

'Jordan's 6K Walk for Wishes and 10K Dash for Dreams' set for September 9

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April vacation of 2005 was a great week for the Coffey family. They had no worries about anything and enjoyed their stay at Walt Disney World to the fullest.

Early last year, Jordan Coffey, brother of junior Amanda Coffey, was diagnosed with brain cancer. The Coffey family asked Make-A-Wish to grant Jordan the wish of a trip to Disney, and Make-A-Wish was more than happy to comply. In order for a wish to be granted, the patient must be under 18 years of age and have been diagnosed with a life threatening medical condition. Make-A-Wish then contacts the child's doctor for authorization and as soon as that is done, the wish can soon be granted.

"It's overwhelming to have everything handed to you with no strings, no worries for a whole week," mother Sharon Coffey said. Jordan sadly lost his courageous battle with cancer on September 10, 2005.

In memory of Jordan, the Coffey family has formed a committee of people to coordinate a 6K walk and a 10K run for the Hollis and Brookline communities. "Jordan's 6K Walk for Wishes and 10K Dash for Dreams" will take place September 9th, 2006.

The walk/run course will start at Captain Samuel Douglass Academy and end at Richard Maghakian Memorial School, going through down-



HBHS Junior Amanda Coffey (left) poses with her mother and her brothers Jordan and Devon during their family trip to Disney last April thanks to the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Jordan passed away in September, and the family has planned a walk in his honor to benefit Make-A-Wish.

town Brookline. After the walk/run, awards will be given out and food and entertainment will be provided.

Junior Amanda Coffey said, "I think the walk/run will be a great way to bring the community together and a great way to raise money so that others can have the same opportunity my family got. It meant a lot to my family to have the vacation and not worry about any details for the trip. I'm grateful for the Make-A-Wish Foundation and I think it's a great way to give back to them and remember my brother at the same time."

There will be an entry fee, which will go to Make-A-Wish and pay for participants' t-shirts. Walkers/runners will be responsible for collecting pledge money from various people. All proceeds will be donated to the Make-A-Wish in Jordan's name. Please help out so that wishes can keep being granted. This local event promises to be a great event for a great cause.

Watch the *HB Journal* this summer for information, and look for informational posters on the HB walls upon our return to school in the fall.