

Amanda's Wishes



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We exist to give children from birth to young adults (no more than 23 years old) with life threatening illnesses a series of ultimate wishes. Amanda's Wishes always extends a hand out to children and young adults in times of crisis also.

Now you know why this organization was created ... but what gave me the idea to create it?

On October 18, 1988 Amanda Goodman was born at Harris Methodist Southwest Hospital in Fort Worth, TX at approximately 3:46 pm CST. She was born with a ventricular septal defect, otherwise known as a hole in her heart.

At just 6 months old, Amanda had to have open-heart surgery. Then after 3 long hours I finally got the call that my daughter had made it through and was fine. I then called ICU (Intensive Care Unit) so I could go back and see my daughter Amanda. At the other end of a phone, a nurse shouted "She's Dead" and immediately hung up the phone.

I didn't know what to think, then the phone rang back, I was told they made mistake! It was another child that had not made it, and not my daughter. I was happy my daughter was alright yet extremely sad for the poor infant that had died and its mother.

I stayed with my daughter every single minute of the two weeks she remained in the hospital hoping that she would be alright. This all happened in 1988.

Fast forward to 2002 and Amanda was supposed to have a minor surgery known as a hymen opening, but there were complications and the doctor closed it back by mistake. Two days later Amanda got very ill with a high fever and they almost had to do hysterectomy, it turned out that she had a severe female infection called peritonitis.

Everything was going fine until September 10, 2004 just two years and three days later. Amanda had been wearing a halter monitor for just 24 hours when the doctor called. We were instructed to bring Amanda in for a catheterization immediately. We got to the hospital and Amanda was prepped and taken in for the procedure.

Me, my husband John, and my son Cody were out in the waiting room when the doctor came out. He told us that during the procedure Amanda had several episodes of ventricular tachycardia.

Ventricular tachycardia is very unusual in younger people and most of the VT sufferers are 70 years old or more. She also has Wolfe Parkinson's White disease, which further complicates her weak heart muscle.

We waited 3 long hours in that room and it's an experience I will never forget. The doctor finally came out and told us everything went as planned.

Fast forward to the current date and time October 6, 2007 at 12:24 am CST and Amanda has had many, many check-ups. The doctor has told us that if her gets any weaker, she may have to get a heart transplant.

Back in late February and early March of 2004, Amanda was granted a wish by a certain foundation. She enjoyed every moment of it and so did we. That experience is one we will remember forever.

So I am making it my personal mission to find these children and young adults experiences possible.

Please help the wishes of these sick children come true by donating to us online at www.amandaswishes.com, or by mailing a check to our address:

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