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Make-A-Wish Foundation® Grants a Graffiti Wish

WHAT: Missoula, MT resident Maxwell, 17, is set to fly to San Diego on Sunday, November 15 to (spray) paint the town red. Diagnosed with Lymphocytic Lymphoma, Max was given the opportunity to have a wish granted by the Make-A-Wish Foundation. A budding painter and sketch artist, Max wished to fly to San Diego to meet the well known Stick-Up-Kids graffiti group and, in particular, Dave Ross, creator of the “Bunny Kitty,” a popular cartoon-like image invented by Ross.

As part of his wish, Max will travel to San Diego on Sunday to meet and paint with Ross and the Stick-Up-Kids at the Arts a Reason to Survive (ARTS) facility. ARTS is an organization, also based out of San Diego, dedicated to empowering children facing life challenges by providing art-based programs. Max will also have a chance to share a few sketches with Ross, learn his graffiti techniques, and even sample some cool graffiti garb from Ross’s sneaker and clothing lines. After painting, Max will head to the Wild Animal Park to soak up some rays before his return to Montana.

Max and his family are eager to share their Make-A-Wish story. Interested media are asked to call the Make-A-Wish Foundation media contacts to set up an interview.

WHERE: Arts A Reason To Survive, Wild Animal Park
San Diego, California

WHEN: Sunday-Monday, November 15-16, 2009

WHY: *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 4,000 wishes to children in the Northwest and will grant 327 wishes this year alone. For more information about the Foundation, including how you can help share the power of a wish® contact us at 800.304.WISH or visit our Web site at www.northwestwishes.org.*

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