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Brio helps Miramar girl's dreams come true

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A Miramar girl's dreams are coming true thanks to the kindness of patrons dining at the charity preview party of BRIO Tuscan Grille at The Shops at Pembroke Gardens.

The restaurant partnered with the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Southern Florida for the Feb. 29 event, in which a complimentary portion of each check was earmarked to grant the wish of four-year-old Madison whose aspiration is to visit [Walt Disney World Resort](#) and meet Princess Jasmine. The child, whose family describes as energetic and outgoing, has Neuroblastoma, a cancerous tumor of early childhood that forms in the nervous tissue.

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The fundraiser raised \$6,000, which will cover all expenses for Madison's visit, including spending money for souvenirs to remind her of her once-of-a-kind experience. The average cost of each wish granted by the South Florida Make-A-Wish chapter is \$5,000.

"An important part of our presence in the communities we serve is supporting worthy causes dedicated to shared goals and values," says BRIO Director of Marketing Nicole Roope. "We are thrilled and delighted for the outpouring of support from the community, and the opportunity to work with the Make-A-Wish Foundation to ensure Madison's dream comes true."

The mission of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Southern Florida is to grant the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy.

"A wish fulfilled for a child with a life-threatening condition provides a special kind of magic," says

Melissa Venditti, special events manager for the organization's Southern Florida chapter. "We applaud the generous efforts of BRIO in granting the wish of Madison."

A BRAVO! Development, Inc. (BDI) concept, the newest BRIO location in the popular national chain officially opened March 3.

Make-A-Wish Foundation of Southern Florida has grown from granting 2 wishes in 1983 to granting over 514 wishes in fiscal year 2006/2007. The Southern Florida Chapter serves children

in 13 counties: [Miami](#)-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River, Okeechobee, Highlands, Monroe, Hendry, Glades, Collier and Lee.

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