



2009 Gala Calgary Alberta



Back row left to right: Murray Goertzen, Keith Williams, Kyla, Michelle Williams and Murray Houck
Front row left to right: Jennifer MacInnis, Donna Bee, David Bee, Rod Egert, Josh Penner and Jennifer Houck

On Wednesday, March 11th, the Alberta and NWT Chapter of the Children's Wish Foundation celebrated their 25th Anniversary Gala at the Hotel Arts in downtown Calgary. As with any Children's Wish event, participants experienced an evening filled with laughter, tears and inspiration. This event also generated amazing results for the foundation and saw the chapter raise funds of over \$100,000.

The evening was also special for The Sovereign. We were proud sponsors of the event and Michelle Williams was invited to offer invocation prior to the dinner service. We were grateful to have the opportunity to meet Kyla, a Sovereign designated Wish Child who, through our support, had her wish granted and was able to visit Mexico and swim with dolphins. It was heartwarming to hear first hand the excitement in her voice and her mother's as they shared stories of the experience. We also had the pleasure of inviting Rod Egert and Josh Penner, a special Wish family, to join our table and share in the evening's festivities.

Murray Houck
AVP, Broker Relations and Corporate Marketing

The Sovereign General Insurance Company's staff volunteer their time and money in addition to the \$1,000,000 that the company has donated over the past five years. Thanks, Sovereign General, for making these wishes reality.



Elise & The Fairy Princesses



Six year old Elise was diagnosed with Anaplastic Large Cell Lymphoma in 2007. While in hospital, her nurse referred her to Children's Wish. Elise loves fairies so she immediately knew she wanted to travel to Disneyworld and meet Tinkerbell.

In November, Elise, her parents and her older brother, Daniel, embarked on the trip they would always remember. The family experienced all their favourite rides including Splash Mountain and Expedition Everest, as well as meeting tons of exciting Disney characters. Most importantly, Elise got the surprise of a lifetime when she met three instead of just one. This special meeting is a memory that Elise and her family cherish.

The family feels grateful to have received Elise's wish as it gave them a chance to become closer as a family, as her mother Marcia gives thanks for the "magical and much needed vacation."