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**MAKE·A·WISH®**

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

June 16, 2008

Gary Yourman  
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Dear Mr. Yourman:

On behalf of the more than 5,500 children the Make-A-Wish Foundation® of New Jersey has served since 1983, I would like to thank you for once again organizing the Greater Trenton Dart League's "Darts for Dreams" Tournament that took place on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008. To date, gifts from this event have totalled \$10,839.00 and have helped to grant the wishes of the following children from Mercer County as part of our Adopt-A-Wish program.

*Three year old Julianna has been diagnosed with a rare disorder known as Mitochondrial Depletion Disease, wherein the body lacks a certain amount of mitochondrial DNA- the structures within cells that convert energy from food into a form that cells in the body can use. As a result of this diagnosis, Julianna can not be outside so her mom hoped that a wish from the Make-A-Wish Foundation of New Jersey would be just what the doctor ordered and would allow her to "bring the outside in" to her daughter. Together, Julianna and her mom decided that a room makeover would be the perfect wish. Pictures from Julianna's new room are enclosed. Julianna even giggled when she saw the picture of her dad in tights as "Prince Charming" on her wall!*


*Douglas is a twelve year old young man who likes to ride his bike, drive boats, listen to music, play computer games and watch TV and movies. He became eligible for a wish when he was diagnosed with Leukemia, a cancer of the white blood cells, the cells in the body that normally fight infections. When Make-A-Wish volunteers visited Douglas and his family to ask him the question "if you had one wish, what would it be?" Douglas decided on something every boy would love- a shopping spree to Best Buy! He chose this wish because he wanted to purchase a new large screen TV and surround sound system because "these items are cool stuff and I've always wanted to have them." We are very sure that Douglas will shop 'til he drops at Best Buy later this month!*

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®!*

In 2008, we will be 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. More than ever, children are wishing for extraordinary trips and creative experiences and as a result, the average cost of a wish has risen to \$7,300. Last year alone we granted 470 of these amazing wishes- a new record for our chapter- and with your continued support, and those who contributed to the Darts for Dreams Tournament, 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 immeasurable and you help make it possible! It is because of your heartfelt commitment to children like Julianna and Douglas 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*<sup>®</sup>.

Sincerely,



Stacy Redelheim  
Director of External Events

It was a pleasure  
working with you again  
this year!