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### **Local Restaurant Grants Child's Red Sox Wish**

Nashua – A downtown restaurant has enabled a young boy who suffers from a congenital heart disease to realize his dream of attending a Red Sox game. His wish was granted when Villa Banca donated \$7,400, the proceeds from its sixth annual charity golf tournament, to the New Hampshire Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Ten-year-old John, a “huge” Red Sox fan, wanted more than anything to see his favorite team play. He got his wish when the Make-A-Wish Foundation granted him a day at the ballgame that included box seats at a September Red Sox-Yankees match up and an introduction to Trot Nixon and Johnny Damon.

Since 1998, the owners of Villa Banca have sponsored a golf tournament at an area golf course to benefit the New Hampshire Make-A-Wish Foundation. “We wanted to give back to our community and to help kids,” said George Sylvester, a Villa Banca partner. “This tournament has allowed us to do both things.” This year’s tournament, held on August 30 at Overlook Golf Course in Hollis, drew 150 participants.

Villa Banca’s donations over the years have totaled nearly \$27,000, according to Donna Parker, Director of Development at the Make-A-Wish Foundation. “It’s a great partnership,” said Parker. “Villa Banca’s support has really made a difference to our organization and the children we serve.”

The Make-A-Wish Foundation grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions. The New Hampshire chapter will be fundraising for the holidays through its Adopt an Angel program. Contact Donna Parker at 623-9474 for more information.

Villa Banca, located at 194 Main St. in Nashua, will sponsor the charity golf tournament again next year at Overlook. The tentative tournament date is August 29. Call the restaurant at 598-0500 to register.

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