

Josh, Cystic Fibrosis "I wish to go kiteboarding!"

Sometimes, wishes don't always go as planned. In Josh's case, that turned out to be A-Ok!

It was Josh's wish to go kiteboarding, and to do that, he and his family were sent off to Hawaii. Josh was in for surprises from the very beginning: from Make-A-Wish Hawaii greeters at the airport, to an upgrade to the Presidential Suite at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel.

But the biggest surprise of the trip turned out to be the weather. There was no wind, for the entire week that Josh was in Hawaii with his family. So what do you do, when your wish to go kiteboarding can't happen? When you're Make-A-Wish, you make some magic. It just so happens that Josh is also a huge surfing fan, and thanks to the amazing work of Make-A-Wish Hawaii, Josh had the chance to take in the Volcom Pro Pipeline Surfing Competition.

"Jason Magallanes and the Maui Ola Foundation treated Josh and our family like royalty at the surfing competition" said Josh's dad, Scott. "We had front row VIP seats for the event. Jason also introduced Josh to professional surfers from around the world. These are people that Josh has only read about in magazines and to meet them in person was unbelievable."

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And, Hawaii being Hawaii, there is no shortage of other things to do when you can't go kiteboarding! Josh spent plenty of time in the water and on the beach, snorkeling and soaking up the sun and the warm sand.

"Josh's wish was to go kiteboarding in Hawaii. Kiteboarding can only happen if the wind cooperates, and we can't control the wind. That didn't matter very much at all though," said Scott in reflection. "We experienced so many other things that will make our trip memorable forever."

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