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Merchant Services Helps Grant Child's Bedroom Make-Over Wish

Merchant Services and the Make-a-Wish Foundation® have teamed up to grant a wish that hits close to home. 5-year old leukemia patient Michelle wished to receive a themed bedroom make-over.

Michelle is a shy five year-old who loves to read and color in her downtime. Although she is living with acute lymphoblastic leukemia, she has dreams of one day traveling the world like her favorite cartoon character, Dora the Explorer. When the time came to meet with her wish granters, an excited Michelle knew exactly what her wish would be; to have a Dora the Explorer room makeover!

On the day of her wish, Michelle spent the day watching cartoons as her wish granters decorated her room with tons of goodies. As the bedroom makeover came nearer to completion, several of Michelle's closest friends and family members gathered at her house to celebrate her special day. Everyone enjoyed pizza, drinks, and chocolate cake as the finishing touches were being put on Michelle's room.

When the time came to reveal her newly decorated room, Michelle was slowly led down the hallway where she was in for the surprise of a lifetime. As she entered, Michelle didn't know where to look first! She was amazed at how her room had been completely transformed and with inspiration from her new room, Michelle is ready to explore the world just like her hero Dora!

The Merchant Services family is proud and honored to support the Make-A-Wish Foundation® in making Michelle's wish of having a Dora the Explorer bedroom make-over come true. Vice President Bob Parisi noted "Merchant Services was founded on the principles of giving back to the community. We believe companies should act in a socially responsible manner and we are thrilled to have helped make Michelle's dream a reality."

Merchant Services' 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.