Make-A-Wish® Celebrates World Wish Day® Granting
Local 4-Year-Old’s One True Wish to be a Firefighter

Aurora/Newmarket, ON – On Sunday, April 29, 2012, Make-A-Wish and Central York Fire Services (CYFS) will grant 4-year-old Owen his one true wish to be a Firefighter. This event takes place on World Wish Day®, a global celebration of wish granting efforts, which encourages individuals and communities around the world to get involved and help make a real difference in the lives of children with life-threatening medical conditions.

Wish child Owen from Aurora suffers from a life-threatening heart condition. His one big wish is to be a firefighter, and thanks to Central York Fire Services and local wish-granting volunteers, Owen’s wish is about to come true! A variety of activities, including firefighter training and emergency response are scheduled for the magical day between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

“Central York Fire Services is honoured to be working with Make-A-Wish to grant Owen’s magical wish as part of World Wish Day® happenings across the country and around the world,” said Ian Laing, Chief of Central York Fire Services. “Our team is very excited to turn this little boy’s world into one of a firefighter’s for a day.”

Media are invited to join us on Owen’s Wish Day in recognition of World Wish Day®.

Owen’s Wish Day Agenda - “I wish to be a firefighter”

Who: 4-year-old wish child Owen, and his family and friends
Chief of Central York Fire Services, Ian Laing
CYFS staff
Make-A-Wish volunteers and staff

Where: Central York Fire Services Training Centre,
623 Timothy Street, Newmarket, ON L3Y 3S8
Click here for a map

When: Sunday, April 29, 2012
10 a.m. Owen picked up at home for wish day activities!
10:15 a.m. Arrival at CYFS Training Centre
10:30 – 12 p.m. Hands on firefighter training
12 p.m. Owen’s friends arrive for fire safety activity and video
12:15 p.m. – 1 p.m. Emergency call and response activity
1 – 2 p.m. Wish day party and wrap-up

Click here for more information about World Wish Day® happenings across the country.
About Make-A-Wish® Canada
Make-A-Wish Canada is a dynamic wish-granting organization that brings hope, strength and joy to children across Canada living with life-threatening medical conditions. Along with the national office, seven independent regional chapters grant magical wishes to children in need from coast-to-coast. Make-A-Wish® Canada is an affiliate of Make-A-Wish® International, the largest wish-granting organization in the world, making dreams and wishes come true for more than 290,000 children since 1980. To learn more please visit www.makeawish.ca.

About World Wish Day®
On 29 April 2012 the Make-A-Wish Foundation® celebrates the third World Wish Day®. Make-A-Wish affiliates and chapters around the world will grant and publicly dedicate at least one wish in celebration of this global day of wish granting, representing a wish being granted to children in the 48 countries the Foundation operates. Together we can grant more wishes. Visit www.makeawish.ca/worldwishday and make a donation, refer a child, or spread the word. Do your part in joining this worldwide effort to bring hope, strength and joy to children with life-threatening medical conditions around the world.

About Central York Fire Services
Central York Fire Services (CYFS) is a consolidated fire department that provides fire protection and prevention to the Towns of Newmarket and Aurora. CYFS serves a combined population of 135,000 and covers an area of 90 square kilometres. The department responds to approximately 5,000 emergency calls each year. There are four divisions with 139 staff that operate out of four fire stations, two in Aurora and two in Newmarket. For more information please visit: http://www.cyfs.ca.

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