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## **Mickey Mouse and the Cast of Frozen: A Young Girl's Sunshine Dream Come True**

**Belleville, ON** – Meeting the lead characters from Disney's - Anna, Elsa and Olaf, would be a dream come true for 8-year-old Vera...just as long as Disney's favourite mouse Mickey is also in attendance. Vera, who lives with congenital heart disease and a subaortic obstruction of the membrane, faces challenges most children her age will never have to face. Medical regimes and barriers related to her illness are a constant for Vera but her spirit is bright and her dreams are big.

Thanks to The Sunshine Foundation of Canada and kind supporters like WINNERS and HomeSense, Vera's dream is coming true. Along with her parents Ken and Rita, Vera will travel to Orlando, Florida to meet the cast of Frozen and the lovable Mickey Mouse.

Vera's family has chosen to celebrate her Dream Presentation publicly at their local HomeSense store. She will be presented with her customized Sunshine Dream of a family trip to Disney World in Orlando, Florida on Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am at the HomeSense store on 190 Bell Boulevard, Belleville, ON.

WINNERS and HomeSense stores have been a national partner to The Sunshine Foundation of Canada since 1999. Since beginning their relationship WINNERS and HomeSense stores have helped raise \$8.6 million dollars to fulfill the most cherished dreams of Canadian children living with severe physical disabilities or life threatening illnesses from coast to coast. "Since 1999, thanks to the overwhelming generosity of our customers, we have had the privilege to help make dreams come true for children across Canada," said Erin O'Brien, spokesperson for WINNERS & HomeSense. "We are honoured to partner once again this year with The Sunshine Foundation to continue to help raise awareness and funds to support such a wonderful cause."

Sunshine has fulfilled dreams for more than 8,000 kids across Canada since 1987. Each Sunshine Dreamer is officially presented with their unique personal Sunshine Dream at either a private or public Dream Presentation, a celebration for the Sunshine child, his or her family, friends and community.

## **MEDIA ARE INVITED TO ATTEND:**

- What:** Vera's Sunshine Dream Presentation
- Where:** HomeSense, Store 90-190 Bell Boulevard, Belleville, ON K8P 5L2
- When:** Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 11:00 am
- Who:** Vera and her family, Sunshine Bear and volunteer, and HomeSense Associates

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## **ABOUT THE SUNSHINE FOUNDATION OF CANADA**

Sunshine is a national Canadian charity impacting the lives of children living with severe physical disabilities or life-threatening illnesses by making their dreams come true. Sunshine Dream Programs give truly amazing children the opportunity to experience freedom from their daily regimens and challenges by having their dreams transformed into reality. They not only receive once-in-a-lifetime experiences, but are impacted with a sense of independence, confidence and empowerment that will stay with them for the rest of their lives. Sunshine has two Dream Programs: Sunshine Dreams, which can range from family trips to meeting a hero to customized gifts, and Sunshine DreamLift which is a whirlwind 'day of yes' adventure to a Disney theme park for a large group of children. Since its inception in 1987, Sunshine has fulfilled dreams for more than 8,000 children across Canada and coordinated 61 Sunshine DreamLifts. For more information, visit [www.sunshine.ca](http://www.sunshine.ca) or follow us on Twitter: @SunshineFound.

## **ABOUT WINNERS AND HOMESENSE**

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