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Kevin Sharp to perform at local Make-A-Wish birthday celebration

Performer's wish sustained him through treatment and opened the door for him to pursue music career. He will speak about his amazing journey at the 20th birthday celebration of the local Make-A-Wish chapter on February 24 at the Hall of Springs in Saratoga Springs.

Saratoga, February 12—Award winning vocalist Kevin Sharp felt a twinge of fear when a woman from the Make-A-Wish Foundation visited him at the hospital. “I thought to myself that these wishes are for dying children.”

But on the day his wish to meet music producer David Foster came true, he found out nothing could be farther from the truth. “Up to this point in my illness I felt the life leaving my body little by little every day. As I watched him work and saw the love in his eyes for what he was doing, I could feel life and hope come flooding back to me. The strength and blessing I received on that day truly helped to save my life.”

It also helped jump start his music career. Several years later, David Foster would end up helping Kevin get signed to Asylum Records.

As a successful recording artist, Kevin is the only wish child to become the wish request of other wish kids, making his wish experience come full circle. Kevin currently acts as a national spokesperson for the Make-A-Wish Foundation and has been honored as “Wish Granter of the Year by the foundation, singling him out for his devotion, dedication, and inspiration.

Kevin will speak about his amazing journey at the 20th birthday celebration of the local Make-A-Wish chapter, “A Wishful Evening” Gala and Auction, on February 24 at the Hall of Springs in Saratoga Springs.

According to CEO Bill Trigg, former wish recipients like Kevin really make a difference in sharing their stories. “It is important for us that people know our kids do grow up. There is a perception that Make-A-Wish is about a last wish or a dying wish, when in fact, it is about hope.

No one articulates that better than Kevin. We are thrilled to have him sharing this evening with us.”

For more information about the black-tie event or to schedule an interview with Kevin, please contact Wendi Brandow at 782-4673. KeyBank is a major corporate sponsor of this event.

**Portions of this release are excerpted from Kevin Sharp's book Tragedy's Gift.*