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Av Con 2004

Dear Ruth Williams and Committee Members and Attendees of Av Con 2004:

We wish to extend our most heartfelt thanks for your recent generous donation of \$800.00. The Make-A-Wish Foundation<sup>®</sup> is grateful to everyone involved in organizing your fundraising event at your Road to Avonlea Convention.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation<sup>®</sup> of Southwestern Ontario grants the wishes of children with life-threatening illnesses to enrich the human experience with hope, strength, and joy. Since our inception in 1986, we have granted over 420 wishes in a territory that includes 15 counties.

In our fiscal year 2003 we granted 52 wishes. This year we have granted 46 wishes and have 37 wishes in progress. Let me tell you just one story of a child whose life changed profoundly, thanks to the generosity of donors like you and the magic of Make-A-Wish<sup>®</sup>.

Four year old Jonathan (who prefers to be called “Sir Lancelot”) was diagnosed with leukemia. Jonathan is a warm, active, wonderful child who loves anything to do with knights and castles.

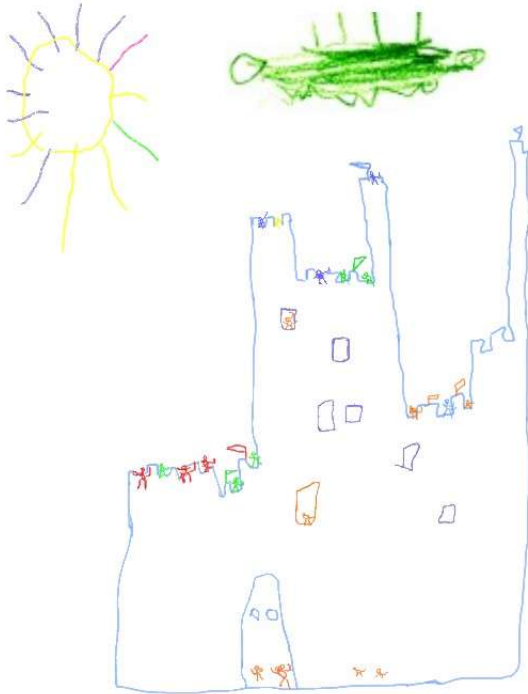
Jonathan described his wish like this:

“My very first wish would be to have my own bunk beds like my cousin. I love to lie in bed and watch movies just like in the hospital. I have lots of movies to fill a tall shelf. I would like to paint my room. I love to paint!”

Thanks to wish grantor Heather, Jonathan had his wish come true. First, Jonathan chose his bunk beds, mattresses, shelf units, and duvet covers. Then our wish grantor enhanced the wish further, and Jonathan became a knight in his very own castle.

That's because the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Southwestern Ontario had his room transformed. First, a special mural in a knights-and-castles theme was hand-painted on his wall. And of course, Jonathan and his dad both got to help with the painting.

Then our wish grantor approached costume designer Wendy, who made a one-of-a-kind knight's wardrobe for "Sir Lancelot Jonathan."



On wish day the bunk beds and accessories Jonathan chose arrived to complete his palace. When Jonathan climbed up to the top bunk, he announced:

"I can see the knights guarding me from up here!"

Jonathan's mom reports that he no longer searches out mom and dad at night, after he has been put to bed. (He used to cry for them a lot at night.) That's because he feels so safe and secure with his knights watching over him.

And that...is a child's wish. And, with your help, we're continuing to make wishes come true for children with life-threatening illnesses. Our supporters and friends like you make all the difference.

On behalf of everyone at Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Southwestern Ontario, thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lori Quick". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lori Quick  
Executive Director  
Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Southwestern Ontario