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Yorkie Helps Wish Child Heal in Time for Santa

Rochester, Michigan December 17, 2007 – Jodie has been through a lot since her diagnosis of Osteosarcoma earlier this year. Following the amputation of her leg at the knee, Jodie is looking forward to walking again and doctors are optimistic that Jodie is on the mend. Learning to use her prosthetic leg is particularly important because Jodie is welcoming 9 week old Yorkshire terrier puppy “Charley” into the family. Doctors referred Jodie to The Rainbow Connection where dreams come true for Michigan children with life threatening illnesses. Jodie knew exactly what her special dream was. She wanted her very own “Yorkie”. Thanks to the folks at The Rainbow Connection, Jodie’s wish will come true In time for Christmas! Jodie will begin her journey learning how to walk using a prosthetic leg, motivated by the wish to take her puppy for a walk around the neighborhood. Jodie figures she and Charley can give each other the comfort and cuddles she needs. Jodie will also get everything she might need to take care of Charley including a pet carrier, soft fluffy bed, food bowls, many doggie toys to play with, and a shiny silver leash and matching collar. Charley has a very important job ahead of him, but he is well on his way to filling Jodie’s days with the sunshine and comfort that she needs to overcome her illnesses.

The Rainbow Connection is a local organization that focuses its efforts exclusively on Michigan children and their families. Founded in 1985 by L. Brooks Patterson in memory of his best friend and two children who died in a plane crash, The Rainbow Connection is a Michigan-based 501c3 charity dedicated to granting wishes for children who are literally fighting for their lives. To date, The Rainbow Connection has granted over 1600 wishes to children across Michigan suffering from life-threatening or terminal illnesses. From something as simple as a new computer to meeting the President of the United States at the White House, to the most requested wish of all, a trip to Disney World, we grant wishes throughout the year.

The Rainbow Connection is also more than a wish. We offer support services, help with utility bills, funeral expenses, information and referral, special holiday get-togethers and picnics, and college scholarships for wish children. The Rainbow Connection receives no federal funds and depends exclusively on the kind generosity of our supporters. Eighty-two cents of every dollar goes to granting Michigan children a wish.

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