

**Thank YOU for making a lasting impact on the lives of Wish children in our community!**

Our wonderful friends at Steamfitters Local Union 420 are the true Heroes and help Wishes become reality. We extend our sincerest appreciation for your generous gift that has helped celebrate a magical Wish experience for:

**Marissa, age: 16, disease of the nervous system. I Wish to GO to Scotland!**



OUR RECENT WISH IMPACT STUDY FOUND THAT:

- ★ **89%** of doctors, nurses and social workers believe the wish experience can influence wish kids' **physical health**
- ★ **81%** of parents observe an **increased willingness** by their wish kids to comply with treatment protocols
- ★ **96%** of parents said the wish experience **strengthened** their families
- ★ **97%** of adult former wish kids report **improved mental and emotional health** because of their wish experiences and **79%** believe it helped their recovery
- ★ **87%** of adult former wish kids say their **wish experience** gave them the courage to pursue opportunities that were difficult or impossible before they received their wish

## Marissa's Wish Recap to Go to Scotland!

Fall 2015



*Marissa and her dad having a 'spot of afternoon tea'*



*Marissa and her mom watching the crazy Scottish Street Performers*



*Marissa and the Captain are ready to search for the Loch Ness monster!*



*The Highland Coo (cow)!*



*Marissa gets the keys to the kingdom...well, to St. Giles Cathedral anyway!*

### **Marissa's Wish Recap**

*-as shared by her mom, Sue, during their Wish experience*

*Thank you for all you did for Marissa's Wish trip. It's been amazing and Marissa is having a wonderful time and doing all the things she wanted. Everyone here has been so very kind and many of the shop owners have given her gifts of scarves, dolls, sweatshirts and t-shirts when we make a purchase or restaurants have given us all free deserts when we eat dinner. It's certainly been the trip of a lifetime for Marissa! The flight went great and we spent the first day getting adjusted.*

*Then, we toured the Edinburgh castle and had an amazing time with great views of the city. Toni and Matthew (Marissa's siblings) were fascinated with the gunman who fired the cannon! Then we had afternoon tea at the hotel. After that, we hit the road to see the street performers who are everywhere! The streets are crazy!*

*On Sunday we went to Inverness to see Loch Ness. We went on a boat tour where the captain treated her like gold bringing her gifts and checking on her every 30 minutes. We were in search of the Loch Ness monster but we found the highland "coo" (cow) instead. Marissa was so psyched even though he was just a wee baby. This was high on her list! Silly but true.*

*Today we attended the noon service at St Giles Cathedral and Marissa received a proper Scottish blessing from Reverend Calum MacLeod, who is currently the head of St Giles. We also received a private tour of the Thistle Chapel by Aaron, the assistant pastor at St Giles. The chapel is kept locked and only opened for private tours so we were extremely honored. Marissa got to even hold the key :-)*

*You can see how happy she's been! She keeps saying how much she loves this trip. It really is her dream come true. Thank you :-))))).*

*A Huge Thank **YOU**, Doug and Tiffany Creighton and Friends at the Steamfitters Local Union 420, for helping to grant more Wishes! We are so thrilled to have all of you as valuable members of our Make-A-Wish Philadelphia, Northern Delaware and Susquehanna Valley Family!!!*