

Children have magical day at Magic Kingdom

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Six kids from the Windsor area went on a whirlwind trip of a lifetime Thursday, travelling to Florida and back in the same day to visit Walt Disney World.

The magical day at the Magic Kingdom was made possible by the Sunshine Foundation and Maple Lodge Farms, which sponsor children with severe physical disabilities or life-threatening illnesses to make the trip.

Eighty-four kids from Southwestern Ontario departed from London International Airport at 5 a.m., spent about eight hours at the amusement park and returned to London just after 10 p.m. Accompanying the children were 55 London police officers as well as 55 health care workers to tend to the kids' medical needs.

BOOKSHELF BOOST

Three Windsor-area elementary schools can boast a boost to their bookshelves after receiving more than \$3,500 to increase their library holdings.

The money was donated by customers shopping at Chapters, Indigo and Coles stores from Oct. 11 to Oct. 24 as part of the bookstore chain's Adopt-a-School program.

"The reason (the program) was established was to address the underfunding of elementary schools across Canada and the resulting literacy crisis," said program director Jennifer Gay. Schools are no longer getting the funds they need to maintain a library that's relevant and engaging for children."

FACE TO FACE

The seventh annual Face to Face Hospice Campaign has raised more than \$42,000 to help fund services provided by the facility.

This year, donations were taken online and people were encouraged to participate via social networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter.

John Fairley, chairman of the Face to Face campaign, said the support is overwhelming.

"It's amazing understanding today's challenges in our area, that so many people participate in this fundraising effort," he said in a news release.

"We are grateful to all who have contributed to the work of the Hospice of Windsor and Essex County."

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