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Success Is Often Born from Struggle:
Andrea Jaeger's Inspiring Insights

Brave Brayden, and his family ask for help

“I read a headline recently that said, ‘Success is often born from rejection.’ Immediately upon reading it, I thought of many other ways success is also born from, including purpose, service, surprise, failure, teamwork, silence, tenacity, determination, pause, full steam ahead, awakenings, rest, communication, and so on.

The headline included a picture of Charles Schulz with his globally successful and revered Snoopy character drawing, which he created. The full caption read, 'Success is often born from rejection. Charles Schulz knew that better than anyone. Even Disney turned him away.' Charles Schulz, also known as Sparky, passed away 25 years ago; yet, his works remain hugely popular, garnering worldwide awards, acclaim, and adoration, just as they did during his lifetime when he created daily strips that resonated with him.

Charles was a huge fan of hockey and tennis, and he admired people who, like him, were determined to make a positive difference in the world with whatever goodwill and determination they had.” continued on page 3



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This year has been another busy year of receiving cancer diagnosis news from families requesting financial assistance, especially brain cancer news. Each child and family's detailed application for help are verified by their children's hospital medical team. Pictured below is Brayden before his cancer diagnosis. In asking Brayden's Mom, “What has been the hardest part since your son’s diagnosis?”

Brayden's Mom replied, “Watching him slowly lose all the freedoms and joy of doing the things he loves: drumming, drawing, biking, snowboarding, surfing and now walking has even become hard. So, it's getting harder to leave the house. He just failed out of a clinical trial at UCSF, so the travel has been exhausting.”



On page 2, Brayden and his family share insights and words of wisdom for other families and how financial assistance will help with their growing bills and anguish.

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Brayden's Mom continues sharing when asked how she first found out about Brayden's cancer:

"Brayden began vomiting regularly in July of 2023. Took him to the emergency room and he had an MRI, which showed a 10cm inoperable pediatric diffuse high grade glioma (brain cancer). He underwent radiation and chemo and hospital visits continue as Brayden's brain cancer has not gone into remission."

A saying Brayden's family has that helps Brayden and his family and may help someone you know and you too:
"We love you and you will never be alone on this journey."

When asked what Words of Wisdom would you like to share for other parents and families going through similar situations and beneficial for anyone interested, Brayden's Mom replied, "Stay present. Stay present. Stay present."

Brayden's special sharing includes that he wants to see his sisters grow up. He wants to believe in heaven, with his Mom adding to his sentiments, "Brayden never complains. He is so brave."

Brayden's hospital medical team explained, with HIPAA permission granted by the family, "Brayden lives with an aggressive brain tumor and has undergone several brain surgeries, radiation and chemotherapy. The family has had to travel for treatment, which has led to unpaid time away from work and unimaginable travel costs. Our (hospital) team is appreciative of any support your organization can offer the family during this stressful time."

Little Star Foundation will be supporting Brayden's family with financial assistance to help with their requested rent and other expenses piling up.

Little Star Foundation provides year round, nationwide and international programs, including financial assistance, all for free. This 2025 year, our 40th, Little Star Foundation will have provided over 10,000 meals for children, care packages/therapeutic programs/financial assistance benefiting over 8,550 and educational and awareness programs reaching over 486,000.

Your financial donations make an important difference and are greatly appreciated and needed!

Together we make a great team!

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Little Star Foundation can deliver updates and announcements directly to your email and/or text.

You can get news and announcements simply by providing your email address and/or phone number. Never is your contact information shared. Email me, Andrea Jaeger at info@littlestar.org with your information and together we can save printing, mail costs and trees while you stay informed and enjoy the good works being done together.

Want to Donate?

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* You can mail a check to:
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"For several reasons I was told, I, Andrea Jaeger, had the privilege of being one of Charles Schulz's friends. I still consider our friendship ongoing and special, even though it has been a quarter of a century since his death. A physical passing has never stopped me from engaging in a friendship. Sure, things change a lot, but communication, connection, and association can continue in ways endearing and enduring. That is another story to be told about how those abilities were honed and born into. This is about determining your own barometer of success, as we are all capable of it with conscious effort worthy of inspiration.

Charles and I would have long phone conversations, and correspondence via U.S. mail was also a constant. This was before cell phones and emails were established as the norm. We laughed, pondered, and explored in those to me precious and priceless exchanges of friendship. His stories of the Nos he received in pursuing his dreams, talents, and dealing with hardships and challenges were fascinating. Our mutual sharing of experiences and encounters, easily perceived as far from going our way, were never established as failures. We had laughs about the toil, sweat, and tireless efforts it took to obtain the levels of our own determinations of what we viewed as 'Success'.

Charles greatly admired how many Nos I received in a day, week, and year, with never once my becoming deterred, just more courageous and ambitious in succeeding. He thought things in my line of work, of my Foundation management helping children with cancer, would come easy, first asking, 'Don't people have a heart to give when you ask?' When I replied in countless stories of receiving Nos from people far wealthier than even he was, he was shocked.

