

What you can write: Write a cheerful short note to the child. For example, tell about the picture on the front of the postcard and the place where you're sending it from.

PLEASE BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU SAY: Know the status of a child before writing your message and mailing the postcard. Don't write get well soon because some of the kids will not get well. You want to cheer up these children and their families, not add more hurt to their lives.

Have fun sending the postcards!



### **Dustyn**

201 Crestwood Circle Benton, LA 71006 USA

Date of birth: April 20, 1998

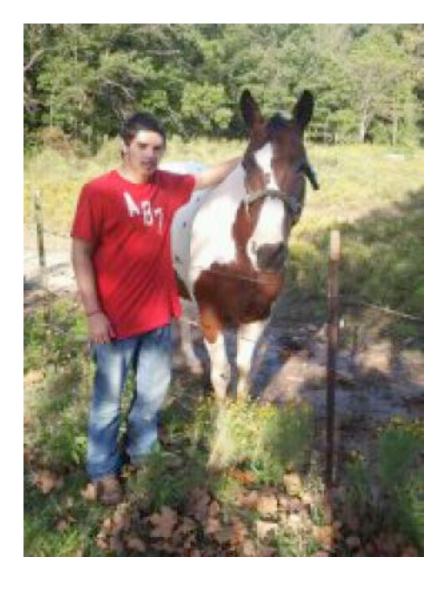
Main diagnosis: Leukemia (all)

**Special interests**: Yugioh, crafts, country music

Mom: Shannon Mackenzie

**Siblings**: Dakota Ates

He was diagnosed December 15, 2011 with ALL Leukemia. Dustyn was a happy, normal 13 year old. Dustyn has fought so hard and fights harder everyday. He will undergo treatment and chemo until at the least July 2014. We as a family have been thru a lot since diagnosis but everything has just made us stronger and a greater appreciation for everyday you have together.



## **Zachery**

7393 Industrial PKWY Calvert City, KY 42029 USA

Date of birth: January 14-1996

Main diagnosis: Medullablastoma

Special interests: Cars, girls, fishing, family,

shoes, friends

Mom: Lisa Dad: Jeff

Siblings: Destiny, Nathan, Savvanh

Story: Zach was having headaches, then he told his grandmother he could only see thru half of his right eye. He started having trouble with his balance in July. Then he fell in the yard at home and split his eye open cause he did not see a tractor part that had been there for a long time. When he was awakened 2 days later I noticed he could not see me well and was not acting right. Took him to E.R and they did a cat scan and found the tumor in the back of his head. He has now had the turmor removed and is taking chemo and radiation.



### Hannah

2308 Mack Floyd Road Sparta, TN 38583 USA

Date of birth: June 4, 2004

**Main diagnosis**: Systemic Rheumatoid Arthritis **Special interests**: Dancing, swimming, outdoor

adventures & loves animals

Mom: Heidi Dad: Bobby Brother: Jake

Story: Our daughter was the perfect baby girl, but at 9 days old she got a high fever and was very ill. For the next two years, she continuously was ill with many different viruses, including spiking high fevers and rashes. At 2 1/2 years old, Hannah was diagnosed with Systemic Juvenile Arthritis. Hannah has been on many aggressive treatments to find relief and stop the progression of the disease. Hannah is homeschooled. She doesn't let her disease stop her from loving life. She's a ball of fire and lights up every room she enters. Hannah has a huge heart and loves to please others in anyway small or big way.



### Dakota

7 Parr Blvd Utopia, Ontario LOM 1T2 Canada

Date of birth: May 4, 2005

Main diagnosis: Cerebral Palsy, RAD, PTSD **Special interests**: Dakota loves swimming, trampoline, bike riding, anything with wheels,

playing ball

Mom: Jen Dad: Tim

**Story:** Dakota is 8 years old. He has been a fighter from the day we met him! We adopted him in 2010. He has been diagnosed with cerebral palsy. He has an infectious laugh and smile! He spreads sunshine wherever he goes and has his own little fan club. He has been a

involved in many types of public and private

blessing to our family. Dakota has been

therapies.



**Myca** 902 Pegueno Ca

902 Pequeno Camino Roswell, NM 88203 USA

Date of birth: November 13, 2004
Main diagnosis: Brainstem Glioma
Special interests: Baseball and Rodeo

**Mom**: Chandra **Dad**: Mike **Siblings**: Mikenzey **Story:** Myca was an active 3 year old who loved to play baseball and ride sheep in the local rodeos. In the summer of 2008 his parents noticed an inward eye turn. After several doctors visits and an MRI, it was discovered that Myca had a tumor on his brainstem. A whirlwind of events and Myca had surgery 8 hours away from home to remove what they could of the tumor. Because of the location only 1/2 of the tumor was resected. Since the operation Myca has to recieve OT. He also has seizures several times a week. But none of this has stopped him from being an outgoing loving boy!



