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Make-A-Wish Foundation® to Grant Kirkland Girl's Fairytale Wish

SEATTLE – Bibbity. Bobbity. Boo. These are the magical words that made Cinderella's dream come true and they'll do the same for wish kid Grace Weaver of Kirkland this Thursday, May 28th when her very own "Fairy Godmother" and the Make-A-Wish Foundation grant her wish to star in her own fairytale.

Living with Dermatomyositis, an uncommon disease marked by muscle weakness and a distinctive skin rash, the cast of characters making her wish come true include the Seattle Children's Theater, Pacific Science Center, Space Needle and the folks at Teatro Zinzanni who will all play a starring role in Thursday's festivities. Joining her on her magical day will be her mom (Jeanette), dad (Doug), sibling and grandparents.

The timeline for her wish day follows:

Btw 11 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. – Picked up in a limo at her home in Kirkland.

12-3 p.m. – Seattle Children's Theatre to watch a special performance of *Good Night Moon*

Upon arrival, Grace will be greeted by none other than her very own Fairy Godmother who will escort her into the show. The cast has special plans to sing a song that they wrote especially for her at the end of the show. They will also incorporate a red space giraffe (one of the character's in her fairytale that Grace made up) into the show and they'll gift this to her after the performance. She will also enjoy a private audience with the cast, who will stay in character after the show, to have a Grace in *Wonderful*, inspired by *Alice in Wonderful*, tea party with her.

3:10-3:50 p.m. – Visit to Pacific Science Center

Upon leaving the Seattle Children's Theatre and on her way to the Science Center, Grace will travel in a golf cart that is decked out to look as if it popped right out of the "Candyland" game. Upon her arrival at the Science Center, she'll touch the sea life in the tide pools, learn about blue whales and enjoy a private space show in the Planetarium.

4-5 p.m. – Visit to Space Needle

The folks from Teatro Zinzanni will await Grace's arrival outside of the Space Needle, along with throngs of animated supporters dressed in fairytale costumes, wearing animal hats, etc. The stars of Teatro Zinzanni will perform for Grace and break out into song and dance, truly making her feel like she's in her own fairytale. After her special performance, she'll be escorted up to the observation deck for a special wish party with her family, friends and Make-A-Wish staff, volunteers, supporters. There will be cake, balloons, pictures and fairytale fun at the top of the Needle.

6- 7:30 p.m – Dinner at Maggiano's in Bellevue

Her magical day will conclude with dinner at the Bellevue Maggiano's. The restaurant staff is getting into this and have some secret plans in store for her. It sounds as if they are making her some fairy wings of her own to wear in the restaurant, they're going to give her a gift basket filled with story books and "princess" type items and some of the staff are planning to dress in costumes for the occasion.

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About the Make-A-Wish Foundation:

The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Alaska, Montana, Northern Idaho and Washington grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy. Since its inception in 1986, the chapter has granted more than 3,750 wishes to children in the Northwest and will grant 291 wishes this year alone. For more information about the Foundation, including how you can help *share the power of a wish®* call 800.304.WISH or visit our Web site at www.northwestwishes.org.

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