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'Ollie G' Ball **A big thank you to all who supported us!**

The Society for Mucopolysaccharide Diseases has used £40,000 of the proceeds of the 'Ollie G' Ball to fund 30 families of children with MPS and Related Diseases to attend a four day trip to EuroDisney. Many families applied and 30 were pulled from a hat. All the families had a memorable experience.

We arrived at the Best Western on Thursday 31st May 2007 after a fairly uneventful and surprisingly smooth journey through the centre of Paris. Some families had already arrived at the hotel and there was certainly a buzz of excitement in the air. The evening dinner was provided at the hotel which gave the parents, children and volunteers an opportunity to meet each other, acquaint themselves with old friends and make new ones.

On Friday morning the coaches arrived and we were all taken to the park, everyone was so excited. Volunteers met with their families and made plans for their day. It was fantastic to see all the children having such a good time. They got to meet all their favourite Disney characters and to go on all the rides they wanted to with priority passes, which meant virtually no queuing! After a long day we returned to the hotel where everyone was able to have much needed rest and relaxation.

Saturday was another big day as most people chose to visit the Universal Studios Paris as well as the main park. Although busier, everyone was still able to access the rides with the priority passes. The parade was impressive and I know that one young girl managed to have a private meeting with Cinderella! In the evening we had dinner at the hotel, everyone was still on a high from all the excitement of the parks, the children were all playing together outside which was fantastic to see.

Following the trip feedback has been so positive, every family has said what a brilliant time they had and given huge thanks to all those involved. As a volunteer it was great to be involved in an experience that will stay with so many people.

To conclude, I would like to thank everyone who supported the 'Ollie G' Ball, the organisers Countrywide Special Events, in particular David Gosling and Lisa Masters, for their kindness and generosity in raising such a magnificent sum for those affected by Mucopolysaccharide and related diseases.

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