 20 some odd years. It is always great to share, especially being in the industry we are in. When you can share with a kid like that it means the world to them. I told him I never met a pro athlete when I was a kid so for him to come here and live out one of his dreams was awesome."

That it was as Lance Blanks began the day giving Jonah his jersey.



He was given his own locker next to [Goran Dragic](#) who conveniently had a free space available for him with his double-locker. After that he went to the court where he met the team. When practice was over [Michael Beasley](#) took the practice ball and made the executive decision that Jonah deserved an authentic NBA ball, not a generic autograph ball. The team signed it and presented it to Jonah at the end.

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