Golfers make dreams come true during a record-breaking year at Golf for Wishes

MARKHAM, ON, June 28, 2018 – The Children’s Wish Foundation of Canada recently hosted a record-breaking Air Transat Golf for Wishes tournament at the Angus Glen Golf Club in Markham, Ontario. The 12th annual event raised an incredible $347,665 - setting a new record for fundraising in a single day at this event.

The funds raised will grant 34 life-changing wishes that will help fulfill the dreams of Canadian children between the ages of three and 17 who have been diagnosed with a life-threatening illness.

“We’re so proud of the accomplishments of this event; what it has done, and continues to do for our wish children,” said Tiffany MacDonald, Regional Director of the Ontario Chapter of Children’s Wish. “It’s incredible to see all our supporters year after year, and what they’ve grown Golf for Wishes into. We’re in awe of the generosity this year. It’s going to make magic happen for so many kids.”

The funds will go towards granting wishes to children like Jackson. He and his family shared their story at the event. Jackson was diagnosed with Ewing’s sarcoma when he was 13 years old and had begun to lose hope after the days of pain, chemo and surgery. Once he was prescribed a wish, he knew he wanted to throw the opening pitch at a Blue Jays baseball game. The wish was something for both Jackson and his entire family to look towards. Their wish day meant the world to them and will forever be something they’ll remember.

“The wish was everything I could have hoped for. I was able to spend the day surrounded by my favourite sport, my favourite sports team and my family. A great part of my wish was that my whole family was able to share it with me,” said Jackson about his magical day.

Over the course of 12 years, Golf for Wishes has raised over $2.4 million, impacting the lives of thousands of children and their families. Every person who participates in the Golf for Wishes tournament in some way, whether it be a golfer, volunteer, or sponsor plays a major role in making wishes come true for children living with life-threatening illnesses.

This year’s event attracted a number of sponsors from across the GTA who helped make the event such a resounding success, such as Air Transat, RBC, Hockey with Heart, SCI, Burgundy Asset Management Ltd., Interad Corp., and Equifax Canada Co – and many more.

About Children’s Wish Foundation of Canada

Each year, thousands of Canadian children between the ages of three and 17 are diagnosed with a life-threatening illness. Since 1984, The Children’s Wish Foundation of Canada has worked tirelessly to grant exceptional wishes to more than 25,000 children and their families.

This year, the Foundation expects to grant over 1,000 new wishes and is proud to have never refused a wish to an eligible child, and with the help of volunteers and generous donors, is able to grant nearly three wishes every day. Each wish is an individual adventure, carefully structured to meet the needs of a particular child and family. The Foundation is a national charity with chapters in every province and territory. Visit www.childrenswish.ca for more information.