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Greek fashion with a passion for Make-A-Wish!

Calgary (August 16, 2011) — A child in Southern Alberta will have their wish granted thanks to the love of food, fashion, and community of the young ladies of Maids of Athena.

The Calgary chapter of Maids of Athena, which comprises of sixteen young women, hosted 'Into the Night' earlier this summer and successfully presented the family-friendly food and fashion event within Calgary's Greek community. Thanks to the hard work of the Maids of Athena, and the amazing support of their community, 'Into the Night' raised \$10,000 for the Southern Alberta chapter of Make-A-Wish.

The Maids of Athena co-chair of the fashionable fundraising event is happy to have the hard work of their youth group impact a child's life. "We are very proud as a youth organization to have been able to host an event and raise enough funds to help make a wish come true" says Constantina Yannitsos. Yannitsos and the fifteen other members of the Calgary Maids of Athena (Jessica LaForge, Penelope Alefantis, Deme Yannitsos, Alexandra Zannis, Tatiana Tsapraillis, Christina Tsapraillis, Anna Rathgeber, Zoe Rathgeber, Stephanie Giannoulis, Maria Kanatas, Alexis Agouridis, Ariana Agouridis, Helena Konicki, Alexia Kamel and Maria Koutsogiannis) worked carefully to create an inspiring fashion event which represented their passion for their culture, their community, and the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

With the \$10,000 donation the Calgary Maids of Athena are ecstatic to be enrolling into the Adopt-A-Wish® program with Make-A-Wish Southern Alberta. The Adopt-A-Wish program allows for donors to directly see the impact of their donation and to share in the excitement of the wish-granting done by Make-A-Wish.

The staff and Board of Directors of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Southern Alberta are very thankful for the support and enthusiasm of the Greek community. "To see these young women work diligently to plan and execute a great event, in support of our organization, is wonderful. There is something very special about the youth getting behind our mission and impacting a child's life" says Kim Anthony, Executive Director of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Southern Alberta.

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Notes to Editors

About the Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Southern Alberta

In 2010, the Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Southern Alberta is celebrating their 15th Anniversary of granting wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength, and joy. In 2010, the Southern Alberta chapter has already granted 5 wishes, and currently has 25 wishes underway. As wish referrals continue to come in, our local office is working towards granting over 40 wishes this year. To learn more about the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Southern Alberta visit www.makeawishsa.ca or contact the Make-A-Wish office at 403.228.3666

About the Maids of Athena

The Maids of Athena are the Junior Auxillary Order of the Daughters of Penelope, the female affiliate of the Order of AHEPA. They are also the sister organization of the Sons of Pericles, the male youth affiliate to AHEPA. With over 100 Chapters spanning across North America, Canada, and Greece, the Maids are one of the largest Greek female youth organizations in existence. Each Chapter is dedicated to promoting Hellenism by strengthening Greek culture through educational, artistic, and philanthropic activities.



Members of the Maids of Athena presenting Kim Anthony, Executive Director of MAWSA, and Misty Kolozetti, Manager of Marketing & Fund Development of MAWSA, a cheque for \$10,000.

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