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**Coco Beach, Florida**

**Merchant Services Sponsors Wish Recipient's Dream to Experience Space Shuttle Night Launch.**

Merchant Services partnered with the Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Orange County/Inland Empire to grant a wish that is out of this world. Jarrett, of Newport Beach, California, had always wanted to witness the night launch of a space shuttle. Seventeen-year-old Jarrett is a bright young man living with medulloblastoma.

Growing up he was always interested in science, especially astronomy. As a child he and his dad used to fly Estes Rockets together. Jarrett's favorite part was hitting the "blast off button" and yelling, "Blast off!" So by the time Jarrett met with his wish granters, he already knew what his one and only wish would be; to see the night launch of a space shuttle in Florida at the Kennedy Space Center!

Jarrett's wish began when he and his family arrived in Florida and Jarrett had the opportunity to have lunch with a real astronaut! Before he knew it, it was the night of the launch at the Kennedy Space Center. They gathered together under a beautiful moonlit sky when all of a sudden, a brighter than normal light flew up into the sky. It wasn't until 10 seconds later that they heard a loud boom. It was louder than anything they had ever heard before. They stared in awe of what they had just witnessed.

Jarrett had a unique and inspiring time on his trip. He remarked that it was a "cool, rare experience." Jarrett felt a deep appreciation for all of the work that went into his amazing wish.

The Merchant Services family was proud to be a part of helping to make Jarrett's dream of experiencing the night launch of a space shuttle a reality. Merchant Services Vice President of Operations, Nathan Jurczyk shared that "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®.”

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.

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).