Burton, USSA team to make dreams a reality

*Outdoor World* scheduled to broadcast youth hunting trip

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CHARLOTTE, N.C. -- A.J. Benson and Jordy Kudrna got quite an early Christmas present this week.

The two teen-age boys spent three days hunting with Ward Burton as part of a joint effort between the Ward Burton Wildlife Foundation and the United Special Sportsman Alliance.
“I looked down all the time, and I’d never look you in the eye because I was ashamed,” O’Donoghue says.

At 30, she started a successful bio-tech business that made deer and elk food, but even after brain surgery she hadn’t conquered her speech impediment.

“But this gave me a reason to tackle the problem,” says O’Donoghue, who at 41 has no sign of a speech impediment. “Now people say my biggest asset is the thing I used to be so embarrassed about – my mouth.”

O’Donoghue was nervous before she did her first radio show in 2000, but it went well, and USSA has been growing ever since.

“I never say no to a kid,” O’Donoghue says.

She has helped more than 3,000 children nationwide and has opened USSA chapters in California and Wisconsin. And when Turner called, she pounced on the opportunity to open a chapter in Washington.

While it started with a fishing trip on Aug. 13 and 14, O’Donoghue hopes to get hunters and other outdoors enthusiasts to volunteer their services as well.

For this trip, Turner rounded up some friends with yachts at the Crow’s Nest Marina near Browns Point. Costco donated the rods.

“I’m 55,” Turner says. “I want to give back while I still can.”

One of the volunteers was Tacoma dentist Kris Overby. His