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HUNDREDS TO WALK FOR WISHES THIS WEEKEND AT MIRABEAU MEADOWS IN SUPPORT OF MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION®

WHO & WHAT:

Today, 200 children with life-threatening medical conditions are counting on the Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Alaska & Washington to grant their wishes. Hundreds of people, including wish recipients and their families, volunteers, staff and members of the community-at-large, are taking the first step in helping to make their wishes come true by participating in the second annual *Walk for Wishes this Saturday at Mirabeau Meadows in Spokane Valley*.

The Walk for Wishes is a family-friendly 5K walk to raise funds for and awareness of the local chapter of the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The cost is \$25 (13-years and older) and participants will enjoy snacks and beverages, kid's activities including a face painting and much more. Walkers can register prior to the event online at: <http://nwmakeawish.kintera.org/walkforwishes> or register the day of at the event.

The top individual fundraiser will win a Royal Caribbean Cruise plus Alaska Airlines airfare for two.

Special thanks to our 2011 Walk for Wishes sponsors:

- *Wish level:* Royal Caribbean International
- *Strength level:* Alaska Airlines
- *Joy level:* La Quinta Inns and Suites, Parent Map, McGladrey, Trutina Financial
- *In-kind supporters:* Banner Bank, Clif Bar and Company, Massage Envy, and PCC Natural Markets

Hundreds of people will grab their walking shoes and head to Mirabeau Meadows this Saturday, August 13th in support of the Make-A-Wish Foundation and its second annual Walk for Wishes.

For more information about the event or sponsorships, call Lindsey Johnson at 800.304.9474 or email her at lindsey@northwestwishes.org.

WHERE & WHEN:

Registration and check-in will begin at 8:45 am followed by the opening ceremony and the Walk at 9:30 a.m. The event will conclude at 12p.m. Walk up registrations are welcome.

Mirabeau Meadows
13500 E. Mirabeau Pkwy
Spokane, WA 99216

Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Alaska & Washington

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 about 300 annually, the Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Alaska & Washington has brought hope, strength and joy to more than 4,600 local children through its wish granting process. This year, the local chapter will grant nearly 300 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.*

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