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Merchant Services Irvine Helps Young Boys Wish to Meet Favorite Football Team Become a Reality

Brett is a thrill-seeking, enthusiastic young man. He loves to watch his favorite team, the Pittsburgh Steelers, play as they trounce their opponents. He is such an ardent fan that his bedroom is dedicated to the Steelers. Team memorabilia lines the shelves and covers the walls so it came as no surprise to his family and friends that his wish was to meet the infamous Steelers.

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

Brett's wish experience was better than he had imagined it would be. He was invited to stand on the sidelines of Pittsburgh's Heinz Field Stadium and witness his team strategize for that night's game. It was such a great feeling for him to see his favorite team right before his eyes as they prepared to win one for the fans. Immediately following practice and the team's huddle, the Steelers made their way toward Brett. Conversations were sparked, photos were taken, and autographs were signed for Brett. From an outside perspective, the roles seemed to be reversed; the Steelers were the fans, and Brett was the superstar.

To add to Brett's memorable day, he was invited to their evening game. The Steelers were anything but disappointing for Brett, as they convincingly beat their opponent. This was definitely a game and victory dedicated to the Steelers No.1, most loyal fan, Brett.

"We have a firm commitment to giving back to the community and are thrilled to continue partnering with Make-A-Wish® to help make memorable wishes like Brett's come true," shared Vice President of Merchant Services Nathan Jurczyk.

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 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 lifethreatening 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 <u>www.wishocie.org</u>.