

# Maptek Raises for Make-A-Wish



In November 2009, the Denver Maptek office donated more than USD12,000 to the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Colorado, USA. Employees participated in a "Growvember" contest, which encourages male participants to grow the best beard while raising money. All of the 66 staff (bearded or not) joined in the fundraising effort, raising more than USD7,000 for this worthy cause which grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions.

Sigma Phi Epsilon, Colorado Alpha in Boulder, Colorado, raised money as well, collecting and donating USD266 to the foundation.

Mining Engineer, Chuck Winters, winner of the contest, chose Make-A-Wish to receive Maptek's additional donation of USD5,000, bringing the grand total to USD12,300.

With the money raised, Maptek sponsored Drew, a 9 year-old-boy with multiple sclerosis, who will have a "Reptile Experience" with his family in Florida or Washington DC; and 3-year-old Gracie, with a Wilm's Tumor, who will visit Disneyworld with her family in April. Gracie wishes to "see where all of the princesses live and go on train rides and merry-go-rounds".

Other Maptek offices also got involved, with Australian operations raising USD7,000 for their "Movember" cause in support of prostate cancer and mental health research.