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## Home Expressions by JDR Grants Local Child's Wish to Have a Dream Bathroom Makeover

(September 15, 2016) – Like many girls her age, 9-year-old Theresa enjoys all things that sparkle and include her favorite colors, pink and purple. Unlike most of her peers though, Theresa is dealing with a life-threatening genetic disorder that has left her wheelchair dependent. After her diagnosis, Theresa was referred to Make-A-Wish® San Diego to receive her one true wish.

Because Theresa has such limited mobility, her favorite part of the day is relaxing in a warm shower but unfortunately, the family's existing bathroom was not wheelchair accessible. The luxury of a warm shower—something many of us take for granted—was a daily challenge. Theresa's father had to maneuver her out of the wheelchair through the narrow space into the bathtub each day, a difficult process for both of them, and often anything but relaxing. With all of this in mind, the perfect wish for Theresa was to have a dream bathroom makeover.

Make-A-Wish contacted the Home Expressions by JDR team, who generously pledged to make Theresa's wish come true. After visiting Theresa and her family to see their current bathroom and discuss her needs, the team was inspired to create a new bathroom for Theresa that would not only provide accessibility, but also bring her joy. A wider doorway, a roll-in shower to accommodate her wheelchair, and several handheld showerheads would make the new space functional and safe—and a beautiful design with her favorite colors would make it perfect. Her new bathroom now features glimmering metallic stars on the ceiling, polka dots on the floor and a shower wall that resembles coastal driftwood. The floor's pebbled texture and delicate slope are both practical and artistically tranquil, a new space dedicated to surrounding her with beauty and style, while providing a peaceful setting.

"Wishes like Theresa's are more than just nice to have," said Suzanne Husby, Vice-President, Mission Delivery with Make-A-Wish San Diego, "they enhance a child's daily quality of life, which has a lasting impact. We can't thank our friends at JDR enough for the amount of time and resources they put into making Theresa's wish come true."

Home Expressions CEO Todd Jackson says this project was a team effort made possible with support from generous community partners and friends, including TOTO, Rohl,

Invisia, Kohler, Benjamin Moore, San Diego Marble and Tile, La Mesa Electronics, GPS Plumbing, Hofstee Drywall, RG Tile, GM Adkins, Construction Support Services, J. Munoz Concrete, Welter Electric & Solar, Dave Wilson Flooring, and Greg Rodriguez.

"We are so thankful to our incredible partners and friends in the industry who stepped up to help us make Theresa's wish come true," said Jackson. "We are huge supporters of the Make-A-Wish organization and we've been hoping for the opportunity to work with them. When they called us about Theresa's bathroom, we enthusiastically agreed to help. We hope this new space makes each day a little brighter for Theresa."

### About Make-A-Wish® San Diego

Make-A-Wish San Diego grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions in San Diego and Imperial Counties to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy. Since its inception in 1983, the San Diego chapter has granted more than 3,800 wishes to children in our community. In the coming year, the organization anticipates granting over 230 wishes for local children and hosting over 250 wish kids from other states to grant their wish in San Diego. At Make-A-Wish, the goal is simple: to come into a child's life during a difficult time and provide hope and a much-needed break from the daily challenges they are forced to face. For more information about Make-A-Wish San Diego, visit us online at [www.sandiego.wish.org](http://www.sandiego.wish.org) or call us at (858) 707-9474.

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