



Deon, 7, at Disney World with his dad and Buzz Lightyear

Deon's Disney Adventure

Deon, 7
Diagnosis, Tetralogy of Fallot

"It was the week of my birthday when I got my wish fulfilled from Make a Wish®. I got to go to Disney World in Florida! I was really excited and could hardly wait to go.

My dad and I went on all sorts of rides that went up in the air and shot water at us. We went through tunnels with pirates, we also went on a ride called 'It's a Small World.' I liked the singing of the shows we saw; I liked the Country Bears the most.

Even though Disney World was my wish and we had a great time, we had just as much fun at the resort we stayed at.

Give Kids the World has so many activities lined up in the evenings. My sister and I enjoyed walking around and seeing all the other children. We got to dress up as pirates and princesses, they had movie nights, and we even got to see Santa! My mom and dad said that was the best part of the trip.

It was nice to see them relax and have fun with us. Thank you Make-A-Wish for granting my wish!"

Welcome New Volunteers!

Make-A-Wish would like to welcome our newest volunteers: Marnie Anderson, Shantel Biffert, Audrey Boyer (*Regina*), Robert Cunningham, Cody Can Dijk (*Winnipeg*), Nicole Fisher, Shelly Foley, Shannon Graham, Linda Lemmon, Andrea Luedecke, Matthew Naiden, Monica Njoku, Eli Rose, Lynda Sea, Susan Sea, Dominique St. Jean, and Kendra Thompson (*Winnipeg*).



Volunteer Spirit Award 2008

"Recognizing the outstanding commitment and dedication of our volunteers"

Marilyn Macleod (pictured), from Calgary, was one of two recipients of the Volunteer Spirit Award in recognition of her outstanding commitment to Make-A-Wish Canada in areas such as wish granting, fundraising, public relations, services and advocacy work.

"The Volunteer Spirit Award is intended to honour individuals who exemplify and demonstrate, over time, the spirit and energy of what Make-A-Wish is all about the children," said Mary Jardine, chief executive officer of Make-Wish Canada. Macleod was one of the first board members of the Calgary chapter when it first opened its doors more than 15 years ago.

"Make-A-Wish in Alberta would not likely be where it is today had it not been for the tireless effort and spirit of Marilyn over the past 15 years," said Dave Stinton, president of the board for Make-A-Wish Canada.

We also would like to acknowledge Leatta Loose and Jody Trevleaven who were also nominated for the Volunteer Spirit Award in Calgary.

RECENT EVENTS

Volunteer Appreciation Evening

Thank you to those who were able to attend the Volunteer Appreciation Evening November 13. It was a fun whodunnit themed party with a holiday-style buffet and was a small, intimate event. We missed those who didn't come and want to show our appreciation with a volunteer gift that can be picked up at our office (and to say hello). Our office hours are Mon to Fri, 7 am until 3:30 pm.

Party with a Purpose

Hosted by Tracy and Trevor Krawchuk, Party with a Purpose on November 15, was a live/silent auction evening that was a great success. The event was held at Artists of the World in downtown Calgary and there was a special guest

appearance by the Trailer Park Boys. Special thanks goes out to Shelley, Linda, Monica, Marnie, Shannon, Candace, Robert, Wally and Leatta for their help and endurance throughout the night!



HIGHLIGHTS OF SUMMER EVENTS

CP Distributors

May 1st to June 10th
 Thanks to CP Distributors who organized "The Biggest Loser" competition for their Stampede party. They raised over \$10,000 and participated in our Adopt-A-Wish program to send our Wish Child Austin to Halifax.

Clark Builders

June 5th
 For their 6th Annual Charity Golf Tournament at Heritage Point, Clark Builders had 144 players participating and everyone's generosity raised \$78,000. Clark Builders also participated in our Adopt-A-Wish program and helped fulfill Noel's wish to visit Walt Disney World. Thanks to everyone who supported this event.

Respiratory Homecare Solution

June 20th to June 21st
 Our friends at Respiratory Homecare Solutions held their 7th Annual Softball Tournament in support of Make-A-Wish Southern Alberta. Eight teams of 12 players, made up of volunteers, competed. Sincere thanks to all staff at Respiratory Homecare Solutions.