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Merchant Services Grants Young Lady's Wish for a Grand Celebration

Crystal is vivacious young girl who was referred to Make-A-Wish® of Orange County/Inland Empire just before her fifteenth birthday. In Latin culture it is a tradition to celebrate a girl's 15th birthday because this is the day she becomes a woman. When our wish granters met with Crystal, she knew exactly what to wish for; to have a traditional Quinceañera so she could celebrate her coming-of-age day surrounded by family and friends.

Merchant Services partnered with Make-A-Wish® to help make Crystal's wish come true and before she knew it, it was time for the Quinceañera she had always wanted. The festivities took place at the scenic Edward's Mansion where Crystal arrived dressed in a beautiful gown. She looked like a princess.

Everyone was touched by the blessings that were given by the priest and after the ceremonial blessings, the traditional dances took place. Crystal looked radiant as she walked on the floor for her first dance. She beamed from ear to ear the entire evening. The DJ played all her favorite songs for her and her guests, and a photographer was there to capture all the fun. Crystal and her guests danced, ate, and celebrated into the night making it the enchanted evening she had always dreamed of.

Crystal and her family are very grateful to the Make-A-Wish Foundation® and Merchant Services for making her one special wish come true. When she looks at her pictures she will always remember what a joyous occasion her Quinceañera was, and will look back with fond memories on the day she became a lady.

"Every child has a special dream and we are proud to work with organizations like the Make-A-Wish Foundation® to give back to our communities and help make those dreams come true," shared Vice President of Merchant Services Nathan

Jurczyk, adding “we stand firm in our commitment to continuing our support of organizations that make a difference in the lives of children and families.”

About Merchant Services

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.

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 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.