

Taking the Plunge for MAKE-A-WISH[®]

United Kingdom

In mid-July I arrived home from fixing my customers' various computer problems, to find nestling amongst the usual volley of emails one that particularly caught my eye. "Want to Throw Yourself off the New Head Office?"



This is it. The Utility Warehouse Head Office. I thought "It sure is no looker, but it is plenty big enough, better this than the Shard - sure why not" and casually I hit the reply button and merrily declared "Yes, I will do it." And with that my fate was sealed.

It wasn't long before I had second thoughts. I am not usually bothered by heights, but abseil 13 storeys to an unforgivingly solid car park below, perhaps it wasn't such a great idea.

Still, Make A Wish Foundation UK are a great cause. They give seriously ill children the chance to have their wish come true, with all the hope and expectation and happiness that brings. Sadly many do not recover and for many families the Make-A-Wish memory can be the last happy memory they have of their child having fun in a magical world, surrounded by family and friends – rather than memories of weeks of hospital and painful treatments.

A couple of days later I received the reply that I was 105th abseil volunteer and they only had space for 100.

Perhaps I was to receive a honourable reprieve. But alas there was to be no such luck. A week later I received the email that confirmed at least 5 people had wimped off and I was now in for the high jump.

It was only three weeks to go and so I quickly contacted family and friends to ask for sponsorship, but then I thought what about all those happy customers? I'll see if I can persuade some of them to donate. A couple of customers even chased me to donate. The response has been overwhelming.

My big day soon arrived and I have to confess it turned out to be much easier than I had expected. I don't think my daughter was quite as calm there certainly seems to be some camera shake in the video:



www.youtube.com/watch?v=jUa531y1WqA
www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZrfGIYJuSUI

Currently, with your help, I have raised over £1600 which will be matched by the Utility Warehouse (up to a year limit of £100K). It would be great if some of you could help nudge this past £2000 and beyond.

Donations can still be made here:

www.justgiving.com/Steve-Greenbank

or by cheque/cash to:

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Thank you all for your kind support.