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NEWS ANCHOR: MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION® is an organization that grants the wishes of children suffering from life threatening illnesses. Impressed by the type of work the foundation does, an international charitable trust/organization has donated USD One hundred thousand. Now let's see how this money is used to fulfill the wishes of such children.

BACKGROUND VOICE OVER: At the onset of their childhood these children are diagnosed with life threatening illnesses. They expect something in life; they wish to achieve something in life. Due to such harsh and unavoidable circumstances these wishes remain unfulfilled. This is where Make-A-Wish Foundation® comes into the picture, which grants wishes of these children. Pleased by the dedicated way in which the foundation works and also with the assurance that their money is being put at its best use, one of America's Charitable Organization namely Jeweler's Fund for Children (JFC) has been donating 100,000 US dollars to Make-A-Wish Foundation®.

MR BHAGAT: "We have been donating USD 100,000 to the organization. By the year 2008, we are planning to donate USD 250,000. One million dollars is what we have planned to commit if the relationship between us continues to flourish the same way as it is now.

BACKGROUND VOICE OVER: Make-A-Wish Foundation has 30 plus affiliates in different countries around the world. Approximately 5000 wishes are granted every year by these affiliates out of which 2500 wishes are fulfilled in India alone. The Foundation in India was founded by Mr. Uday Joshi in 1996.

MR JOSHI: "My son was suffering from Leukemia, for which we took him to America for his treatment. It was there that we came to know about Make-A-Wish Foundation® (international). They were the ones who approached him and granted my son's wish, to visit Disney Land. They paid all the expenses including that of the air tickets. The experience was great and my son was very happy. When I returned back to India, I got back to them with the idea of setting up a similar organization here as well and they granted us the permission to do so.

THE BACKGROUND VOICE OVER: This Foundation functions in seven cities in India - Mumbai, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, Delhi, Coimbatore, Goa, Jaipur which is the foundation's biggest achievement.

NEWS REPORTER: Many institutions come forward to help children affected with life threatening medical conditions but Make-A-Wish Foundation® has created its own niche in fulfilling the wishes of these children and it's a noteworthy achievement of the foundation that not only do they receive help from Indian donors, but also from international charities.