

## **Merchant Services of Irvine Supports Boy's Wish to See a T-Rex**

August, 22, 2011; Irvine, CA - Merchant Services of Irvine, as part of their ongoing dedication to partnering with the Make-A-Wish foundation®, recently granted their 40<sup>th</sup> wish and helped a young boy from Mission Viejo, CA, see a Tyrannosaurus-Rex and meet paleontologists.

Gavin is a spunky boy who loves dinosaurs. When he was receiving treatments for leukemia, he would ask his mom to bring him books about dinosaurs. He has been to several museums before to see dinosaurs on display; however, he knew that there are very few places that have an actual T-Rex skeleton on display. So naturally, when it came time for Gavin to make a wish, he wished to see a T-Rex!

Merchant Services of Irvine was pleased to partner with Make-A-Wish foundation® of Orange County and the Inland Empire to make this wish come true for Gavin.

Gavin's journey began in Chicago, Illinois when he went to see "Sue" the T-Rex at the Field Museum. At the museum, Gavin was able to meet a paleontologist, go down into the collection room where they house all of the dinosaur bones that are not on display, watch 3-D movies about dinosaurs, and help the scientists in the lab who were working on a set of bones. Gavin had a personal museum guide that walked them through the different displays and explained the latest in dinosaur facts.

Gavin described the trip as "nothing short of awe-inspiring and spectacular."

"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, Nathan Jurczyk.

### **About Merchant Services**

Founded in 1995, Merchant Services, located in Irvine, California, is a leading provider of e-commerce solutions to business throughout the United States. Recognized in 2009 and 2010 by Inc. Magazine as one of the *500 Fastest Growing Privately-Held Companies in the US*, Merchant Services provides sound, reliable, 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](http://www.wishocie.org).

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