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Merchant Services Helps Make Little Boy's Dream Sail into Reality

Fun, Frolic, Laughter and plenty of time with some famous mice were served up with the help of Merchant Services and the Make-A-Wish Foundation® who teamed up to make a special little boy's wish of going on a Disney Cruise a reality!

Eric is a 6-year-old little boy whose favorite things are boats, the ocean, and all the Disney Characters. For Eric, he knew without a doubt that he wanted to combine all his favorite things and go on a Disney Cruise with his family.

Eric's wish party was at Chuck E. Cheese, "where a kid can be a kid." It was a wonderful party filled with pizza, and lots of dessert. The party was attended by Eric and his family, not to mention a certain mouse...Yes! Chuck E. Cheese came out to celebrate and to take photos with Eric! After he played every game in the restaurant, he was presented with his Wish Cruise Itinerary and a backpack full of goodies that he would need for his grand adventure.

The cruise took the family to the Bahamas, where they stopped off at Nassau and Disney's Castaway Cay. They enjoyed the beautiful white sand and clear ocean water. In the evening, Eric spent time exploring the ship and planning his adventures for the next day.

Looking back on his trip Eric says his favorite parts were the musical shows because he could watch and meet all the Disney Characters at one time. After meeting all the Disney stars, Eric decided that Mickey Mouse is his favorite character. His mom says that since they have returned home all he talks about is how much fun he had and how he misses his friend Mickey Mouse. Eric and his family are so grateful for this wonderful experience; they will never forget how Eric's wish came true.

The Merchant Services family is proud and honored to support the Make-A-Wish Foundation® in making Eric's wish come true. 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.