

HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS

Making Wishes Come True

(NAPSA)—One holiday tradition that more families are adopting is buying gifts from the heart that help make wishes come true for kids with life-threatening illnesses.

This year, Things Remembered continues its partnership with the Make-A-Wish Foundation®, offering three collectible items to benefit the organization—a snowflake ornament, a musical snow globe and a star-shaped keepsake box. To date, the program has raised nearly \$700,000.

The partnership between Things Remembered and Make-A-Wish® started in 1998 when one child, Elysia, wanted to give her loved ones personalized gifts so they would remember her. What began as a young girl's wish to give her family and friends personalized gifts saying "Thank you, I love you, and always remember me," has grown into an annual program that allows the wishes of children across the nation to come true.

"We are hoping that our fifth-anniversary year with the Make-A-Wish Foundation will truly be a million-dollar year," said Suzanne Sutter, president of Things Remembered. "These special, limited-edition gifts have become such a holiday favorite, we feel our goal of raising \$300,000 this season will be easily met."

The Make-A-Wish ornament, which can be engraved with a personal message, features a pewter snowflake bejeweled with sparkling Swarovski® crystals and tied with a white satin bow. The holiday snow globe holds two festive snowmen posing by a Make-A-Wish lamp post. The charming snow globe winds up to play "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" and can also be engraved.

New in 2002, a Star Keepsake Box with inspirational wishing stones is the first ever, year-round Make-A-Wish gift from Things Remembered. The box features clear Swarovski crystals on each of the star's five points. Inside, five wishing stars are inscribed with the words "Peace," "Hope,"



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"Love" and "Dreams," with the fifth star adorned with the Make-A-Wish logo.

"Things Remembered has set their sights high toward helping us grant wishes," said Paula Van Ness, president and CEO of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of America. "By teaming with us once again and creating these beautiful gifts, they continue to show their commitment to bringing hope, strength, and joy into the lives of children with life-threatening illnesses and their families."

Available at Things Remembered stores nationwide, the holiday ornament retails for \$17.95, and the musical snow globe is available for \$24.95. With each holiday item purchased, Things Remembered will donate \$2 to the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The Star Keepsake Box retails for \$34.95, with \$5 going to the Foundation.

For more information about the commemorative holiday pieces and for store locations, call 1-800-274-7367 or log on to www.thingsremembered.com. For more information about the Make-A-Wish Foundation, call 1-800-722-WISH or visit www.wish.org.