



**Media Release
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Young Sunshine Dreamer Dreams of Dancing with Princesses

Windsor, ON – Even though Sleeping Beauty is her favourite, five-year-old Zainab dreams of one day singing and dancing with all of the Disney princesses. Dancing can be challenging for Zainab, who lives with cerebral palsy, left side hemiparesis and chronic ulcerative colitis, wearing ankle foot orthotics that help keep her stability while recovering from a recent surgery. She also often needs assistance with holding things with her splinted left hand. Zainab's young life is full of challenges most children her age never have to face, but despite that she is optimistic, happy and has big dreams, just like any other five-year-old.

Thanks to The Sunshine Foundation of Canada and kind supporters like WINNERS and HomeSense, Zainab's dream to visit Disney World and dance with the Disney princesses will become reality mid-August when she boards a plane to Orlando, Florida with her mother Daniela, her grandmother Salma and her ten-year-old brother Soloman.

Zainab's family has chosen to celebrate her Dream Presentation publicly at their local WINNERS store. She will be presented with her customized Sunshine Dream of a family trip to Disney World in Orlando, Florida on Wednesday, August 10, 2016 at 5pm at the WINNERS store at Dougall Square, 2430 Dougall Ave., Windsor, ON.

"Zainab is beyond excited about both her Dream Presentation at WINNERS and her trip to Disney World to meet and dance with Sleeping Beauty and the other princesses" says Daniela, Zainab's mother. "We have been online looking at Disney World, the rides, our hotel and pictures of all of the princesses and Zainab can hardly contain herself. It's getting close so it's becoming really real. Her dream is very special to her...and it's about to come true!"

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: Zainab's Sunshine Dream Presentation

Where: WINNERS Store 261: 2430 Dougall Ave., Dougall Square, Windsor, ON N8X 1T2

When: Wednesday, August 10, 2016 at 5pm

Who: Zainab and her family, Sunshine Bear and volunteer, and WINNERS 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 or follow us on Twitter: @SunshineFound.

ABOUT WINNERS AND HOMESENSE

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