

**Ben, age 14: I wish to have Wonton Soup with Vancouver Canuck Alexandre Burrows!**

Wishes are as unique as the kids who make them. In Ben's case, born with a congenital heart defect, the wish was definitely unique, and very specific.

Ben has a love of wonton soup, and over the years he's taken his taste buds to many Lower Mainland restaurants to try steaming hot bowls of his favourite offerings. Ben also has a love of hockey. The Vancouver Canucks are his favourite team, and veteran right-winger Alexandre Burrows is his favourite player. And so, from these two passions—one of fire and one of ice—Ben's wish was born.

Ben had a chance do more than just chat with the beloved Canuck over a bowl of soup. Ben was invited to Rogers Arena to watch a Canucks practice before sharing in a limo ride with Burrows en route to Kirin Restaurant in downtown Vancouver. Post-meal, Burrows surprised Ben with a team jersey and tickets for Ben's whole family to go to the next night's Canucks game.



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For the most part, Ben was happy just to be quiet, and soak in every moment of his unique experience, but his father, Jerry, had a lot to say about it all.

**“It was awesome. [We were] blown away by Burrows’ genuine nature. He was so down to earth,”** said Jerry. **“The way the wish was all set up was...such a positive moment for our whole family. The people involved**

**were all first class. Just to see that people care; that to me was amazing.”**

Thank you to the Canucks organization for helping to make Ben's wish come true!