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### **Merchant Services Helps a Special Young Lady Make a Splash**

Francis is a loving 14 year-old girl living with physical and mental disabilities who absolutely loves her regular swim therapy sessions. Francis is in a wheelchair and unable to swim on her own so Merchant Services partnered with the Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Orange County/Inland Empire to provide Francis with a swimming pool and lift system in her own backyard!

Spending time listening to country music and relaxing with her dog Sammy are two of Francis' favorite things to do but nothing compares to the sheer joy that overcomes her when she enters the water for her swim lessons. While swimming Francis gets to enjoy the freedom, movement and relaxation of the water. It lifts her spirits in a very special way. So when it came time to decide on a wish for Francis, an above ground pool with lift system was just the ticket.

On the day of her wish, a special wish party was thrown with all of Francis' family, and even her teacher, on hand. Everyone was delighted when the pool was revealed, especially Francis who has since enjoyed endless hours swimming with her family.

"Each and every wish is an opportunity to provide joy to these children and their families," noted Vice President of Merchant Services Nathan Jurczyk. "We are incredibly proud to be able to give back to the community and help children like Francis."

### **About Merchant Services**

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.

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