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## SCHOOLS

RIVER DELL MIDDLE SCHOOL

# Sending someone to Disney World

## Students raise funds for Make-A-Wish Foundation

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Beginning in the fall, students at River Dell Middle School were asked where they would like to donate the proceeds from a fundraiser.

The bake sale fund-raiser was done as a competition between the seventh and eighth grade homerooms and the classes were able to raise \$5,500. They decided to donate the funds to the Make-A-Wish Foundation and the students presented a check to the foundation on March 27 before faculty and their peers in the middle school auditorium.

"You are making a difference that will change someone's life

even though you do not know them," Principal Richard Freedman said.

Heather Greer, a representative from the Make-A-Wish foundation, told the students just who the funds would be benefiting.

"The funds you raised will be used to send a six-year-old named Christian to Disney World with his family in April so that he can meet the Power Rangers," said Greer. "You should all be very proud of what you have done."

In between speeches from faculty and administrators involved with the fund-raisers, chorus students, led by Kathryn Zintel, sang "Love Train," "Put a Little Love in Your Heart," and "Instrument of Peace."

The Make-A-Wish Foundation was founded in 1980 after a young boy named Chris Greicius was able to become a police officer for a day. Since then, the organization has been able to help more than 161,000 children around the world. Wishes usually fall within four categories: to go (visiting Disney World), to meet (a celebrity or athlete), to be (firefighter, police officer, etc.), or to have (a computer, swing set, etc.)

For more information on the Make-A-Wish Foundation, visit [www.wish.org](http://www.wish.org).

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