



Hannah Grace Keeton Benefit

Saturday, July 24, 2004

10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

**Wagner's Sports Bar
7900 Michigan St
St. Louis, MO 63111**



Hannah has been described as. . . an angel, a princess, a strong warrior, a little girl with a big heart and smile! She is all of this and more! Just as her name says: she is full of grace, full of love & full of spark!

It was kindergarten graduation day, May 21, 2003, when Hannah was originally diagnosed with Embryonal Rhabdomyosarcoma. The family was given devastating news. . . their 6 year old angel had CANCER! This type of tumor is extremely aggressive--even if it is caught early. Hannah had a massive, inoperable tumor in her abdomen. After months of chemotherapy treatments, many surgeries (removing 95 % of the tumor), radiation treatments, and radiation burns (second degree burns from 6 weeks of daily radiation treatments), things were looking better. After a scan in April 2004, Hannah became symptomatic again. Finally, on May 19th, her family was told that Hannah had only 1 month (two at best) to live. She had relapsed and this disease was going to take her life. Her Oncologist wanted to try "salvage drugs" on Hannah. After trying 2 of these drugs, they were told there was no hope. . . that Hannah would die (again, 1-2 weeks at best to live). Not only did the original tumor return, but so did 2 others. All 3 of the tumors were massive and inside the abdomen. She also had new cancer growth in the lining of her abdomen and both lungs. The date this death sentence was given was June 8th. The family decided to tell Hannah and let her decide the plan of action.

Hannah immediately told them, "I don't want to die! I want to live! I still have lots of things to do. Please help me!" Hannah's Oncologist told the family that her only hope was "A Miracle". Her family immediately began focusing on how to get Hannah one. Through God and the help of their family, friends, and prayer warriors, Hannah did receive her miracle.

Since Hannah was diagnosed in May 2003, she has spent numerous weeks in the hospital--surgery after surgery, treatment after treatment, drugs after drugs after drugs -- many of those weeks in the Intensive Care Unit. During that time her parents have stayed close to her bedside. Because of this, her parent's business has fallen to the wayside. Her father has taken a leave of absence from his job. The family hasn't receive any income since Hannah's last relapse on May 19, 2004. The purpose of this benefit is to help provide financial/medical relief for this family.

Donations can be sent to:
Hannah Grace Keeton Benefit Fund
C/O TheBANK of Edwardsville
PO Box 899
Edwardsville, IL 62025

BBQ - Yummy Plates & Sandwiches!

Bake Sale - Cakes, Pies, Cookies, Breads, Brownies!

Raffle - Great items to be raffled!

Silent Auction - Many quality items to choose!

Yard Sale - 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM - Every imaginable item will be at this yard sale!
Items are being donated from families across Missouri & Illinois!
NO EARLY BIRDS--Please!!!!