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Share the Power of a Wish®
JEWELLERS FOR HOPE
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The Corporate Social Responsibility Council and members of The Gem and Jewellery Export Promotion Council (GJEPC) came together, to demonstrate their collective support by adopting Make-A-Wish Foundation of India, as their charity partner. As part of the IIJS (India International Jewellery Show) event, on 18th July 2014 at the Grand Hyatt, Mumbai a charity dinner titled “Jewellers For Hope”, was held with sponsorship support of Gemological Science International (GSI). The charity dinner had the presence of senior representatives from more than 35 leading diamond and jewellery manufacturers including apex bodies of the gold and diamond councils. The event was anchored by Rajeshwari Sachdeva Badola and had Indian film celebrities like Kajol Devgn and Boman Irani amongst 400 and more guests of elite members of the jewellery export industry.

Mr. Vipul Shah, Chairperson of GJEPC thanked the industry for their prompt support and was confident that their involvement in such events would grow in the coming years. Mr. Colin Shah, Convenor of GJEPC in his opening address said that, “through this initiative the GJEPC hopes to spread the message, that it is essential for successful businesses, to give back to society and applauded the act of giving, by all members of GJEPC ”. Mr Shah added that, “Having admired the Annual Jewelers For Children (JFC) dinner at the JCK Vegas Show, our association with Make A Wish India is a step forward in that direction and our objective is to brighten the lives of children battling life threatening medical conditions. He further asked the industry to take responsibility and make a difference to these children.”

Mr. Mark Gershburg, CEO, Gemological Science International, shared in his address that “GSI is pleased to be part of the GJEPC CSR initiative to support Make A Wish India and we look forward to greater interaction in wish granting and volunteering initiatives during the year”. The evening experienced a heartwarming speech by wish child Tasmeya Shaikh who pulled the heart strings of all present, her simplicity and innocence received a standing ovation. Mr Boman Irani regaled all with strumming a note of “Give me some sunshine….” on his guitar and getting the guest to participate by clapping, singing together and tapping their feet. Later wishes of few children were granted by the celebrities and members of GJEPC.

The Trustees of Make – A – Wish Foundation India, Mr. Uday Joshi and Mr. Maneck Davar presented a plaque to Mr. Siddarth Roy Kapur, Managing Director, Disney for their continuous and unstinting support to the cause, as part of its CSR initiatives for adopting wishes, as well as through various employee engagement initiatives. Mr Davar in his address also stated that, “we are indeed overwhelmed, that we are at a gathering of individuals, who believe that wherever there is hope life changes for the better and together, we are in business of bringing hope for life. On behalf of all at Make A Wish, I thank GJEPC for this initiative and for making this possible, your contribution will make a huge difference to so many young lives. Thank you for helping us Share the Power of a Wish. Mr. Bhaskar Bhat, Managing Director, Titan Industries shared how they have implemented CSR and how some of those learnings can be useful for the members of this industry. In his vote of thanks Mr Nirav Bhansali, Exhibition Sub Committee National Convenor, thanked the GSI (Gemological Science International), the apex bodies, Chairman and Vice Chairperson of GJEPC and all the table sponsors and added that, “our industry and the Council have always been at the forefront of CSR, we had evaluated many NGO’s and selected Make – A - Wish Foundation of India after a complete assessment of their activities, to be a beneficiary of our initiative.”

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**UNIQUE WISH STORIES**

**Wish to be a teacher ....**

Academically inclined **Deepa Patidar** from Madhya Pradesh is battling a life threatening ailment, she says, “nothing gives me more joy than studying and dreaming dreams of becoming a teacher”. She believes Knowledge is Power and that power rests with a TEACHER, to be a teacher is my most cherished wish. A village school responded to our request and so they had in their class room, a young guest teacher - 17 year old Deepa all dressed for the role, clutching her handbag, draped in a cotton sari, looking every bit the dignified good teacher. Deepa was welcomed at the school gate by the Principal, Trustees, Teachers, Staff of the school, Volunteers of Make A Wish Ahmedabad Division. Deepa took on a poetry session for Class 4, it was a lively, pro active session with lots of interaction between students and Poetry Teacher Deepa.

