

Nicole's Hawaiian Adventure

Name: Nicole

Age: 14

Medical Condition: Cystic Fibrosis

Wish: "To go to Hawaii and see a volcano"

Wish Date: August 2016



At 14 years of age, Nicole enjoys dancing, painting and playing guitar. In many ways, she is a regular teenage girl. Where she differs is in her medical condition of Cystic Fibrosis, a full body illness that particular effects her lungs. Cystic Fibrosis means daily medications, physiotherapy, and difficulty breathing.

We are delighted when Nicole came to Make-A-Wish as it meant the opportunity to bring a truly joyful experience into her life!

Nicole's wish was to go to Hawaii to see a volcano in real life! This special trip started with an invitation for Nicole and her sister Rachel to sit in the cockpit of their WestJet plane. Upon arrival at the Aulani Disney Resort in Hawaii, the family was thrilled to learn they were staying in an ocean-view suite. The VIP treatment continued when the Chef at the resort personally cooked and served Nicole and her sister Rachel's dinners to avoid any foods that might spark their allergies.

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One of Nicole's favourite outings was the Polynesian Cultural Centre, where she was called to the stage, introduced as a Make-A-Wish teenager, and then received a crown made of a beautifully braided leaf stem, with a braided fish on a pole on top.

Nicole, Rachel and Mom and Dad said Hawaii exceeded their expectations. They saw volcanoes, hung out at the beach, and tried many new activities, from ziplining over the gorgeous ravines and waterfalls, to snorkeling for the very first time and paddle boarding over the Pacific Ocean waves. Nicole and Rachel also learned a rhythmic stick game that, historically, was taught to the Maori children.

When asked to identify her favorite part of the trip, Nicole said: "It was the small things – walking with the whole family on the beach every night, gazing at the beautiful sunsets, chilling together in the hotel and at meals. Making so many exciting memories with Mom, Dad and Rachel. I still think about it all the time. It was like a dream. We never wanted to leave!" Nicole and her family would like to Extend their sincere thanks to Zancor Homes for providing this truly special family trip.

