



## **About Simone Weinstein**

Simone, who just turned 16, has been battling Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia, for two years. A sophomore at Las Lomas Creek High School in Walnut Creek, she has many of the interests of an average teenage girl. She loves shopping, driving, hanging out with friends, cooking and drawing. When thinking about her wish, she decided she wanted something she could hold on to forever. With her love of drawing and her love of Dooney & Bourke handbags, she hoped she could sketch a handbag and have it made by the handbag company. As her mother pointed out, "Her first designer handbag was a Dooney & Bourke; one that she saved her money to purchase." Simone's treatment will be coming to an end in April, after which she will have monthly check-ups for one year. "This wish signifies something important to her – that she has made it through her diagnosis and treatment," her mother said. "It is something positive for her to reflect upon, and something she can apply to everyday life."

## About the Greater Bay Area Make-A-Wish Foundation®

In 2005, the Greater Bay Area Make-A-Wish Foundation celebrates over 21 years of fulfilling magical wishes for children with life-threatening illnesses. One of the largest chapters nationwide, it has granted more than 3,800 wishes in its 17 Northern California counties: Alameda, Contra Costa, Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Mendocino, Napa, Marin, Monterey, San Benito, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Cruz, Santa Clara, Siskiyou, Solano and Sonoma.

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