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CEDARVILLE, OHIO – Dreams are meant to come true. At least that is the perspective of the Make-a-Wish Foundation that regularly grants wishes to people who are experiencing medical challenges.

For 15-year-old Payton, a resident in the Dayton region, she will learn from Make-a-Wish about her the scope of her dream when she attends the Cedarville University baseball game Saturday, April 23 at noon. Her desire is to travel with her family to London, England, but members from Cedarville's athletic department will add to the excitement on this special day.

She knows her grant of traveling to London has been granted. What she will learn Saturday are the many activities she will experience on her trip.

Payton qualified for Make-a-Wish when she had a heart transplant in 2012. Current complications have made her life more challenging than desired, but she still wears a smile as she goes about her daily routine.

Cedarville University's connection with Payton and Make-a-Wish come from their active participation in its athletic conference--the Great-Midwest Athletic Conference. Universities from this NCAA II conference each have two representatives on the Student Academic Advisory Committee, and through this organization, Cedarville has been selected as the host school to reveal the total wish experience for Payton.

Make-a-Wish Foundation is the official charity of the NCAA II. Payton will throw out the ceremonially first pitch prior to the Yellow Jackets' game versus Ohio Valley University.

Located in southwest Ohio, Cedarville University is an accredited, Christ-centered, Baptist institution with an enrollment of 3,711 undergraduate, graduate, and online students in more than 100 areas of study. Founded in 1887, Cedarville is recognized nationally for its authentic Christian community, rigorous academic programs, strong graduation and retention rates, accredited professional and health science offerings, and leading student satisfaction ratings. For more information about the University, visit www.cedarville.edu.