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### **Merchant Services Grants Girl's Wish to Visit Her Best Friend**

Merchant Services understands that time with a great friend can be just what the doctor ordered. This was the case with the most recent wish Merchant Services was able to grant for a girl who dreamed of going to Colorado to visit her longtime best friend. Tabitha is an enthusiastic girl who, like her favorite Disney character, Tinker Bell, believes in the magic of a true wish. Being the social butterfly that she is, when it came time for Tabitha to tell the wish granters what she wished for she didn't hesitate – she knew she wanted to take a trip to Colorado to visit her long time best friend, Catalina, whom she hadn't seen in years.

Accompanied by her family, Tabitha flew to Colorado. She was ecstatic to see Catalina waiting for her at the airport and they could not wait to get back to the house and catch up. Tabitha and her friend spent the next few days enjoying each other's company and going on many adventures together including visiting a local spa where they got matching manicures and pedicures and visiting Build-A-Bear where the girls picked matching accessories and wardrobes for their special bear friends. Before her exciting visit was over, Tabitha and Catalina carefully chose fabric to make their own special best friend dresses. Tabitha's visit ended with a celebration at her favorite restaurant in Colorado with her best friend sitting by her side smiling and giggling about all the wonderful memories they had made.

On Tabitha's flight back home, she expressed that now more than ever, she believes in the power of a true wish. Like Tinker Bell always says, "Dream big, and fly high!" Every day since her miraculous trip, Tabitha knows to dream big. Even though she knows she cannot fly, Tabitha knows that dreams can take flight. Thanks to the generous support of Merchant Services, Tabitha knows that anything is possible and her dreams can come true.

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](http://www.wishocie.org).