

Make-A-Wish Foundation®
811 First Avenue, Suite 520
Seattle, WA 98104
206.623.5300
800.304.WISH
206.623.5333 fax
www.northwestwishes.org



**MEDIA ADVISORY
& PHOTO OPPORTUNITY**

For Immediate Release – March 10, 2011

Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Alaska & Washington's to Bring Out the Stars this Weekend for 25th Anniversary Wish Night Gala & Auction: March 12, 2011

WHO & WHAT: Three founders, 25 years and more than 4,500 wishes later, the local chapter of the Make-A-Wish is celebrating a milestone anniversary this year at "An Evening of Extraordinary Things" Wish Night Gala and Auction.

For the first time in the chapter's 25-year history, the event is sold out with more than 1,000 guests, including Seattle society and celebrities (not limited to):

- Gala Chairs :John & Ginny Meisenbach
- Seahawks: Craig Terrill and John Carlson
- Sounders: James Riley, Kasey Kelly, Patrick Ianni, Taylor Graham and others
- Reality TV stars (from ABC's The Bachelor): Jason Mesnick and Molly Maleny
- Reality TV star (from The Deadliest Catch): Jake Anderson
- Media personality (of KOMO 4 radio): John Carlson
- Seattle City Councilmember: Tom Rasmussen

Guests will have an opportunity to bid on almost 200 live and silent auction one-of-a-kind items, enjoy dinner and drinks, listen to an inspirational program featuring Erik's Electron Boy wish and Ivy's music video wish and enjoy entertainment.

The fundraising goal is \$1,000,000.

For more information, visit www.northwestwishes.org.

WHEN & WHERE: Saturday, March 12, 2011 at the Westin Seattle from 5:30 to 11 p.m.

WHY: *Celebrating 25 years of granting wishes to children with life-threatening medical conditions, the chapter has come a long way since its humble beginnings in 1986. From granting six wishes in its first year, to granting more than 330 annually, the Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Alaska & Washington has brought hope, strength and joy to more than 4,500 local children through its wish granting process. This year, the local chapter will grant 332 wishes. For more information about the local chapter and how you can share the power of a wish® please call 800.304.WISH or visit www.northwestwishes.org.*

###

CONTACT: Jeannette Tarcha, Communications Director
jeannette@northwestwishes.org or 206.623.5338 (prior to event)
206.300.4343 (day of event)

Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Alaska & Washington