



Wednesday's Child
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Although it's 75 degrees in Los Angeles, it's still wintertime. Closing out the holiday season, the LA Kings hosted a skating session followed by a hockey match for Wednesday's Child at LA Live – all which turned out to be a particularly special day for 13 year old Matthew. Born in 1996, Matthew had never skated before and also never attended a hockey game.

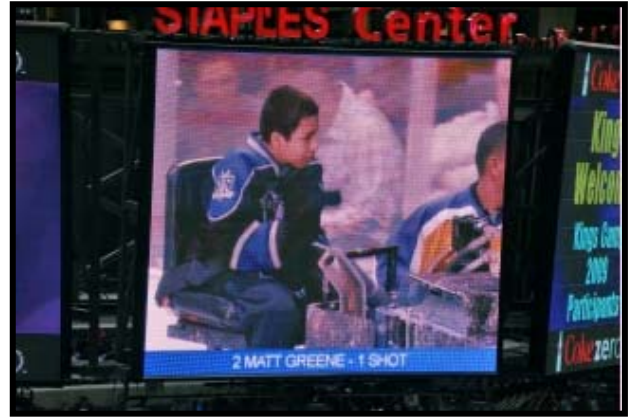
Matthew will try almost anything once. To help facilitate Matthew's first ice-skating experience, we had Bailey the Lion (mascot of the LA Kings) lend a hand...er, ah... paw. Aside from physical activities, Matthew also tells us that he likes laid back activities such as playing video games and watching TV. When there's an activity of any sorts, Matthew will be one of the first to give it a try.



Matthew has a sublime sense of humor about him. He is fluent in both English and Spanish and responds thoughtfully and eloquently in both languages. Matthew gets along with younger children and would even like to have his try at being a big brother. Matthew's hope is for a family to step forward and give him a chance at being a young member of a real and forever family.



In the meantime, Matthew became an honorary member of the LA Kings family and to symbolize his membership, veteran Kings Hockey player Daryl Evans presented Matthew with an official team jersey, tickets to the night's game and a special surprise...the coveted zamboni ride! (pic below)



Kids growing up in foster care often don't get a lot of opportunities to build positive relationships within a family network and they learn to not expect such. As we usher in a new year and a new decade, we want Matthew – and all of our kids waiting for families to call their own – to get used to the idea that he deserves to find and form some family ties that bind and that there's a family out there for him.



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