

Everyone:

Our 8<sup>th</sup> annual convoy is over and now history. I must say this year was the first of many new things for the event. It was our first year at our beautiful new location, Battlefield Harley Davidson. And what an amazing site it is for the event. It was also our first year to deal with rain and literally get our feet wet at our new location; however this did not dampen anyone's spirit there was so many people that braved the elements and still came out to show their support of our courageous kids adding many rays of sunshine to the day. I did discover a new event though – puddle jumping – the kids were having a ball jumping in the puddles, not too sure how happy mom and dad were when they returned wetter than they should have been but the kids were having fun! We will also be adding the sale of umbrellas and ponchos to next year's event. They say every cloud has a silver lining.

On behalf of all the children of Make-A-Wish®, a huge THANK YOU goes out as well. The kids love their drivers and each year can't wait to spend the day with you. This event has become so much more than a ride in a big rig to these kids. They all love being the stars of the day, hanging out with the drivers, and helping to make sure other children get their wishes.

I was very concerned going into the event with the state of the economy and also the threat of rain. However, once again you all proved just how much this event means and the lengths you will go to make it happen! This year reaffirmed my commitment to the event and everyone involved. With the change in location it would have been easy for many to step away but you didn't instead you stepped up to the plate and embraced the changes.

Now for the important things. . The totals are in and we will be granting a 15 wishes to children in our area. We raised \$51,000.00 in cash and another \$43,000 in in-kind donations. Giving us a total of \$94,000.00 for this year's event! With the cash raised this year our event has now raised \$453,000.00 in just 6 short years and granted 120 wishes!

In 2010 we will be adding many new events to the convoy in preparation for our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Yes I am working ahead. Next year on Sunday prior to the event Magic Elm Skateland will be hosting a skating party to kick off the convoy, then on Thursday Texas Roadhouse will host a bike night as a convoy kick off party, and finally for the big addition on Saturday May 1<sup>st</sup>, we will be having the 1<sup>st</sup> annual Convoy Kick Off Motorcycle Ride in Memory of Chad Fancovic, a Battlefield Harley employee. This addition is very exciting, the bikes will be taking the same route as the convoy and be led by the wish trailer - the first bike will be ridden by Peggy Miller our own wish child Amy's mother!

Thank you for your most generous contributions – for your time, and for your heartfelt wish for our courageous children. We look forward to seeing you at our 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Truck Convoy for Wishes on Sunday May 2, 2010, so mark your calendars and plan to come out and see our children. Kevin Sharp will be once again performing with his entire band at 10:30 AM. The drivers and wish children are the heart and soul of this event we couldn't do it without you. You have become true angels to us, as one of the wish children's mothers said to me you drivers prove to us that there are angels here on earth taking care of our wish children. Thanks for once again Sharing in the Power of a Wish!

Best Wishes,

Sherri Keller  
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