

The Logan Sweet Foundation



In Memory of Logan - Jan 22, 2002-May 9th, 2008

As you all now, our oldest son, Logan, passed away from a virus that attacked his heart at the young age of 6. Four months after he passed, we learned he died of Viral Myocarditis - Enlargement of the heart caused by a common virus that can sometimes mimic cold or flu-like symptoms. Sadly, Logan had no symptoms, signs, or warnings. He just collapsed in my arms. This Friday, May 9th, 2014, marks the 6th year anniversary of Logan's passing. It happened on a Friday, so this year will be particularly rough for me.

In past years, we have hosted fundraisers to spread awareness of Myocarditis, raised money for the Myocarditis Foundation, given back to our community by sending kiddos to various summer camps, hosted Healthy Snack Days at schools, and kept Logan's memory alive by spreading the message of living a happy and healthy lifestyle..ie "Live Life The Logan Way".

After Logan passed, we immediately had our other two children's (Ryan - 1 and Jaclyn- 4) hearts checked. All was fine. Since then, Madelyn has become part of our family, and we continue, every year to have their hearts checked for any symptoms, scares or irregular heart beats. I now have a new reason to continue spreading awareness about Myocarditis....it's to protect my other children.



Ryan getting his heart checked

As a mother who has lost a child already, the fear of losing another to Myocarditis, or The Silent Killer as it is called by some, is very real. Anytime one of my children gets a cold or a fever, my mind can't help but think, "Could this be the same virus that attacked Logan's heart?"

There is still so much to be learned about Myocarditis. The Myocarditis Foundation is constantly researching and trying to understand more about Myocarditis and the reasons why it attacks some and not others. Or why some victims show signs or symptoms and others don't, or who is more likely to get it, and could it be hereditary?



Jaclyn, Madelyn and Ryan

I am writing this letter to you in hope that you might be able to donate, even just a little, to the Logan Sweet Foundation. My goal is to give to the Myocarditis Foundation in hopes that maybe someday, I will not have to live in fear for the lives of my other precious children.

Thank you so much with all of my heart. - Jon and Carolyn Sweet

