

Shianne West

Hi, my name is Shianne West and I am 9 years old. I was diagnosed with Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia (ALL) on March 3, 2004. Leukemia is cancer of the blood. I was only 5 then. It was a very scary thing to go through for me and my mom.

On the second day after I was diagnosed, my mom will never forget the lady coming in to tell her about all the different programs and resources that were available. At one point the lady said "Shianne qualifies for "A Special Wish." My mom did not hear anything else the lady said because all she could think about was knowing that A Special Wish is only for kids with life threatening illnesses. It was then she realized..... I could die.

I had to have a port put in my chest so that I could receive my chemo treatments and blood transfusions. I lost my hair two times and had to deal with sores in my mouth and gained weight due to all the steroids I had to take. I did not look like myself for a long time.

I've had to go to Dayton Children's Hospital hundreds of times in the last 4 years. I had my last treatment in May of 2006 and I currently go there every 2 months for check ups. Dayton Children's Hospital has the best doctors and the best nurses. They always treated me as if I was a special little person. My doctor, Dr. Dole is very special, and gives me hugs whenever I come for my visits.

In May of 2005, A Special Wish paid for my mother and I to go to Give Kids the World in Florida, which included Disney, Universal Studios, Sea World and Wet 'n Wild. Since it's only me and my mom, they even paid for each of us to take a support person. They picked us up in a limousine! How cool is that? It was the best vacation I had ever taken in my whole life. The whole experience is beyond words that I can describe.

I am now in total remission and will soon be considered cured. Please help us raise money for Dayton Children's Hospital and A Special Wish! They have been great to me!



Shianne - Today



Before Leukemia



Shianne with Mom & Dr. Dole



Sea World

