

Spotlight on Local *Businesses*

Home Expressions by JDR grants child's wish for dream bathroom makeover



Theresa with the JDR team in her new wheelchair-accessible bathroom

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Like many girls her age, 9-year-old Theresa enjoys all things that sparkle, and her favorite colors are pink and purple. Unlike most of her peers, Theresa is dealing with a life-threatening genetic disorder that has left her wheelchair dependent. After her diagnosis, Theresa was referred to Make-A-Wish San Diego to receive her one true wish.

Because Theresa has such limited mobility, her favorite part of the day is relaxing in a warm shower. Unfortunately, the family's existing bathroom was not wheelchair accessible. The luxury of a warm shower (something many of us take for granted) was a daily challenge. Theresa's father had to maneuver her out of the wheelchair through the narrow space into the bathtub each day, a difficult process for both of them, and often anything but relaxing. With all of this in mind, the perfect wish for Theresa was to have a dream bathroom makeover.

Make-A-Wish contacted the Home Expressions by JDR team, who agreed to help. After visiting Theresa and her family to see their bathroom and discuss her needs, the team was inspired to create a bathroom for Theresa that would not only provide accessibility, but also bring her joy. A wider doorway, a roll-in shower to accommodate her wheelchair, and several handheld showerheads would make the new space functional and safe, and a beautiful design with her favorite colors would make it perfect.

Her new bathroom now features glimmering metallic stars on the ceiling, polka dots on the floor and a shower wall that resembles coastal driftwood. The floor's pebbled

texture and delicate slope are both practical and artistically tranquil, a new space dedicated to surrounding her with beauty and style, while providing a peaceful setting.

Home Expressions CEO Todd Jackson said this project was a team effort made possible with support from generous community partners and friends, including TOTO, Rohl, Invisia, Kohler, Benjamin Moore, San Diego Marble and Tile, La Mesa Electronics, GPS Plumbing, Hofstee Drywall, RG Tile, GM Adkins, Construction Support Services, J. Munoz Concrete, Welter Electric & Solar, Dave Wilson Flooring and Greg Rodriguez.

"We are so thankful to our incredible partners and friends in the industry who stepped up to help us make Theresa's wish come true," Jackson said. "We are huge supporters of the Make-A-Wish organization and we've been hoping for the opportunity to work with them. When they called us about Theresa's bathroom, we enthusiastically agreed to help. We hope this new space makes each day a little brighter for Theresa."

■ For more information about **Make-A-Wish San Diego**, visit sandiego.wish.org or call (858) 707-9474.

■ **Home Expressions by JDR** offers design and build remodeling services for kitchens, bathrooms and other areas of the home that don't require structural or architectural changes. In the Selection Center, you will discover thousands of materials, fixtures, accessories and design elements for your remodel. homeexpressionsbyjdr.com

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The new bathroom for wheelchair-bound Theresa features glimmering metallic stars on the ceiling, polka dots on the floor and a shower wall that resembles coastal driftwood.

■ **Jackson Design and Remodeling** has served the community for 27 years, providing clients with whole home remodeling, kitchen remodeling, room additions, high end bathroom remodeling and other home redesign projects. CEO Todd Jackson and his team have won numerous awards for their work, including dozens of CotY, Chrysalis, ASID, NKBA and Master Design Awards as well as five consecutive Better Business Bureau Torch Awards for Marketplace Ethics. Reach them at jacksondesignandremodeling.com, (619) 442-6125 or follow them on Pinterest, Houzz, Facebook and Twitter.

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Christmas Parade & Holiday Festival set for Sunday, Dec. 4 along Girard Avenue

With the theme “Christmas in the Future,” the 59th annual La Jolla Christmas Parade & Holiday Festival is poised to take place earlier than usual this year, stepping off 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4 from Girard Avenue and Kline Street, accompanied by an antique aircraft flyover the Village parade route.

The more than 100 participants will travel west on Girard Avenue, and then south on Prospect Street, where the approximately 90-minute procession will end at the La Jolla Rec Center (615 Prospect St.), the site of the Holiday Festival.

Dozens of floats, bands, marching units, equestrians and vintage vehicles comprise the La Jolla Christmas Parade & Holiday Festival, in addition to special appearances by Abdullah the Camel, fire engines and assorted beauty queens. The Old Black Goose, a 1915 vehicle provided by La Jolla Beach & Tennis Club, will transport Santa Claus down the streets to the Holiday Festival at the Rec Center.

The Festival will include a Kids’ Zone with pony rides, inflatable bounce houses and educational activities, stage entertainment, information about community organizations at Candy Cane Lane, and FOCAS’ annual dog adoption event. Also, courtesy of La Jolla Sunrise Rotary, children will have the opportunity to take their picture with Santa. The stage entertainment begins at 2 p.m., culminating in the Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony at 4:30 p.m.

There will be No Parking and Tow-Away Zones on Girard Avenue from Prospect Street to Torrey Pines Road, Prospect Street from Girard Avenue to La Jolla Boulevard, Kline Street from Ivanhoe Avenue to Fay Avenue, Hershel Avenue from Silverado Street to Torrey Pines Road, and stretches of Ivanhoe Avenue and Torrey Pines Road.

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