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Make-A-Wish® Texas Gulf Coast & Louisiana Grants Anthony Losoya's Wish Thanks to \$1.26 Million Donation from Bristol-Myers Squibb

PHOENIX (April 23, 2018) – Make-A-Wish® has received a \$1.26 million donation from Bristol-Myers Squibb Company with the purpose of granting more wishes for children with cancer. A portion of the funds were used to grant the wish of Anthony Losoya, a 18-year old with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia. Anthony had his wish granted to “visit London, England.”

While Anthony was in London, he had the opportunity to see the changing of the guards at Buckingham Palace. He also visited the London Zoo and took a tour of the city where he enjoyed learning about the history of London. However, there was one activity Anthony enjoyed the most—riding his skateboard up and down the streets taking in the culture and beauty of the city.

“Wishes for kids like Anthony Losoya would not be possible without supporters like Bristol-Myers Squibb,” said Teri Andreport, President and CEO of Make-A-Wish Texas Gulf Coast & Louisiana. “Support for wish granting is crucial because new research shows that kids who have a wish granted replace fear with confidence, sadness with joy and anxiety with hope.”

“Make-A-Wish understands that hope plays a crucial role in the treatment of childhood cancer,” said Adam Lenkowsky, head, US Oncology, Bristol-Myers Squibb. “We continue to be inspired by Make-A-Wish’s incredible passion and dedication, and are proud to help support families throughout their cancer diagnosis and treatment.”

The impact of the seven-figure contribution from Bristol-Myers Squibb will be felt at Make-A-Wish chapters throughout the country. The donation will specifically be used to grant wishes for kids like Anthony who have cancer – the most common critical illness for wish kids.

This is the second consecutive year that Bristol-Myers Squibb has helped Make-A-Wish grant life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses, totaling \$2.6 million in support.

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About Make-A-Wish Texas Gulf Coast & Louisiana

We are on a quest to bring every eligible child's wish to life because a wish is an integral part of a child's treatment journey. Research shows children who have wishes granted build the physical and emotional strength they need to fight a critical illness. This improves their quality of life and produces better health outcomes. A wish transforms the lives of children, their families, volunteers, supporters, medical professionals, and entire communities. Make-A-Wish Texas Gulf Coast and Louisiana is one of 62 chapters throughout the United States and its territories. Since our chapter's inception in 1984, we have granted over 8,200 wishes, and, during our fiscal year 2017, we granted 428 wishes. Make-A-Wish is the world's leading children's wish-granting organization, serving children in every community in the United States and in 50 countries worldwide. Since 1980, more than 300,000 wishes have been granted to children in the U.S. and its territories.

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