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Merchant Services Helps Grant Teen's Wish to Attend Daytona Bike Week

The long hot days of summer help provide the perfect environment for some of the most exciting outdoor sporting events. Merchant Services supported the efforts of the Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Orange County and the Inland Empire to help one young man's dream of attending one of those events, Daytona Bike Week, a reality this week.

Sean is an active teenager who enjoys the thrill of motocross and extreme bike riding. He rides his bike and practices often so he can one day be as good as his favorite motocross and extreme bike athletes. For Sean's wish, he knew he wanted to go to Daytona Bike Week to meet some of the best riders and to share in the excitement of the competition.

When Sean arrived in Daytona Beach and entered the Daytona International Speedway, he was amazed! He spent most of his first day touring the track and visiting different vendor booths. The next day he had the opportunity to meet and take pictures with Nicky Hayden the 2006 Moto GP World Champion. Sean was beaming with pride because he met one of his idols.

After spending a few days touring the track and watching the preliminary races, Sean was ready for the main event, the Daytona Supercross. Before the races began, Sean learned he was going to meet one of his favorite riders, James "Bubba" Stewart. When Bubba met Sean, he autographed memorabilia, posed for numerous photos and talked to Sean like they were good friends. His meeting with Bubba was one of the many highlights from his trip.

After battling a life-threatening illness, this trip was the chance for Sean to put all of his past medical adversities behind him and have the kind of fun experiences and memories that a teenager should have.

Merchant Services Vice President of Operations Nathan Jurczyk echoed the company's dedication to giving back to the community "We are proud to partner with organizations that support children and families because we believe that investing in our youth today will make all the difference for the future. Having a hand in making Sean's wish a reality only strengthens our commitment to help incredible community organizations like the Make-A-Wish Foundation®."

Merchant Services' corporate culture is grounded in a firm commitment of giving back to the community, and the company stands firm in its commitment to donate a portion of its proceeds to deserving not-for-profit organizations, including its proud support of the Make-A-Wish Foundation®.

Founded in 1995, Merchant Services is a leading provider of e-commerce solutions to businesses throughout the United States. Recognized in 2009 by Inc. Magazine as one of *The 5000 Fastest Growing Privately-Held Companies in the U.S.*, Merchant Services provides sound, reliable and cost-effective bankcard and e-commerce support to tens of thousands of business partners nationwide.

Since 1980, the Make-A-Wish Foundation® has enriched the lives of children with life-threatening medical conditions through its wish-granting work. Since its beginning, the organization has reached more than 174,000 children around the world. The Foundation's mission reflects the life-changing impact that a Make-A-Wish® experience has on children, families, and entire communities. To learn more about the Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Orange County and the Inland Empire please visit www.wishocie.org.