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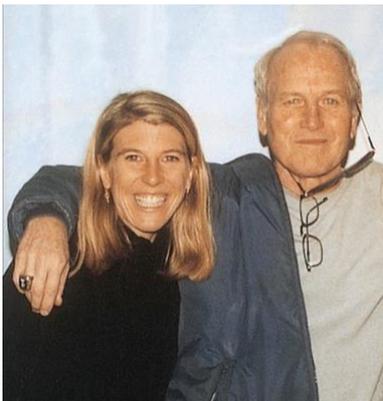
2022 marks 37th Year Helping Children with Cancer, Families & Communities

Making Lemonade

“When life gives you lemons, make lemonade.”

There is something profound about making lemonade out of lemons. We probably all have stories of life's brutal challenges & heartbreaking struggles, when survived & healed, keeping light prominent, brought something better - lemonade making opportunities. Everyone has it in them to make lemonade. Here are stories to cheer you on as lemonade making is in all of us. From Tenzin's Mom in the trenches, page 4, "A very big piece to this as the parent and primary caretaker is recognizing how painful and lonely it can be. When I give myself the patience to allow my feelings it helps. When I remind myself I am still a person and in no way shape or form can do it all it helps."

Join us at Little Star Foundation - Together we can be active in being our best self, living our best lives & helping others do the same.



I most certainly have to pay respect to Paul Newman - a supreme lemonade maker. Even in spirit we are still as close as ever.

Donate Today!

Your donation matters!
Donate today to improve the lives of children.

What does a boy do when his leg is amputated from cancer, complications occur for over a decade, and life throws one ouch after another after another after another..... ?

Pictured below: Cory and I, (Andrea Jaeger), first met during one of his many visits to my children's cancer foundation programs. Even though Cory had his leg amputated he participated in every year round program & activity.



Above: Midwest born Cory during chemo



Read about these precious children next page

Donate to Little Star at www.littlestar.org

Children with cancer are provided long term care at Little Star Foundation: a specialized concept with far reaching positive sustainable results. You are an important part of the success. For 37 years and still continuing every Little Star Foundation program is free of charge and made possible by the generosity of donors.

Your support directly improves the quality of life for children with cancer, their families and communities, for decades and over generations resulting in: living full, receiving critical care and greatly needed financial aid, inspired therapeutic programs and lifelong friendships to take on life's roller coaster - Priceless. Thank you for making that possible!

Pictured: Cory's Classroom with Little Star's 2022 Calendars. Besides being a participant in Little Star's year round Programs, Cory became an Ambassador helping Little Star Foundation hospital, school and orphanage programs. Cory also received a Little Star Foundation college scholarship to help his dream of becoming a teacher.



Right: Cory is presented with a "Teacher of the Year" certificate. Often, due to childhood cancer, chemo & other treatments on young bodies, relapses & complications occur taking a further toll even years after remission. Cory has been losing his eyesight from past chemo treatments, has recently been diagnosed with MS & currently is on his 12th consecutive year of leg and bone amputation infections.



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Your donation will help bring important Long-Term Care, Better Quality of Life Programs & Emergency Care support to children with cancer. Donate today. Thank You!



In addition to Little Star Fdtn's Award Winning Programs in 38 states & worldwide the past 37 years, Little Star Fdtn's new Research & Development Programs provide opportunities for improved Health & Wellness.

When I started my children's cancer foundation nearly 40 years ago all I cared about was making a difference in improving children's lives. I never thought of lifetime friendships because my sole focus was providing excellence in care, safety and fun programs for children, families, hospitals, schools, orphanages and communities.

I have loved the work, trained, studied, researched and gave my all every day over the decades. Same for now and ongoing. Choosing to give my time, treasure and talent how God and the Universe call me, being grateful and obedient to such calls continuously; is an honor. My gratitude for unexpected friendships extends beyond words.

