

## **A heartfelt thank you to Mr. Ed Medeiros and East Commerce Solutions for granting Julianna's Wish!**

Four year-old Julianna from East Providence received her special needs computer on Monday, August 23, 2010.

Julianna suffers from CHARGE Syndrome, an illness that causes eye, heart, ear, respiratory and growth and development problems, among other things.

This special needs computer wish was chosen because Julianna loves to play games on the computer and many of the games she enjoys playing help her with her sign language, social and reading skills. She also loves a certain computer game where she gets to dress up a snowman. She loves hats, so she likes to keep going back to the part where she chooses which hat the snowman will wear. She gets excited every time and does the sign for "hat" and claps! Her love for hats is so great that sometimes she wears more than one at a time!

Because Julianna is deaf and has very poor eyesight, Children's Wishes teamed up with Meeting Street School to decide which computer and computer accessories will be best for Children's Wishes to provide for Julianna.

Julianna also received a large touch screen computer, an arm that can attach to the computer to bring it closer and farther away as she needs it, special overlays for the keyboard that include bigger letters and brighter colors for her to see, a desk, chair, desk lamp, games, as well as extra storage for her games.

Skype was also downloaded onto her new computer so she can see her grandmother in the Azores, whom she has never met before.



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