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## **No Worries for Young Sunshine Dreamer At The Wizarding World of Harry Potter**

**Windsor, ON (July 29, 2016)** – When 16 year old Mackenzie watches Harry Potter movies she has no worries and feels utter happiness. To Mackenzie, Harry Potter's world, is not just a series of books and movies it's a place where being unique is normal and celebrated. Each day Mackenzie faces enormous barriers living with cerebral palsy. She uses a power wheelchair for her mobility and struggles with limited use of her right hand. Medical regimes and sickness are a constant for Mackenzie but her spirit is bright and her dreams big.

Mackenzie's dream is to visit The Wizarding World of Harry Potter in Orlando, Florida with her parents Jason and Laurie and her sibling Lucas. Thanks to The Sunshine Foundation of Canada and their kind supporters like WINNERS and HomeSense, Mackenzie's dream is coming true.

"When I watch the Harry Potter movies I realize that; as Albus Dumbledore said, happiness can be found even in the darkest of times, if one only remembers to turn on the light," shares Mackenzie.

Mackenzie's family has chosen to celebrate her Dream Presentation publicly at their local HomeSense store. She will be presented with her customized Sunshine Dream of a family trip to The Wizarding World of Harry Potter in Orlando, Florida on Monday, August 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:30pm at the HomeSense store on 4325 Walker Road, Windsor, ON.

WINNERS and HomeSense stores have been a national partner to The Sunshine Foundation of Canada since 1999. Since beginning their relationship WINNERS and HomeSense stores have helped raise \$8.6 million dollars to fulfill the most cherished dreams of Canadian children living with severe physical disabilities or life threatening illnesses from coast to coast. "Since 1999, thanks to the overwhelming generosity of our customers, we have had the privilege to help make dreams come true for children across Canada," said Erin O'Brien, spokesperson for WINNERS & HomeSense. "We are honoured to partner once again this year with The Sunshine Foundation to continue to help raise awareness and funds to support such a wonderful cause."

Sunshine has fulfilled dreams for more than 8,000 kids across Canada since 1987. Each Sunshine Dreamer is officially presented with their unique personal Sunshine Dream at either a private or public Dream Presentation, a celebration for the Sunshine child, his or her family, friends and community.

### **MEDIA ARE INVITED TO ATTEND:**

**What: Mackenzie's Sunshine Dream Presentation**

**Where: HomeSense Store #58; 4325 Walker Road, Windsor ON N8W 3T5**

**When: Monday August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 at 2:30pm**

**Who: Mackenzie and her family, Sunshine Bear and volunteer, and HomeSense Associates**

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### **ABOUT THE SUNSHINE FOUNDATION OF CANADA**

Sunshine is a national Canadian charity impacting the lives of children living with severe physical disabilities or life-threatening illnesses by making their dreams come true. Sunshine Dream Programs give truly amazing children the opportunity to experience freedom from their daily regimens and challenges by having their dreams transformed

into reality. They not only receive once-in-a-lifetime experiences, but are impacted with a sense of independence, confidence and empowerment that will stay with them for the rest of their lives. Sunshine has two Dream Programs: Sunshine Dreams, which can range from family trips to meeting a hero to customized gifts, and Sunshine DreamLift which is a whirlwind 'day of yes' adventure to a Disney theme park for a large group of children. Since its inception in 1987, Sunshine has fulfilled dreams for more than 8,000 children across Canada and coordinated 61 Sunshine DreamLifts. For more information, visit [www.sunshine.ca](http://www.sunshine.ca) or follow us on Twitter: @SunshineFound.

#### **ABOUT WINNERS AND HOMESENSE**

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