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Upon a Wish Create Magical Memories

For so many children meeting a Princess from one of their favourite stories or films is a dream come true. Upon a Wish have been turning those dreams into reality whilst making a difference to local children's charity Jeremiah's Journey.

Upon a Wish began making magical memories at the beginning of the year, as a new business they wanted to support the community & make a difference to a local cause. Jeremiah's Journey were a great fit as they offer support and information to children and their families who have experienced or are anticipating the death of someone special. The charity has been supporting the local community for 18 years and was thrilled to be selected by the new South West business.

The support from Upon a Wish has benefitted them in so many ways. Cinderella greeted families at the charities first ever Toddle at Buckland Abbey back in March, Tinkerbell joined the Parish Plod in July and the Ice Queen and Princess were very busy at the city's first ever Photo Marathon and the charities Christmas Fayre.

Upon a Wish also offered support by attending events run by other corporate partners that were raising funds; ONE Royal William Yard meet Alice in Wonderland at their launch in August and HLM Architects and Murray VW also had special guests at fundraising events.

The Ice Princess made a special appearance at the charities Christmas Party on 6th December, which brings all families together that have used the charities service over the last five years.

Hayley Bowden, Founder of Upon a Wish said: "At Upon a Wish we focus on giving each child a very magical experience and so it was natural to support Jeremiah's Journey as our charity of the year, who, themselves, play such an integral role in supporting children. We

have been thrilled to have joined in on so many fantastic events this year where the presence of our Princesses has helped to raise funds for this fantastic charity"

Sarah Nuttall-Worsley added: "It has been absolutely fantastic working with Upon a Wish over the last year. Having a princess at our events really has added special something, the children (and adults) have loved the photo opportunities and seeing the children's faces light up has been magical. We wish them every success with their business in the future and hope to welcome them to our events in 2015!"

To find out more about Jeremiah's Journey please visit: www.jeremiahsjourney.org.uk or get in touch with Sarah on 01752 424348, email sarah@jeremiahsjourney.org.uk.

To find out more about Upon a Wish please visit www.uponawish.co.uk or call Hayley on 07411 961 592.

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Notes for Editors:

- 1, Jeremiah's Journey was founded in 1996
- 2, In the last year we supported **220 children** and their parents/carers who had been bereaved or who had a terminally ill parent. We also supported a further 96 children and young people by giving advice and guidance to their parents/carers
- 3, The children who use our service are anticipating or have experienced the death of someone special, the majority of our children have lost a parent.
- 4, We support families who have been bereaved through a variety of circumstances including long term illness and sudden and often traumatic events such as road traffic accidents and suicide. We offer support in a variety of ways and always listen to what the family need.
- 5, We offer short term therapeutic group programmes which we run in partnership with Plymouth College of Art. This means that we are able to offer a safe space for children to: express their feelings of grief; share memories of their special person; and explore ways of coping.
- 6, With the support of Comic Relief, we have been able to develop a new project called Stepping Stones, which provides support to young people who have a parent with a terminal illness.
- 7, Sadly our service is one that will always be needed. As a self-funded charity we can only support local families with the generosity of our community. We want to be there for every child who needs our service; we believe that no child or family should feel alone in their grief.