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Merchant Services Sponsors Wish Recipient's Dream to Bring a Lil' Law and Order to Town

Inspired by the wish of a young man to serve his community, Merchant Services partnered with the Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Orange County/Inland Empire in support of Dylan, who wished to join the Orange County Sheriff's Department.

Dylan, a bright nine year old who loves to read and color in his downtime, is living with leukemia. Dylan dreams of one day safeguarding his community by entering into a career in law enforcement.

When Dylan had the opportunity to meet with the wish granting team from the Make-A-Wish Foundation®, he knew exactly what his wish would be - to be a sheriff for a day!

With the help of the Orange County Sheriff's Department, Dylan's dream quickly became a reality! On the day of his wish, Dylan was presented with a custom-made Sheriff's uniform complete with an embroidered badge making him an honorary member of the Orange County Sheriff's Department's Harbor Patrol Division. Dylan was thrilled and couldn't wait to join the team and begin his patrolling duties.

Upon arrival at the Sheriff's office, Dylan was greeted by the entire staff, and after a quick tour of the facility, Dylan was sworn in as an honorary member of the Harbor Patrol. His first order of business was to cruise around with his partner and help issue citations to jaywalkers, then lift fingerprints as part of an "official" investigation. Next, after a quick lunch and a tour of the county jail, Dylan was treated to an experience of a lifetime; riding along in an official Orange County Sheriff's Department helicopter!

Dylan's day as an honorary member of the Sheriff's Department greatly exceeded his wildest expectations. Dylan and his family are very grateful for this once in a lifetime

experience that allowed Dylan to realize his dream and create memories that will last forever!

The Merchant Services family was proud to be a part of helping to make Dylan's dream of becoming a Deputy Sheriff 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.