



Dear Family and Friends,

On October 1, 2011, I will be participating in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Miles For Megan bike ride to benefit the Megan L. Cordeiro Memorial Foundation. Megan was diagnosed with Acute Myelogenous Leukemia in December 2006. She was treated at Hasbro Children's Hospital in Providence RI, receiving high dose chemotherapy. She did achieve remission, but unfortunately relapsed in July 2007 after her last dose of chemo. The next part of her journey involved a Bone Marrow Transplant, which she received at Floating Children's Hospital in Boston Mass. She received her sister Chelsea's precious marrow in September 2007. Meg's recovery went well, with few complications. We all thought we were nearing the end of this nightmare, until April 2008 when Megan relapsed once again. Megan fought her battle with the utmost strength, stamina, courage, and incredible positive attitude. Unfortunately, it just wasn't enough to win the fight against cancer. On June 5, 2008 at the age of 11, Megan lost her battle.

During the 18 months of Megan's journey, there were many amazing organizations that helped her keep a positive attitude in her fight. To say the least, childhood cancer is a traumatic event for children and their families. Several organizations are instrumental in helping children and their families cope with the stresses of treatment for life threatening illnesses. These organizations help children with cancer be children during and after treatment.

The Megan L Cordeiro Memorial Foundation has been established to provide direct financial support to families coping with pediatric cancer and those organizations supporting pediatric cancer patients and their families, such as but not limited to;

- Ø The Tomorrow Fund [www.tomorrowfund.org](http://www.tomorrowfund.org)
- Ø Hole in the Wall Gang Camp [www.holeinthewallgang.org](http://www.holeinthewallgang.org)
- Ø Floating Children's Hospital at Tufts [www.cycleforlife.com](http://www.cycleforlife.com)
- Ø Hasbro Children's Hospital
- Ø Flashes of Hope [www.flashesofhope.org](http://www.flashesofhope.org)

Please help me make a difference in the lives of children battling cancer. You can visit [www.milesformegan.com](http://www.milesformegan.com) to make a donation, and to learn more about Megan. You can also make a check payable to Megan L Cordeiro Memorial Foundation. With your generous contribution The Megan L. Cordeiro Memorial Foundation can continue to help children in their battle against cancer.

Thanks for your support.  
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