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HANNAH, age 9: I wish to go to Aulani Disney® Resort in Hawaii!

Hannah was diagnosed with Severe Pulmonary Stenosis when she was born. Hannah was granted her special wish in November this year.

She and her family flew from Vancouver on Westjet, touching down in sunny Hawaii. When they arrived at the Aulani resort, Hannah and her family were given a surprise upgrade to a suite with waterfront views for their stay.

"When we first got there, and they showed us our incredible room," said Hannah's mom, Julie, "I was trying hard not to cry in front of everyone. It was overwhelming to believe that for all Hannah has been through, all of a sudden we were here, in this amazing, magical place. The reality of this wish just hit me."

From then on, it was fun in the sun, all expenses paid.

"I couldn't believe it, we even had spending money handed to us," said Julie, "and amazing access to all sorts of things."

Hannah's highlights of the resort included a man-made lagoon that gave kids the ability and freedom to feel like they were swimming in the ocean, but in a well-protected environment.

Hannah was also given a very special visit and private photo shoot with the most famous mice in the world, Mickey and Minnie, not to mention some hugs from Dale the Chipmunk at a separate event.

"We are just so grateful for this program", said Julie.

"When you think of all the surgeries Hannah has been through, and then you realize where you are (at the resort), those medical issues just seem so far away. It was everything Hannah wished for and more.

I cannot believe how gracious people are, to be willing to give to a program like this. *Thank you.*"

