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**Make-A-Wish Foundation® brings Hollywood style to the Emerald City by granting 14-year-old's wish to be "A Seattle Celebrity for the Day"**

***Local attractions, restaurants and "fans" rally to give teen VIP treatment***

**Who & What:**

The lifestyle of the rich and famous is one that most people can only dream about and few ever experience, but thanks to the Make-A-Wish Foundation 14-year-old, Siiuta, will get to spend a day in the spotlight. Siutta, also known as Chuka to family and friends, will be rounding up his entourage for a day of star treatment in downtown **Seattle on Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup>**.

Chuka decided on this as his wish because he wanted to say thank you to his family and friends whose love and support helped him to get through the tough times and hospital stays as he battles leukemia. Chuka's entourage will be VIPs around the Emerald City for a day of entertainment, luxury and fun!

**Where & When:**

**Saturday January 31, 2009**

**9 a.m.:** Chuka and his entourage will be whisked away by an SUV limousine from his Seatac home in the morning to travel around the city in true celeb form. Before heading to Seattle, Chuka will swing by Zumiez for a new outfit and Best Buy for a digital camera at Southcenter Mall. These stores are opening their doors early for him so he won't have to be disturbed by adoring fans.

**10:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.:** For the rest of the day Chuka will receive VIP treatment at local Seattle attractions, including the Experience Music Project, Ride the Ducks, Gameworks and Argosy Cruises - where he and his entourage will have a catered lunch from Noah's Bagels in an exclusive private room.

**6:45 p.m.:** Macy's will roll out the red carpet for Chuka and provide him a personal shopper for any last minute style needs for the evening. From there, Chuka and the gang will continue the high life with a modern sushi dinner complements of Todai located in Pacific Place Mall.

**9 p.m.** The highlight of the day will be a surprise visit to the Space Needle where Chuka's entourage will be escorted to the observation deck to enjoy the view and a sparkling cider toast, but not before throngs of enthusiastic fans and paparazzi greet him outside the Space Needle entrance.

**Media are invited to chronicle Chuka's wish day. In fact, in an effort to make Chuka truly feel like the VIP that he is, we would like to invite media to play into his celebrity status by arriving at 8:45 p.m. outside of the Space Needle in order to get lined up and be ready to get the first interview. To schedule an interview, please contact Jeannette Tarcha, Communications Director, at 206.623.5338 or via email at [jeannette@nwwishes.org](mailto:jeannette@nwwishes.org).**

***About the Make-A-Wish Foundation:***

*The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Alaska, Montana, Northern Idaho and Washington grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy. Since its inception in 1986, the chapter has granted more than 3,750 wishes to children in the Northwest and will grant 291 wishes this year. For more info about the Foundation, call 800.304.WISH or visit [www.northwestwishes.org](http://www.northwestwishes.org).*

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