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Merchant Services Helps Fulfill Young Man's Wish to Visit Favorite Animation Studio

Nick enjoys watching Pixar movies because he likes the creative storytelling and cutting edge computer animation. While he was going through chemotherapy, he would watch their movies to lift his spirits. The stories had such an impact on him that he decided he wanted to visit the Pixar movie studios to see where the magic happens.

Merchant Services supported the efforts of the Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Orange County and the Inland Empire to help Nick achieve his dream to the day with some inspirational characters.

When Nick arrived at the studios, one of the first people he met was Andy, a Pixar animator. Nick beamed as Andy showed him the intricacies involved with crafting the characters and making them come to life. After the meeting, Nick went on a tour of the studios where he was fortunate enough to meet two of the producers from the *Toy Story 3* movie.

At the end of the tour, Nick received a poster of the movie *Up* signed by every animator and producer from the film. This unexpected gift left him speechless. Fortunately, he quickly recovered his voice because he was taken to a recording studio to record his very own-voice over track.

Nick's wish day at Pixar Studios was truly unforgettable. When he was asked to describe his experience, he said, "The people at Pixar were so welcoming. It was great to see them in a place where they all showed so much enthusiasm and love for what they do! To have them let me be a part of that something, it meant so much to me!"

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®.

About Merchant Services

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About the Make-A-Wish Foundation®

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.