I explained clearly, 'A 'no' never stops my bigger picture efforts. Each person has the right to help or not, me or anyone else. I know God called me to help children with cancer and children in need, and God will connect me to the people who feel called to help.' Charles admired my faith, even more so my enthusiasm to continue forth regardless of challenge. He laughed heartily like a father watching their own child succeed in a life step when I explained to him I had been told, 'Andrea, you are like a Weeble. No matter what anyone does to you, you get back up,' with light still intact internally."



Left: Little Star Foundation's Art Therapy and General Programs Coordinator, Adriana Solarova, invited to sit at Charles Schulz's legendary creative art desk.

Right: Sarah Mott a 1990's child brain cancer program participant & current long time LSF Ambassador, shared recently in 2025, she still has her 1990's hockey jersey from Andrea's Fdtn Program sponsored by Charles Schulz.



"Charles was masterful at much, and had his own stories of struggles and disappointment. He often told me, 'Art and sport are wonderful healers.' So true. After Charles passed, knowing his presence would still be aware of respect and reflections towards him and his works, I went to visit his office where he created daily for decades Snoopy and his other Peanuts characters projects. Jeanne Schulz, widow of Charles, was gracious enough to allow me the poignant visit. It was the first of many as I wanted to introduce and carry on both their legacy with children with cancer at Little Star Foundation and blossoming artists, including Adriana Solarova, who, for free, creates inspiring and educational art for Little Star Foundation Art Therapy and Educational Programs."

"In very recent days, a brave childhood brain cancer participant from my Foundation programs, from as far back as the 1990s, texted me a picture of her hockey jersey I had made for her from when she was a child with brain cancer. Interestingly enough, it was the very same jersey from a hockey game fundraiser that Charles and I had put together to help children with cancer. I and a few other people I knew played the hockey game, and children with cancer cheered on us players while other members in the audience donated to help. The biggest sponsor of the event was my friend, Charles Schulz. Charles helped make the jerseys and game possible. Decades later, literally in recent days, this courageous child cancer survivor shared with me how special the jersey still is to her.

Another 'Hello' from Charles? For sure. Sarah Mott, the childhood brain cancer survivor, now in her adult life, is still enduring brain scans, loss of eyesight due to brain cancer surgeries, and continuing treatments and medical appointments. The joy and love she still has with the jersey Charles and I made for her when she was a child is as persevering as all of our friendships. Success is often born from true friendships that endure space and time. Success may be getting a Yes, and it may also be getting thru a news cycle with a positive frame of mind, goodwill nature, service with a calling, a skip in your step due to enduring friendships, love blossoming, goodwill laughter echoing from past and present experiences whether of yes or nos, a faithful spirit and soul in flow with priceless friendships that continue to evolve in ways God continues to fabric, flow and bless. Whatever your success is born from, defined as, or yet to be defined as, remember you get to be the creator of the paths to achieve goodwill success."

What Makes Little Star Special?

Little Star Foundation's special roots include:
Andrea Jaeger was the #2 ranked women's professional tennis player in the world at the age of 16. Andrea helped children in hospitals, schools & on the streets during her pro tour travels.



Andrea decided to give all of her professional tennis earnings, millions of dollars, to help children with cancer & those in need. Solely funded by Andrea, Research Programs for the Foundations started in the 1980's. Andrea Jaeger set a precedent providing long term care programs.

Knowing children, families & communities endure suffering from cancer or trauma for more than a day, Andrea's Little Star Foundation was created to provide Long Term Care & Better Quality of Life Programs. Participants find fuller lives, increased motor skills, confidence & self-esteem & lead more engaging, purposeful & enjoyable lives, regardless of their diagnosis, trauma or challenge.

Andrea & Little Star's VP, also pictured, are on their 41st year continuing to provide award winning programs benefiting children, families, & communities with cancer & children in need.

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Above, Little Star Foundation President, Andrea Jaeger

Little Star's 41st Celebratory Year




Adriana Solarova, left, Program Coordinator brings care and joy to children with cancer hospital programs. Right, Andrea and all star Karen team up to inspire lives.

Little Star's National & International Recognition

Little Star Foundation has received numerous national and international awards for outstanding programs and service with the leadership of President, Andrea Jaeger:

- Jackie Robinson Humanitarian Award (first female recipient);
- The Jefferson Award, held in the Supreme Court Chambers
- Mercedes Excellence Award for "Uncompromising Devotion, Compassion and Care for our Children."
- Recipient of the John Wooden Citizenship Award & many more

Pictured left is a page from the new 2026 Little Star Foundation Wall Calendar with educational messages, fan favorite selected pictures and inspiring photos for you to enjoy:

Here is a direct link to view Little Star Foundation's new 2026 Wall Calendar for you to enjoy:

<https://online.fliphtml5.com/ixrw/eaym/>

Printed Calendars are mailed for free to hospitals, schools, trauma and care centers for free.

May your life be filled with peace, love, joy, good health and goodwill! Donate today at www.littlestar.org or at Little Star Foundation's headquarters address to improve and even help save the lives of children with cancer. With gratitude and blessings to you, your family and loved ones, and appreciative of our special friendship too!

Andrea Jaeger – President Little Star Foundation

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