Make-A-Wish Foundation® of New Jersey

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"The mission of the Make-A-Wish Foundation<sup>®</sup> is to grant the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy."

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Ms. Marnie Clemente River Dell Middle School 230 Woodland Avenue River Edge, NJ 07661

Dear Ms. Clemente:

On behalf of the entire Make-A-Wish Foundation® of New Jersey, I would like to thank you and everyone from River Dell Middle School who participated your fundraising efforts. We are truly grateful to be the beneficiary of your support. As part of our Adopt-A-Wish program, I am pleased to let you know that your support from this year's fundraiser, has allowed us to fund Christian's wish to go to Disney World.

When our volunteers asked Christian what his greatest wish would be his eyes lit up like only a 6-year-old's can and he said, "I want to go to Disney World and meet the Power Rangers!" His favorite television show is the Power Rangers and he has always wished he could meet them in person. Christian, his parents and younger sister will travel to Disney World in mid April and spend 6 days and 5 nights at Give Kids the World, a special area adjoining Disney World that is specifically reserved for wish children and their families. While at Give Kids the World, our wish children are treated to such amenities as around-the-clock ice cream service, handicap-accessible pools, special gifts, and characters who even read them bed time stories. While in the park, our wish children wear a special pin that allows them to go straight to the front of the line where they will only have to wait a brief moment or two to enjoy the rides and other Disney attractions. Christian and his family are very excited for their trip! Another fun fact about Christian is that his favorite food is chicken fingers and he loves to shop in Shoprite!

Today throughout the country, a wish is granted every 41 minutes. Time and time again we hear that a wish is not simply a gift, but much needed therapy for a family going through a very difficult time. We hear that just when a child with a life-threatening illness is exhausted mentally, physically and emotionally, a wish is granted and the child has the energy to continue battling their illness. *That* is what we call the *power of a wish*<sup>®</sup>!

In 2008, we are celebrating a very special milestone, our 25<sup>th</sup> year of granting wishes to deserving children in New Jersey. Whether it's flying a family to Disney World<sup>®</sup>, setting up a swingset in a child's backyard; arranging for a child to go on a shopping spree; or sending a boy to California on a unique rollercoaster experience, we cannot make wishes come true without your help. Last year alone we granted 470 of these amazing wishes- a new record for our chapter- and with your continued support, we'll do it again this year.

The emails, letters, pictures and postcards we receive daily from wish children and their families confirm our belief that the power of a wish is immeasureable and you help make it possible! It is because of your heartfelt commitment to children like Christian that we are able to restore the hope, strength and joy their illnesses have taken away. Once again, thank you for helping us **share the power of a wish** 

Sincerely

Kim Puleo

**Director of Special Events** 

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