

Pair granted their AB wish

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IT WAS a dream come true for west Aucklanders Angus Drumm and Alex Craigie when they got to meet several All Blacks last month.

The pair also got to attend the Rugby World Cup opening ceremony and match and they will also be going to other matches thanks to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

The organisation grants wishes to children who have life-threatening illnesses.

Titirangi resident Angus Drumm has cystic fibrosis and is rugby-mad.

Alex Craigie lives in Glen Eden and was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukaemia four years ago.

They got to meet Ma'a Nonu, Brad Thorn and Mils Muliaina last month after watching the captain's run before the All Blacks took on Australia.

Angus and Alex also got to attend three and four Rugby World Cup games respectively, including the opening match last Friday.

Jane Drumm says her 12-year-old son is rugby-mad so an All Blacks-themed wish was the obvious choice.

"His motto is if it doesn't involve an oval ball, he's not interested."

Mrs Drumm says Angus was very excited to meet some of his favourite players and can't wait to attend the games.

"It's just huge for him, he's delighted."

Angus' sister Georgia, 15, also has cystic fibrosis and is being granted a wish to have her bedroom made over.

Cystic fibrosis is a life-threatening chronic disease which causes mucus to build up around the lungs.



Special wish: Cystic fibrosis sufferer Angus Drumm was excited to meet Ma'a Nonu in a captain's run thanks to the Make-A-Wish Foundation. He also gets to attend three Rugby World Cup games. **Lucky guy, right:** Rugby fan Alex Craigie also got to meet Ma'a Nonu.

Alex Craigie, 17, has leukaemia and finished a round of chemotherapy treatment earlier this year.

He is in good health now and is playing rugby for the first time since his diagnosis.

His mother Kathy says

it's meant a lot to the whole family that Alex was able to have his wish granted.

"Things have been pretty hard the last four years."

Alex says one of his favourite parts was meeting Brad Thorn, his

favourite All Black.

"It was pretty awesome."

Make-A-Wish Foundation acting chief executive Laura Harrison says with each child the organisation helps, they try to add "a bit of magic" to their wish.

