



Chloe's Disney dream comes true!

18 year old Chloe Etherington from Mytchett near Camberley has recently had her dearest wish to go to Disneyland Paris with her family granted by Starlight Children's Foundation, the UK's leading wish granting charity for children and young people with serious and terminal illnesses.

Chloe suffers from a number of complex medical conditions, including a chronic respiratory disease and immunodeficiency. As a result, Chloe requires lots of medication and has to carry a machine that supplies her with oxygen wherever she goes. Chloe also has muscle myopathy, which means that her muscles are very weak and she uses a wheelchair.

Despite the challenges she faces, Chloe is a very bright and bubbly young lady, who has lots of hobbies and interests. She is a popular girl with lots of friends and she loves the colour pink!

After everything that she has been through, her mum Mandy thought that Chloe really deserved a special treat. When Mandy heard about Starlight's wish granting programme, she immediately put Chloe forward. Starlight was delighted to offer Chloe a wish and the brave teenager took some time to consider what her wish would be. After much thought, she decided that a trip to Disneyland Paris with her family would be a wonderful experience for them to share.

To grant her wish, Starlight arranged a dream trip at the world famous resort for Chloe. She went with her parents, Mandy and Craig, and her sister Lauren, aged 13, and the charity had arranged for them to stay at the luxury Sequoia Lodge, which overlooks Lake Disney and is only minutes away from the park.

During their stay, Chloe and her family made the most of the park's excitements, including the rides and entertainment on offer. They were also invited to a very special breakfast where they were able meet some of their favourite Disney characters, including Eeyore from Winnie the Pooh.

On their return, Chloe's sister Lauren said, "Disneyland was amazing – thank you Starlight!"

Information

To refer a child for a wish or to make a donation, please go online at www.starlight.org.uk. For every £1 you donate, 93p goes towards helping Starlight's very ill children. For more information, please contact Henny Vere Nicoll at henny@starlight.org.uk / 020 7262 2881 # 231.

Starlight grants once-in-a-lifetime wishes for seriously and terminally ill children, restoring the magic and fun of childhood and giving the whole family happy memories to share, whatever the future holds.

Starlight also creates entertainment in every hospital and hospice throughout the UK. Sick children go to Starlight parties, laugh their way through pantomimes, go out on Starlight Escapes, play games and watch films on the Starlight Fun Centre, and enjoy the toys and puzzles of the Starlight Distraction Box. Happy children respond better to treatment and Starlight helps children to forget about their illness and simply have a bit of fun.