



Photography by **Tomas Ramos**

# WISH LIST

*Wish Upon a Wedding is a nonprofit organization granting weddings and vow renewals for couples facing serious illness or life-altering circumstances.*







professionals to give Catherine and Peter the wedding of their dreams, knowing that they may not celebrate their 1st wedding anniversary was truly an emotional experience," she says. Woodward cries each time one of her brides walks down the aisle, but she was even more touched than normal by this couple and their story.

Catherine and Peter's love story began in elementary school. "I've been in love with Peter since the day I met him. He is my best friend and my caregiver," says Catherine. The bride suffers from cystic fibrosis and is currently awaiting a double-lung transplant in hopes of extending her life.

"Working on this intimate celebration rejuvenated a sense of worth within my entire team, especially those on-site to see the sparkle in the bride's eyes," says Jill Vidal Raines of EB, Inc. Events. "It was



extremely rewarding to witness the beautiful ceremony and reception, with details many couples would not expect."

At the end of the reception, Catherine and Peter departed Hotel Derek in a Schwartz & Woodward signature petal toss and celebrate being husband and wife... a union 28 years in the making.

Recently some of Houston's best vendors joined together to grant a wish. McAllen couple, Catherine Voelkel and Peter Harriss celebrated their wedding and reception at Hotel Derek.

"When we were contacted by the Wish Upon A Wedding organization to fulfill a Texas wish, we said "Yes" without a moments hesitation," says Jo Ann S. Woodward of Schwartz and Woodward. "Bringing together a team of wedding

## *Vendors who made this wish possible:*

**Wedding planning** by Jo Ann S. Woodward of Schwartz & Woodward

**Wedding venue, reception and food** provided by Hotel Derek

**Wedding cake** by Who Made the Cake and owner Nadine Moon

**Rentals & linens** by EB Inc.

**Wedding favors** by DGZ

**Video** by A & A Video Production

**Photo Booth** by Image Cinema

**Music** courtesy of DJU Productions

**Hair and Makeup** by Kathy Smith

**Minister** Lynn Turner, owner of Weddings Performed

**Invitations** by Natural Impressions

**Flowers** by Plants N' Petals

**Menu cards** by Katie & Co.

**Photography** by Tomas Ramos Photography