

Juwan, 19

(18 when wish was decided upon)

Bone marrow transplant

I wish to visit Italy for the food and architecture

Wish date: 5/18/14 – 5/25/14

Wish coordinator: Brianna Ianni

Parents: Angela and John; Sibling: Jenai

Treatment facility: University of Michigan Health System

Referral: Social Worker, Beth Stuchell

Juwan peered over the edge of the Coliseum, his eyes studying the tiny details and history of the famous Amphitheatre in Rome. The time of hospital stays and procedures for his bone marrow transplant seemed far away as he toured the ancient architecture and tasted the foods of Italy.

“We (were) totally amazed and overwhelmed by the entire trip,” Juwan’s mom, Angela, said. “Everything was amazing. The views... architecture, everything was incredible.”

Juwan’s sister, Jenai, was his bone marrow donor and joined him and their parents, John and Angela on the trip. Juwan specifically chose Italy as his wish to experience the food and architecture.

The family toured many famous sites, including the Sistine Chapel and Vatican. They also tasted all the Italian favorites at the best local eateries.

“I think the Gelato man knew us by name. We had (the ice cream) every night,” Angela said. “And the pizza, bread and pasta – everything was so fresh... Thank you for everything. Know that everything (Make-A-Wish) did to make this trip happen does not go unnoticed. Thank you!”