

# Little Star Foundation

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## Your Support Makes a Big Difference



Hannah in 2002 when she became part of our long-term care programs.



Hannah, now age 19.

### My Favorite Life Lesson

By Hannah Miller

Every little girl has a dream.

When I was very young, I dreamed of being a fairy princess. As I grew, I dreamed of being a ballet dancer, but life takes many twists and turns, and at the age of 12, I had a different dream. I dreamed that I would someday be a nurse just like the ones that were taking care of me as I battled leukemia.

This leads me to my favorite life lesson—never give up!

I missed many days of school during the two years of chemotherapy and radiation. During that time, I suffered a stroke and was paralyzed for a short time. I lost out on many opportunities to participate in school activities such as sports, clubs and school dances. It seemed that everyone's life was normal but mine. I knew I was going to have to stay strong and work hard to make sure I was able to live life to its fullest.

I studied every moment I could. Since I had to stay in bed much of the time, I made sure my books were right beside me so that I could do my homework. It was very important to me to keep up with the rest of my class. I put my best foot forward.

I worked hard, and I accomplished my goal to graduate with my class in May of 2007. The most important fact is that I never gave up!

Thank you, Little Star, for all your help over the years and for my scholarship.

***“Never give up!”***  
—Hannah Miller

# The Lives of Children with Cancer

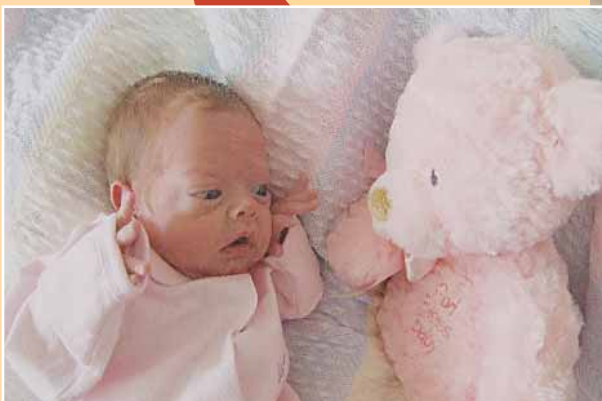


Grant Weaver first joined our children's cancer programs in 2003. Grant was diagnosed with a brain tumor as a child, and this year Grant qualified to receive our Jeff Crawford scholarship grant.

Words of Wisdom from Grant:

*"In four years, I haven't changed the philosophy that I live by. I still believe very strongly that life is 2 percent what happens to you and 98 percent how you choose to react to it."*

Emily was diagnosed in 2000 with biphenotypic leukemia. She participated in our programs as a teenager with cancer, and is currently studying to become a medical doctor. Emily and her family welcome healthy newborn Becca.



# making a difference

## Global Health, Outreach, Research & Development Programs

Little Star Foundation is instrumental in supporting children with cancer and families in need, all at no cost to participants. For the past 18 years, we also have been providing global health, education, outreach, research and development programs to individuals, families, hospitals, communities and childcare facilities worldwide. This special department of the Foundation helps children and individuals affected by disease, natural disasters, extreme poverty, war, abuse and other circumstances. Improving health care and medical services, providing supplies, transportation, food, housing and general support are important ways that Little Star Foundation has ***changed countless lives.***



***Hi everyone, It's me, Amenawon!*** I'm writing cuz I needed to thank you that I'm still in your memories along with other cancer patients.

It's been years since I visited the ranch, but you still remember me the same way I remember you all. On top of that, you still send me gift packages, care, and brighten

up my days.

I know that there are loads of cancer patients who receive the same thing, but the fact that you recognize me among all of us is greatly appreciated.

***Thank you for the love, the gifts and the chance to be wrapped around your caring arms.***

God Bless you,  
Amenawon



**K**aren Vazquez has been part of our cancer programs since 2002. A leukemia patient, and now a senior in high school, Karen's academic achievements have been outstanding. We are co-sponsors of Karen's School of Business special project.

*“On behalf of the children and everyone at Little Star Foundation, thank you for your kind words, greatly needed donations and heartfelt support. Love and blessings to you, your loved ones and family.”*

ANDREA JAEGER, *President*



# How You Can Help

**L**ittle Star Foundation is a nonprofit foundation that accepts financial contributions by cash, check, money order, or credit card. Use your Visa, MasterCard, or American Express through our online donation tool at [www.littlestar.org](http://www.littlestar.org), or by contacting our office at 1-800-543-6565 (Little Star Foundation's tax ID# 86-0947944).

Also, you can help other potential supporters know about our programs. We would be happy to send materials for you to share with friends and colleagues, corporate and community associates.

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Such benefits include:

- Income, estate, and capital gains tax savings
- Asset managed at low or no cost
- Make gifts with retention of income
- Ability to create permanent memorials

Planned gift instruments include: wills, bequests and trusts.

**If you are interested in discussing planned giving opportunities** for Little Star Foundation, please contact Andrea Jaeger at Little Star Foundation  
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1-800-543-6565 or [info@littlestar.org](mailto:info@littlestar.org)

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Zach's family and all families who have lost a loved one or loved ones to cancer.



Zach at our March 2008 session

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July 14, 2008

Dear Andrea,

I just had my 8<sup>th</sup> birthday party. We did lots of stuff like eating cake, playing on the playground, football, soccer, toilet paper dodge-ball, water balloons and drinking lots of water because it was 99°F.

Every body had fun.

I asked everyone to bring a donation to little star instead of a present for me. Everyone was happy to do this. I remember meeting you at Tattered Cover Bookstore a couple of years ago. You were very nice. I like that you would help kids.

From,  
Eli Yagley

A WORD  
FROM ONE  
OF OUR  
DONORS

