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### **Merchant Services Grants Girl's Wish to Go to Hawaii**

Merchant Services, an industry leader in electronic payment solutions, in partnership with the Make-a-Wish Foundation®, continues to work at granting the wishes of deserving children. They have kicked off the New Year by granting their first wish in 2009, helping a young girl and her family take a dream vacation to Hawaii.

Tiah is an adorable girl that loves the outdoors and being adventurous. Although she is living with acute lymphoblastic leukemia, she still has ambitions of traveling. So when her wish granters asked her about her most heartfelt wish, Tiah didn't hesitate to reply, "I wish to go to Hawaii!"

Once they arrived in the island paradise, Tiah and her family were greeted with orchid leis to welcome them to the island. From the moment she stepped off the plane, Tiah knew that she was in for the vacation of a lifetime.

After a day of rest, Tiah's magical vacation began. The first thing they did was explore Honolulu's shops, beautiful beaches, and restaurants. Tiah had a wonderful time soaking up the sun, snapping pictures, and admiring the beautiful sunsets in the evenings.

Over the next few days Tiah got to go jet skiing, parasailing, and even went to a Hawaiian luau; complete with Hawaiian cuisine, hula and fire knife dancers. It was the perfect ending to a truly memorable vacation that will always bring a smile to Tiah's face thanks to the generosity of Merchant Services.

Vice President of Operations, Nathan Jurczyk noted "We believe that companies should act in a socially responsible manner. To us that means supporting organizations that make a difference in the lives of the people in our community – particularly children and families. We are proud to support the Make-A-Wish Foundation® and help make the wishes of children like Tiah come true."

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).