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## CANDLES FOR KIDS

### ***8 year old Rhode Island girl raises \$350 for local wishkids***

**Cranston, RI (March 31, 2008)** – Every year, eight-year-old Alexia from Saunderstown comes up with creative ways to raise money for the Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Rhode Island. A mature and courteous young lady, you could say Alexia is well-ahead of her years. She is of the entrepreneurial spirit and already knows how to give back to the community.

For her 8th birthday, Alexia decided she wanted to do something to help other children and in lieu of traditional birthday gifts, she asked that her guests make donations to Make-A-Wish. Through the Kids For Wish Kids® program, Alexia raised \$350 at her party which will help grant the wishes of local children with life-threatening medical conditions!

*You can share the power of a wish® at any age. Some of the Make-A-Wish Foundation®'s most generous donors are those who go to school with some of our wish kids. The Kids For Wish Kids® program helps to increase awareness of the Make-A-Wish Foundation's mission and involves more people in helping to grant wishes to children with life-threatening medical conditions. To learn more about Kids For Wish Kid® visit [www.wish.org](http://www.wish.org).*

*The Make-A-Wish® Foundation of Rhode Island (est. 1991) grants the wishes (903 to date) of children between the ages of 2 ½ and 18 years with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy. The Foundation's mission reflects the life-changing impact that a Make-A-Wish® experience has on children, families, referral sources, donors, sponsors and entire communities.*

*Born in 1980 when a group of caring volunteers helped a young boy fulfill his dream of becoming a police officer, Make-A-Wish is the largest wish-granting charity in the world, with 67 chapters in the United States and its territories. With the help of generous donors and more than 25,000 volunteers, Make-A-Wish grants a wish every 41 minutes and has granted more than 161,000 wishes in the U.S. since inception. For more information about the Make-A-Wish Foundation, visit [www.wish.org](http://www.wish.org) and discover how you can share the power of a wish®.*