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**Mariner's Team Up with Make-A-Wish Foundation® for Opening Day Tradition**  
***Cancer patient will be the first to run the bases at Mariners 2009 home opener***

***WHO & WHAT***

With baseball season nearly in full swing, our hometown team has already scored big with 7-year-old Arjun Vaghela of Bothell who will participate in the ceremonial running of the bases at the Mariners home opener.

Each year, the Make-A-Wish Foundation chooses a child to represent the Foundation in this honored tradition. Living with neuroblastoma, a cancer of the sympathetic nervous system. Arjun was selected because he's not only a huge sports fan, but more importantly because he's an even bigger Mariners' fan. In fact, Arjun says his favorite players are Ichiro Suzuki and Kenji Johjima.

According to his mom, Arjun plays baseball nearly every day with his little brother, Suraj. The two can be seen role playing as Arjun pretends to be Ichiro while Suraj is Johjima.

Arjun is anticipating his wish to go to Disney World. He is very excited to meet Mickey Mouse and also to explore a place he's never been with his family.

***WHERE & WHEN***

Arjun will hit the ground running at Safeco Field Opening Day (Tuesday, April 14, 2009) at **3:28 p.m.** Safeco Field is located at 1250 First Avenue South.

Joining Arjun for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity will be his mom (Umesh), dad (Nyana) and brother (Suraj).

***IMPORTANT MEDIA BALLPARK ENTRANCE INSTRUCTIONS***

Media wishing to cover the event on Tuesday, April 14, must be credentialed in advance by the Seattle Mariners Baseball Information Dept. Please contact Rebecca Hale at (206) 346.4324 or rhale@mariners.com for credential information.

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## ***WHY***

The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Alaska, Montana, Northern Idaho and Washington grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy. Since its inception in 1986, the chapter has granted more than 3,750 wishes to children in the Northwest and will grant 291 wishes this year. For more information about the Foundation, including how you can help *share the power of a wish*® contact us at 800.304.WISH or visit our Web site at [www.northwestwishes.org](http://www.northwestwishes.org).

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