As soon as Deepa stepped out of the classroom, we saw a very satisfied expression in her eyes, she told all those present, that she was on top of the world and went on to animately discuss that her aim in life is to influence young minds, as she was deeply influenced by her own teacher when she was in middle school. Deepa’s parents had tears in their eyes, as they looked with admiration at Deepa. They were extremely happy that their daughter got to do something that was so close to her heart.

**I wish to support my family says Pinki Sharma**

Delicate looking, 16 year old **Pinki Sharma** from a village in Uttar Pradesh is responsible and mature beyond her years. We met Pinki at the AIIMS Hospital and were moved by her sensitivity, as she could think and feel beyond her own grave situation. Loosing the use of her limbs, as result of a life threatening ailment, had not deterred her from wanting to help her family, who were struggling to make ends meet. Economically the situation in her home was difficult, as her father was an agricultural laborer struggling to stretch his income, to accommodate Pinki’s treatment. Pinki took charge of her situation and informed us, that it was her wish to financially support her family and sustain herself by stitching women’s garments for the women in her village. To fulfill this wish Pinki requested us, to provide her with a hand operating Sewing Machine. We got her sewing machine and this took Pinki’s confidence to another level. There was gratitude written all over Pinki’s face and her family were very excited at the prospect of seeing better days through Pinki’s effort.

**Top Cop of Coimbatore**

The Law and Order situation in Coimbatore was to be corrected by Top Cop, 13 year old **Gurumoorthy** from Salem District, Tamil Nadu. Gurumoorthy assumed his role as Commissioner of Police, Coimbatore immediately on wearing the Police officers uniform, he saluted the Doctors and medical staff of G Kuppusamy Hospital and stepped into the hospital reception area and made his presence felt in the Out Patients Department. All who saw him were teary eyed on seeing such a happy child, there was not a clue that Gurumoorthy was battling a life threatening ailment. His excitement was infectious, as even the men in Khaki were extremely enthusiastic about receiving their boss for a day. Mr A K Vishwanathan, the Police Commissioner of Coimbatore went out of his way to welcome his 13 year old Top Cop Boss and all at the Police Commissioners officer extended a welcome, that was befitting a Rank 1 Officer. The enthusiasm caught on, as Mrs Archana Patnaik, Honorable District Collector of Coimbatore also wanted to meet Top Cop Gurumoorthy and together they briefed Gurumoorthy on the Law and Order situation in and around their District. His mother a sole bread winner had tears rolling down her face, as she saw Gurumoorthy’s dream come true, she said that they will return to their remote village, as happier people.
Fashionista in the making

Elegant, stylish 13 year old Mitanshi had to discontinue her studies, as she had to frequently travel from Ajmer to Jaipur for treatment. Volunteers say that in their interaction with Mitanshi they found her to be very fashion conscious and were impressed with her. Mitanshi told us that she wants go shopping for clothes in a mall. We escorted her to a leading mall in Jaipur, where she shopped for blouses and trousers to match. After her shopping spree, we treated her, to her favorite ice cream flavors. Mitanshi thoroughly enjoyed her shopping wish especially the many rides up and down the escalator.

When the Chief Minister came visiting

10 year old Wish child Sarath had an unusual request, all that he wanted, was to meet the Chief Minister of Telegana Mr Chandrashekar Rao ( better known as KCR). The Chief Minister when contacted was very impressed with this wish and immediately contacted his office and asked his staff, to help adjust his busy schedule, to fit a meeting with Sarath. When the Chief Minister came visiting, Sarath was excited that his wish was coming true. Sarath sat in the hospital reception area and had a long conversation with the Chief Minister and together they spent quality time together. Mr Rao showed keen interest in Sarath treatment and motivated the family and the medical staff to do everything in their capacity to put Sarath on the recovery track. This meeting had a very positive impact on Sarath and his family. Sarath was happy that a man of the Chief Minister’s stature took him so seriously and answered all his questions. Dr Pradeep Reddy, Chairperson of Apollo Group was present and thanked the Chief Miniter for visiting Sarath and making the child’s wish come true.

