

Haley Story 2011

This year's Haley Story is quite different than in years past. Haley is no longer fighting the daily challenges of life with SMA, but is wearing the angel wings she so deserved and at peace where there are no physical battles to fight. Haley passed away last October 26th just two and a half weeks after her 13th birthday.

Haley left behind a loving family and many friends whose lives were forever changed by her spirit. She made a lasting mark on everyone that knew her, and touched many lives in her 13 years with her lessons of patience, tolerance and happiness under the most adverse of circumstances. Her impact on the other children in the community was most notable.

Haley's story has been the inspiration for the Haley Mitchell Ski-a-thon for SMA for the last 12 years, which has raised over \$400,000 for Families of SMA. This organization is the main source of research funding and support services for families struggling with the disease. FSMA has established clinical trials at seven sites across the US and Canada and great advancements toward a cure have been made.

This year, while our goal is still to raise as much money for SMA research as possible, we want to pay tribute to Haley and the fight she has championed throughout her life. We want to have this opportunity for her family and friends to come together and celebrate the journey of this little girl who touched so many and had such a great impact.

We expect this to be our final Ski-a-thon as such. It is our greatest wish that those of you who have financially supported this battle against Spinal Muscular Atrophy and the ones who get involved this year will continue to do so. Haley's legacy will be fulfilled when future families no longer have to endure this dreaded disease.

Thank you for your continued support. Donations can be sent to:

Haley Mitchell Ski-a-thon
878 Aydlett Rd
Aydlett, NC 27916

Or donate online at www.fsma.org/haleyski2011.