

MR.GREEK® Mediterranean Grill and **Express Fundraising event!** "Where wishes become smiles"

Help support the Helios Foundation from September 8 - October 7, 2009 at any one of our locations by purchasing a "Helie" sun for \$1 or purchasing a Souvlaki Pita on Pita Day for only \$2.99, take out. \$1 from each Souvlaki Pita sold on Wednesday, September 16, will go to the Helios Foundation as well as the money raised from the pin up sales.

The Helios Foundation supports children's charities, primarily the Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Toronto and Central Ontario.



Adopt-A-Wish Sponsor: MR. GREEK Tyler's wish: "I wish to swim with dolphins"

Tyler is eleven years old and had spent six months in hospital fighting a germonia brain tumor. Dolphins have always fascinated him. The way they glide in the water, and their friendliness, has always amazed him. When Tyler found out he could have a wish, he already knew what he wanted to do, "swim with dolphins".

The day of the trip, Tyler's face lit up when he saw the stretch limousine pull up and stop at our doorstep. He was so excited that he was going to ride in the limousine to the airport. When we arrived at the airport, he wanted to know which plane was 'ours'. He was very happy that we got to sit in the front seat of the WestJet flight that would take us to the Bahamas. As we were about to land, he thought he could see the Bahamas and all the surrounding islands from the plane. When we arrived at the hotel in an Escalade, he was excited to see the big screen TV; moreover, the view from the hotel room was splendid as we could see the beach from our balcony.

Tyler's dream during his wish was to place his hand over the dolphin's blowhole and feel the spray come out. He was ecstatic when he, together with his sister Caitlin and mother Deborah had the opportunity to swim with dolphins and he got to touch the blowhole of a dolphin. He also enjoyed kissing the dolphin. He was very touched that Make-A-Wish Toronto & Central Ontario arranged for us to swim with the dolphins on his sister's birthday. Thus, all the family became part of the wish.

Tyler was able to relax and just have fun for the first time because of his wish being granted.

The impact of the experience on the family is monumental. Being able to spend time together in a "normal way, outside of the hospital treatments, has helped us bond again and heal".

Although Tyler's progress still has to be monitored, this experience has helped us to start and put Tyler's illness in perspective.

In conclusion, we the family of Tyler would like to take this opportunity to send a huge "THANK YOU" to Mr. Greek who sponsored Tyler's wish and thus made it possible for Tyler and his family, to go on a vacation. Our thanks also go to WestJet Airlines who gave us VIP treatment from the airport to our destination and back. The staff was just fantastic. Last, but not the least is Make-A-Wish Toronto & Central Ontario for creating this amazing experience not only meant for Tyler but for his family as well.

Volunteer Wish Grantors: Jovian & Dorothy Adopt-A-Wish Sponsor: Mr. Greek