Encyclopedias will widen my horizon

13 year old Trisha Sequeira. A voracious reader, always had her nose buried in books. The volunteers in Mumbai described her, as a book worm to the Goa Division. Trisha was being treated at the Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai but left for her home in Goa to recuperate. In conversation Trisha told us that her greatest interest is in growing her knowledge base and increasing her library collection. She wished to have encyclopedias that she wants to read and keep on her book shelf, as reference material for even her friends to use. We wanted to make it a memorable moment for Trisha, so we connected with India’s celebrated Fashion Designer Wendell Rodricks and he invited Trisha to come over to his Retail Store Wendell Rodricks Design Space at Panjim. Once we reached there and Wendell handed over the encyclopedias to Trisha. She turned very silent and accepted the books, we were concerned about her silence but she put our concerns to rest and told us that she was overwhelmed by the entire wish fulfillment event. She added, “ I asked for books but you all gave me an experience”. Her mother said that these books will hold a very special place in their home.
Our own Chotta Bheem

We met our very own Chotta Bheem, 9 year old Dhanush at the Indira Gandhi Hospital for Child Health, Bengaluru. Dhanush life revolves around Chotta Bheem (Indian Tele serial cartoon character). He walks talks and laughs like Chotta Bheem. The outstanding trait of this child is his cheerfulness, his lively nature. He had to give up a lot for his medical treatment – his school, dancing and playing. Dhanush told us that he wishes to have a birthday party with a Chotta Bheem Theme, as he never had the opportunity to celebrate his birthday, he was invariably in hospital and last year he was in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) on his birthday. The volunteers immediately decided to host a surprise Chotta Bheem theme birthday party for Dhanush. We connected with the Chotta Bheem Marketing and Merchandise Division for Chotta Bheem party props and return gifts. They immediately sent a courier for the Chotta Bheem party. Invitations were sent out to his family, his best friends Shreyas and Govardhan. The party was a super success, as Dhanush danced to his heart content and was very happy that he could also give all his friends the Chotta Bheem gifts that they all valued so much. We are thankful to Chotta Bheem for making Dhanush one of the happiest child on this earth.

A Dancing Star

Passionate about dancing 13 year old Barsha’s dreams of being a classical dancer were dashed, when she was diagnosed, as having a life threatening ailment after she had a bad fall while riding her bicycle. It was a downhill trend for her and her grief strucken parents. There were days that Barsha was very upbeat and believed that, she will be a bright star in the sky of dancing and on certain days she was very low. We got her on one of her low days when she felt hopeless but we encouraged her and helped her to talk about her most cherished wishes. She asked us on a very hesitant note, if we could help her to meet Bengali Star/ Actor Mamta Shankar, we promised her that we would do our best to fulfill her wish. We connected with Mamta Shankar and she happily agreed to meet Barsha, when we conveyed this to Barsha, her tone of her voice changed and the excitement was palpable. It was an excellent meeting, Mamta Shankar had a very positive impact on Barsha’s life, she encouraged Barsha that she cannot give up a battle mid way, this meeting meant a lot to Barsha and her family, it made them upbeat and positive towards their situation.

I want my own television

9 year Shreya Chawla from Pune is undergoing treatment at the Ruby Hospital for a life threatening ailment. She loves school and considers it a happy relief from hospitals, medicines and painful medical treatment. Shreya is extremely lively but due to health and medical compulsions, she is forced to stay indoors and misses school regularly. To keep herself occupied and entertained Shreya has reached a mid point - she watches a children friendly shows on television. But the only hitch being that tele times gets monopolized by other members of her joint family. We asked what would she ask, if she were granted one wish by a Genie, Fairy or Santa Claus and she quipped whoever appears before me has to get me a television that is exclusively mine and must be placed in my part of our family quarters, “ I do not want anything other than a television set”. With permissions from her parents and doctors, we gifted Shreya, a television set that was installed in her bedroom, much to her delight. It was well worth seeing her shiny twinkling eyes when we reached her home with her own Television.
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**Number of Wishes fulfilled across India April - September 2014**

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**Relax with a PSP**

Make-A-Wish Foundation® of India volunteers met 12 years Sameena battling a life threatening ailment at Sion Hospital. What we discovered during our interaction with her was inspiring. Sameena lost her mother when she was a little child. She has been groomed to multi tasking - in a sense she runs her home, studies and finds time to watch television. She had seen a TV commercial for a PSP game and silently longed to have a PSP. She mentioned this to a volunteer of Make-A-Wish India and we immediately took details about the PSP product and sourced it for Sameena, as a wish gift and fulfilled her most cherished wish. Sameena now looks forward to some fun recreation time after she finishes a hard days work.

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