



NEWS RELEASE

Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Greater Los Angeles elects 13 new members to its Board of Directors

LOS ANGELES (Wednesday, December 15, 2010) – The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Greater Los Angeles, which has granted wishes for more than 7,000 children since its founding in 1983, today announced the election of 13 new members to its Board of Directors. The new Board will complement the strategic direction of the chapter as it continues to grant wishes for children living in Los Angeles County who have been diagnosed with a life-threatening medical condition.

“With our new board we gain leaders who are industry leaders, have a demonstrated compassion for children and are inspired to help shape a new vision for our Foundation,” said Suzanne Sutter, President and CEO of the Greater Los Angeles chapter. “Every individual offers unique talents and skills that will cause us to become a more vibrant organization serving the Greater Los Angeles community.”

Last year alone, the Greater Los Angeles chapter granted the wishes of 413 children who live in Los Angeles County and assisted with an additional 296 wishes for those who came to Los Angeles from around the world. Those wishes range from meeting a celebrity, attending an awards show, shopping in Beverly Hills or having their skills evaluated by the USC pitching coach. The Greater Los Angeles chapter receives no federal or state money and for every dollar donated, more than 80 percent goes towards wish granting, which exceeds program service allocation standards set forth by leading charity watchdog groups, including the Council of Better Business Bureaus.

The new Make-A-Wish Foundation of Greater Los Angeles’ Board of Directors includes:

Name	Title	Company
Joel B. Anik	West Region Managing Partner	Grant Thornton, LLP
Canard E. Barnes	Financial Advisor	Bank of America Merrill Lynch
Cam Davis*	Principal-Sr. Investment Advisor Group	Bernstein Global Wealth Management
Lisa J. Demsky	Attorney, Litigation Partner	Munger, Tolles & Olson, LLP
Jamie Douraghy	President	Artisan Creative
Kelvin Duckett	Financial Advisor	Morgan Stanley Smith Barney
David Kummer	Executive Vice President and Principal	Sullivan Curtis Monroe, LLC
Michael Mand	Chief Corporate Communications Officer	Creative Artists Agency
Tracy Nickl	Managing Director	BNY Mellon Wealth Management
D. Eric Remensperger	Attorney, Partner – Head West Coast Real Estate Group	Proskauer Rose, LLP
John K. Round+	Attorney, Partner	Strasburger & Price, LLP
Ami J. Shah, M.D.	Division Head, Research Immunology	Childrens Hospital Los Angeles
Holly Stein Shulman	Vice President, Licensing Acquisitions and Business Development	Mattel, Inc.
David Swift	Director of Marketing	The Grove, Los Angeles
Deborah Thompson+^	Director of Chapter Support	Make-A-Wish Foundation of America

* - Board Chair

+ - reelected

^ - non-voting

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About the Make-A-Wish Foundation

The Make-A-Wish Foundation grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy. Founded in 1980 when a group of caring volunteers helped a young boy fulfill his dream of becoming a police officer, the Foundation is now the largest wish-granting charity in the world.

The Greater Los Angeles chapter of the Make-A-Wish Foundation was formed in 1983. The chapter granted its 7,000th wish for a child with life-threatening medical condition on August 18 when 13-year-old Claire received a mermaid bedroom makeover from HGTV star Kim Myles. For more information about the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Greater Los Angeles including how you can help refer a child for a wish; participate in Adopt-A-Wish; or donate in-kind gifts of goods or services, airline frequent flier miles, or vehicles, please call (800) 322-9474 or visit www.wishla.org.