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**Merchant Services Helps Grant Child's Wish of Meeting the Dallas Cowboys**

They say everything is bigger in Texas but Andrew's, wish to meet the Dallas Cowboys was not too big for the Make-a-Wish Foundation®. Merchant Services partnered with the Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Orange County/Inland Empire to turn Andrew's dream into a reality.

Andrew is an athletic young man with a passion for sports. He eats, breathes, and sleeps football. Before Andrew was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma, he loved to play football with his friends. His mom said, "Andrew has been a Dallas Cowboys fan since he was in the womb." When our wish granters met with Andrew, he instantly declared his desire to meet the Dallas Cowboys at one of their games in Texas. He asked if he could get a video of his meeting with the team and also requested that the cheerleaders be included.

When Andrew arrived in Texas he was taken to meet all of the Dallas Cowboys, including his favorite player - DeMarcus Ware. DeMarcus is one of the most dominating defensive players in the league! The Cowboys signed footballs and shirts for Andrew, took pictures and discussed game plans. When it was finally game time, Andrew and his family watched the game from the sidelines. The cheerleaders managed to snag Andrew's attention a few times as well!

Andrew had the time of his life fulfilling his dream. He is extremely grateful for the experience and memories he'll never forget!

Merchant Services Operations Manager James Minor noted "The Merchant Services Leadership Team firmly believes in the importance of giving back to the community and I am proud to work for a company founded on these philanthropic principles. Our employees love knowing they helped an inspiring young man like Andrew see his dream become a reality."

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).