



Sparkling chandeliers trickled down from the ceiling and beautiful flowers adorned the pink embroidered tables. As guests came in, they signed picture frames with portraits of Martha sending their best wishes. A candy table helped keep everyone's sweet tooth in check before the cutting of the cake. A photo booth was also available for guests to take fun pictures and copies given to the quinceañera with personalized messages to help Martha remember her day.

As the mariachis came in to sing *Las Mañanitas*, Martha took center stage. As she swayed back and forth her beautiful, white ball gown flowed with gracefulness across the floor. Her up-do was topped with a princess tiara allowing her to show off her new diamond earrings, given to her as a present courtesy of [Susan Eisen Fine Jewelry & Watches via Jewelers for Children](#).

"She is a symbol of strength and has a whole long life ahead of her and anything we can do to be a part of her wish experience, we are happy to do," said owner Susan Eisen.

Strength was evident in this 15-year-old who has battled a brain tumor nearly all her life. To overcome it took a strength like no other. But on this day, one could hardly tell that she had been through so much. "Even after all the suffering she's gone through she's still a very beautiful happy girl. To see her like this in this moment, and see her full of joy. What else could a mother ask for?" said Martha's mother.

Martha was referred to Make-A-Wish via Providence Children's Hospital Child Life Specialist Ana Aburto. "Sierra Providence cherishes the honor to be able to partner with Make-A-Wish and grant our exceptional, inspiring children with life-threatening illnesses the opportunity and courage to realize their potential," said Rob Anderson, Chief Business Development Officer for Sierra Providence Health Network.

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