

Merchant Services of Irvine Supports Boys Wish to Meet Animators

May 20, 2011; Irvine, CA – Merchant Services of Irvine, as part of their ongoing dedication to partnering with the Make-A-Wish Foundation®, recently helped a boy from Upland, CA meet the animators of his favorite cartoon, Sponge Bob Square Pants.

Marcos likes to have fun with his friends and family, his favorite color is yellow, he likes to play games - but most of all he loves to watch his favorite television show, Sponge Bob Square Pants. Marcos always laughs at Sponge Bob's predicaments and for his wish he knew he wanted to meet the 'brains' behind the sponge and go to Nickelodeon Studios to meet the animators of the show.

Merchant Services of Irvine was pleased to partner with Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Orange County and the Inland Empire to help make Marcos' wish come true.

When Marcos arrived at the Studios, he was greeted by a staff member who presented him with a goody bag before taking him on a tour of the facility and into a private screening room to view an upcoming episode. Next Marcos went into a recording studio where he watched the voice talent of Sponge Bob record a section of the show. Afterward he was able to meet some of the animators who showed Marcos how they use computers to create the characters. Marcos was able to do some drawings and one of the animators made a special autographed Sponge Bob picture for Marcos to remember his visit.

Marcos had a wonderful time. He could not stop smiling and now when he watches his favorite show, he will remember the fun he had on his special wish day.

“We are proud to partner with Make-A-Wish® to support these wonderful and uplifting experiences for these children and their families,” shared Vice President of Merchant Services Bob Parisi.

About Merchant Services

Founded in 1995, Merchant Services, located in Irvine, California, is a leading provider of e-commerce solutions to businesses throughout the United States. Recognized in 2009 and 2010 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 193,000 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.

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