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***MAKE-A-WISH® RECIPIENT TO ATTEND DAY OUT WITH THOMAS™ ON FRIDAY,  
MAY 25***

**PENINSULA, OH** – Make-A-Wish® has partnered with Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad to arrange for eight-year-old Jordan and his family to enjoy a fun-filled day with Thomas the Train at Day Out with Thomas: Big Adventures Tour 2018 on Friday, May 25. Jordan is battling Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, a genetic disorder characterized by progressive muscle degeneration and weakness. Jordan’s heartfelt wish is to meet Thomas the Train and Friends.

Thomas the Train is his favorite TV show and book, and he is most looking forward to being able to see his favorite characters in real life. He cannot wait to talk to and meet Thomas. He is also excited to dress up as Sir Topham Hatt, Controller of the Railway, for the day. Jordan is thrilled to be sharing this experience with his family. When Jordan is not watching Thomas and Friends he loves to play catch and listen to music with his friends.

While attending Day Out with Thomas, Jordan will have the opportunity to take a 30-minute ride on his favorite engine, have a photo op with Sir Topham Hatt, and enjoy outdoor activities. He also plans on attending the Magic show and playing with toys in the Imagination Station. Jordan will also receive a ‘Passport to Adventures’ booklet to track his journey at the event, along with a special prize upon completion.

The wish experience provides wish kids something to look forward to during a time when a distraction is truly needed. Jordan and his family are looking forward to the hope, strength and joy that come with experiencing the power of a wish.

**About the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad**

Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad ([CVSR](http://cvsr.com)) is a private sector, not-for-profit 501(c)(3) volunteer supported organization operating in partnership with Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) and is dedicated to the preservation of passenger rail transportation in Cuyahoga Valley and the historic Ohio & Erie Canalway. CVSR has been providing excursion rail service for 45 years. For more information about the railroad, visit [CVSR.com](http://cvsr.com).

**About Make-A-Wish®**

Make-A-Wish® creates life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses. We are on a quest to bring every eligible child's wish to life because a wish is an integral part of a child's treatment journey. Research shows children

who have wishes granted can build the physical and emotional strength they need to fight a critical illness. For more details on how to get engaged with our chapter, please visit [www.oki.wish.org](http://www.oki.wish.org) or follow us on social media @makeawishohkyin.

### **About the Day Out With Thomas**

[Day Out with Thomas](#) is a fun-filled event that provides children of all ages the opportunity to climb aboard and take a ride with Thomas as well as participate in Thomas & Friends™ themed activities. The tour, now in its 23rd year, will make 42 stops across the U.S. and Canada, and is expected to welcome nearly one million passengers in 2018. For two back-to-back weekends, little engineers and their families are invited to take a 30-minute ride on their favorite engine, photo op with Sir Topham Hatt, Controller of the Railway and enjoy a day of Thomas & Friends fun with outdoor activities, bounce houses, a magic show, Imagination Station and more. Children who attend Day Out With Thomas in 2018 will also receive a 'Passport to Adventures' booklet to track their journey at the event, along with a special prize upon completion.

### **About Thomas & Friends™**

Thomas the Tank Engine™ was created over 70 years ago by a British clergyman, the Rev W Awdry, as a storybook for his son. That story quickly grew to become the award-winning global brand franchise it is today, enjoyed by families in more than 150 territories and in over 40 languages across multiple touch-points and formats, including: 400+ original TV shows; 12 feature-length films; 14 websites in nine languages; apps; toys (ranked number one property in the pre-school toys category in the UK and Australia and number two in the US); consumer products; publishing; live attractions and much more. Thomas & Friends has scooped prestigious accolades including a Parent's Choice Award, a Webby and a Licensing Award for Best Classic Licensed Property. The famous and cheeky No.1 blue engine and his friends invite children to enter a world of imagination through the tracks of a train. Together, the children and engines embark on timeless adventures while experiencing valuable yet fun life lessons of discovery, friendship and cooperation. For more information about the wonderful world of Thomas & Friends please visit: [www.thomasandfriends.com](http://www.thomasandfriends.com), [www.facebook.com/thomasandfriends](https://www.facebook.com/thomasandfriends) and for bonus material and exclusive content [www.youtube.com/user/thomasandfriends](https://www.youtube.com/user/thomasandfriends).

### **About Mattel**

Mattel is a global learning, development and play company that inspires the next generation of kids to shape a brighter tomorrow. Through our portfolio of iconic consumer brands, including American Girl®, Barbie®, Fisher-Price®, Hot Wheels® and Thomas & Friends™, we create systems of play, content and experiences that help kids unlock their full potential. Mattel also creates inspiring and innovative products in collaboration with leading entertainment and technology companies as well as other partners. With a global workforce of approximately 32,000 people, Mattel operates in 40 countries and territories and sells products in more than 150 nations. Visit us online at [www.mattel.com](http://www.mattel.com).

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