



From the Director...

Dear Friends:

Before I met Mackenzie McMahan I had only known one other child that had cancer. That child's name was Christi Thomas. Christi was one of the most amazing little girls I have ever met. She was a ray of sunshine even though she knew she was sick. On many occasions, I caught myself wondering if I had the strength to handle a situation like hers the way she was able to. I saw the same strength in Mackenzie even though she was less than 5 months old when she died.

A big part of publishing this magazine is hearing the stories of other children that are faced with cancers. I have been blessed with the opportunity to meet many of these children. All of the children I have met are equally as strong. A lot can be learned by reading their stories.

Thank you so very much for taking the time to learn about these kids. Without you their stories could not be told. These children have cancer for a reason. Our belief is that it would be a tragedy to ignore that and leave their stories untold. My hope for you is that you are touched as deeply as I have been by knowing children like Mackenzie and Christi after you read of their courage.

Mike Hughes

Did You Know?



Cancer is the number one disease killer of children.

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There's the old saying: "Life is what happens to you after you make your plans." Two little girls that were brought together by cancer, unlock the meaning of love and friendship and remind us that "life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away."



CANCER KIDS

Read the stories of children that are currently fighting cancer and get an inside look at how tough these kids are. We can all learn something from them.

Angels



Most babies fighting Rhabdoid cancer are taken from us early. Read about the beautiful children who tried their best but couldn't overcome this terrible disease.



Neighbor Kids

Cancer isn't something that "doesn't happen to us." Read stories about children right here in our community that are fighting every day to live.

Let's Laugh!



It never hurts to laugh, so let's laugh until it hurts! Read about the funny things our children say and see the world through their innocent little eyes.



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