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Caleb Nelson to Enjoy a Bird's-Eye View of Vermont

Morrisville, VT – Ken Gibbons, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Union Bank is happy to give a child a little lift this weekend. Caleb Nelson is the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Vermont winner of a hot-air balloon ride at the 25th Anniversary Stoweflake Hot Air Balloon Festival July 8-10. The prize was conceived of and donated by Union Bank; Make-A-Wish Foundation of Vermont organized the drawing; and the Stoweflake Mountain Resort & Spa donated townhouse accommodations during the event for Caleb and his family.

Caleb is from Ryegate, Vermont and is 9 years old. He was diagnosed at an early age with congenital central hypoventilation syndrome, a pulmonary disorder. Make-A-Wish's mission is to grant the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy. Union Bank is a strong proponent of their mission and wanted to use the opportunity of the Balloon Festival to add to the life experience of a Make-A-Wish child.

Caleb and his family will get VIP tickets to the event including the Balloonist Brunch, accommodations and t-shirts along with the balloon ride. "Our only wish is to see a great big smile on all the kids' faces at the Festival," said Gibbons. "It looks like the weather will be fine for Caleb's adventure aloft."



Caleb Nelson enjoys a Disney Cruise made possible by the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Vermont.

For more information about the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Vermont visit www.vermont.wish.org.

For more information about the 25th Anniversary Stoweflake Hot Air Balloon Festival visit www.stoweflake.com.

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