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Erie County Technical School
Attn.: Mr. Joe Tarasovitch
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Dear Mr. Tarasovitch, ECTS Students and Teachers:

ECTS students should be commended for an amazingly generous year! On behalf of all of us at Make-A-Wish Greater Pennsylvania and West Virginia, thank you once again for holding *Walk for Wishes* to benefit Make-A-Wish. We are absolutely thrilled that proceeds from the walk totaled \$6,812.81, which we received on October 31 and November 5, 2014. Your gift will be used to help fund the wish-granting expenses of two local children – Hunter and Blake. We will be delighted to recognize your gift on our web site and in our annual report.

Like most kids, Hunter loves to shop and he couldn't wait to have an entire day devoted to shopping for his favorite things. When a limousine picked Hunter and his family up to begin their day-long shopping excursion, he knew this was going to be not just a special day, but an extraordinary day.

At Walmart, Hunter was treated like a celebrity. As soon as he arrived, a personal shopper greeted him, pushing a special cart decorated with a sign and balloons. Hunter had so much fun researching the different electronic items he hoped to purchase. But the real fun came when he was able to see all of the items in person – he loved looking at everything in the store! He knew he was in control, and every decision was his to make – would he buy a new small TV for his bedroom or a Wii console to play games? Why not buy both of them! He admitted that he couldn't wait to get home to begin using all of his new electronics, but lunch and more shopping awaited first.

Hunter had lunch at his favorite restaurant, Smokey Bones. On a full stomach, Hunter headed to Toys R Us, where he was able to shop with the help of Geoffrey, the Toys R Us mascot. Hunter had a huge smile on his face the entire day.

Blake, 17, likes to have fun and enjoy all that life has to offer. Despite living each day with a life-threatening



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medical condition, Blake is just like other teenagers in many ways. He enjoys Hip-Hop and Rap music, is a fan of Will Ferrell, roots for the 76ers basketball team, and he loves Doritos, Reese's Peanut Butter Cups, and Red Lobster.

Magic, wonder and adventure await Blake as we eagerly make plans for a wish trip to Atlantis that he and his family will never forget. From great accommodations to a variety of adventures and activities, Blake and his family will experience a magical time when thoughts of his medical condition will fade to the background. This will be a time when they will be just like any other family enjoying precious moments together, creating memories that will last a lifetime.

As Blake enjoys the warm sunshine and blue water, walks with sharks, and learns to scuba so that he can dive beneath the crystal blue waves and enjoy the exotic marine life up close, he will no longer be a teenager fighting a life-threatening medical condition—he'll be a young man enjoying a family adventure without a care in the world.

With your generous donation, you have given the gift of hope, strength and joy to Hunter, Blake and their families. Your gift will help to lift their spirits and renew their belief that miracles really do happen.

Sincerely,



Jan Stork
Senior Director