Throughout the decades, each day going forth imprinted forever are the special lifelong friendships created with children, families, their caregivers and you, you incredible caring donors. Life for these kids is full of lemons, life in general can be challenging for anyone. Still, life can be lived full, beautiful and blessed with true friendships. Here are a few more recent words/correspondence on what you are doing in helping Little Star Foundation create and sustain care programs, light and love filled energy, everlasting, contributing to a better humanity for all. Thank you! God's blessings to you and may God and the Universe continue to bless all our friendships.



The adorable munchkins on page 1 and above are Cory's 2 children. Despite bone cancer, over a decade & ongoing brutal childhood cancer after effects; love, life and friendships endure.

Just in from Cory:

Thank you Andrea. You have always been in my corner and I appreciate that more than you know. I'm going through a heck of a time right now. I have not been able to wear my leg since June 22nd (2022), and my bone infection which I've been dealing with the last 12 years has come back. You can never heal. I have chronic osteomyelitis which technically can't be cured, but it can be put into dormant state. The problem is it's so bad right now. They're worried about the condition of the bone afterwards. If it's really bad they may amputate me even higher. It's been really bad. It looks like it won't be able to return to school for the first time since I got my job 12 years ago.

You can help!
Donate what you can.

Ways to Donate:

- You can donate any amount securely online at www.littlestar.org
- Want to send a check? Little Star's address:

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- Ask Your Family, Friends, Company to match your Donation.
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- Share this Issue of Little Star's Your Example.
- Donate any amount in celebration of or in memory of someone dear to you.



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April 2022 Tenzin age 7
Tenzin's New York school picture just before his cancer diagnosis



Tenzin is close in age to Cory when Cory was diagnosed with cancer. Tenzin is one of many families Little Star Foundation is committed to helping. We welcome you to join us. From Tenzin's Mom, "I found out Tenzin had cancer after months of appointments and running around. He first presented as withdrawn. Then I noticed fatigue. I took him to the pediatrician. On May 21st he began vomiting randomly. I brought him to the ER. They did an exam, lots of blood work and an X-ray. I remember the Doctor coming to me while I waited for him to get the X-ray done. The Doctor told me he has leukemia. It was exactly like the movies. The Doctor talked, I barely heard anything said other than cancer. My whole body flushed. I wanted to grab my child and run."

Tenzin age 8 after his cancer diagnosis



Tenzin's Mom continues, "The financial support will be going directly to home finances. I am a single mom to my 2 boys. We moved at the end of April as my previous landlord sold the house. I had to find something quickly. I work hard to provide for my boys. I am not a salaried employee. I work as a case coordinator fee for service. I work for my money and the amount of time I needed to dedicate to making sure I brought in enough I barely slept. Now with Tenzin's diagnosis and current state, I am unable to work. Once he is in a better place in treatment, I plan to resume work as I can handle it. But right now, I need to focus on making sure Tenzin gets better and his brother has what he needs. Thank you for your time and for considering helping us." *** Thanks to you Little Star Foundation is on its 37th year of providing financial support, care programs, prayers and love to families!



Above: Little Star Foundation Back to School Programs making a difference to families with children with cancer.

I, Adriana & the extraordinary Ambassador Team are hard at work running programs, fundraising & training for tennis fundraisers. Children with cancer are helping us create Little Star Fdtn's new Educational, Inspiring & Therapeutic Digital Programs & the soon to be released 2023 Wall Calendar. There is still a great deal to accomplish in 2022 as we continue to celebrate Little Star Fdtn's 37th year providing long term care & better quality of life to children with cancer, their families & communities.



Above: Adriana pictured left, Andrea far right, with a very caring soul in the world between us.

It is exciting to continue Award Winning Programs making an important difference together! Go to www.littlestar.org and Donate today to improve and save lives. With great appreciation, and blessings to you, your family & loved ones, (& grateful for our special friendships too!) Andrea Jaeger – President Little Star Foundation
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