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Merchant Services Helps Grant a Young Girl's Wish to Go to Disney World®

Merchant Services, a leading provider of e-commerce solutions for businesses throughout the United States, partnered with the Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Orange County/Inland Empire to sponsor the wish of Angela R. of Anaheim CA, whose wish was to visit her favorite Disney friends in Orlando, Florida.

Angela is an adventurous thirteen year-old living with lupus. She loves spending time with her family and watching Disney shows like *Hannah Montana*.

When the time came to meet with the Make-A-Wish Foundation® wish granters, Angela knew exactly what her wish would be; to go to Disney World® Resort in Orlando, Florida, to experience the thrill of the rides and to meet her favorite Disney characters!

In preparation for the trip, the Make-A-Wish Foundation® team hosted a "kick off" wish party" at Angela's home with her closest friends and family. Friends and family ate themselves silly with pizza, cake and homemade tamales made especially for Angela's by her mom.

As soon as they landed in Florida, Angela and her family checked into their hotel at Give Kids the World, a special resort created exclusively for children visiting Orlando on customized wish trips. Angela and her family visited each of the Resort's theme parks, met with countless Disney characters, and purchased more Disney memorabilia than they could possibly hope to bring home.

Angela and her family joked that the wish granting team and members of the Disney family made them feel so at home that they were considering moving in permanently!

Looking back on this trip, Angela shared that the experience lifted her spirits and brought her all the hope, strength, and joy she needed.

The Merchant Services family is proud and honored to support the Make-A-Wish Foundation® in making Angela's wish of visiting the Walt Disney World Resort 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.