Mario 1309 5th Ave 2D New York, NY 10029

USA

Date of birth: June 27, 1997

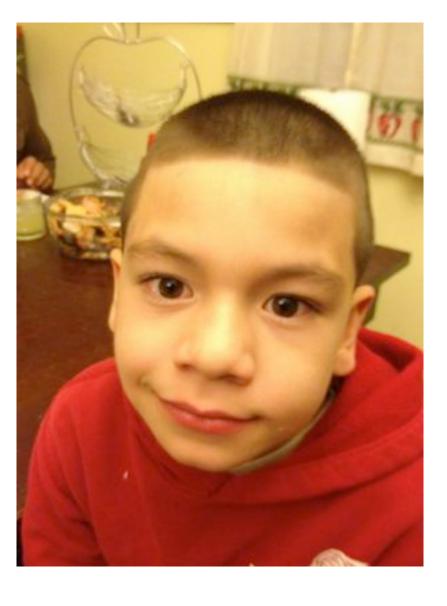
Main diagnosis: Acute Lyphoblastic Leukemia

**Special interests**: Mario is into soccer

**Mom**: Lorene Santiago **Dad**: Mario Viteri

Siblings: Nathaniel, Chassity

Story: Mario was currently a six grader in 2008 when he was diagnosed with ALL .He loves school, his grades were always great, very good report cards since kindergarden. My son finished his chemo, started and finished radiation, had a bone marrow done which was given by his younger brother on May 14,2009. Now my son Mario is home with us after 5 wks in the hospital. We hope that eveyone who reads this story gives them some kind of motivation to continue living and have hope to survive like Mario.



#### Martin

2709 Camulos Place Los Angeles, CA 90023 USA

Date of birth: February 17, 2005

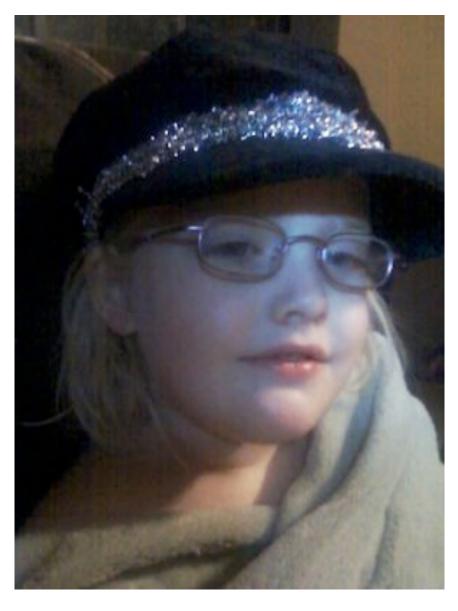
Main diagnosis: Acute Asthma/allergies

**Special interests**: Video games, Books, hands

on Activities

Mom: Elizabeth Dad: Jesus

**Siblings**: Joe. Josh. Kiana, Xenia, Elizabeth **Story:** Martin was born Premature and lungs were'nt developed, He was in NICU for the first 3 weeks of his life wich was so hard for us, from then on he's been hospitalized numerous of times for this condition he needs immediate attention, his life has been tough he's not able to be a normal child because he has limited activies due to his severed and upper respartory problems. We try to accomadate his child needs with indoor activities, he's allergic to grass trees pollen dust and other things. He has 5 more siblings at home.



# Shyannah

1756 high point road Albertville, AL 35950 USA

Date of birth: March 21, 2008

Main diagnosis: autism asthma menatl heath

problems and ect

**Special interests**: shyshy likes monkeys eeyore

art supplies dolls and hairbows

**Siblings**: hannah , alexandreannah, dohnavyn

**Story:** Shyannah aka Shyshy was born on

3-21-08. She is one of four kids. Life has been

hard on her. She is four years old. She has had lead poisoning. She has autism. She also

battles mental heath issues. She has

Obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD); severe

attention deficit hyperactivity disorder

(ADHD); Bipolar; Intermittent explosive

disorder; panic disorder; and anxiety disorder.

Besides all of that she is physically; mentally; and emotionally delayed and has learning

problems.



Connor

148 Estelle St Sault Ste Marie, ON p6c2c5 Canada

Date of birth: September 29

Main diagnosis: Acute Lymphoblastic

Leukemia

**Special interests**: Skylanders, superheroes,

playing with my friends

Mom: Tara Siblings: Austin

Story: Connor was your typical 4 year old boy, rough and tonka tough, before his diagnosis with leukemia! hearing the horrifying news changed our lives forever! but throughout his treatments and all the travelling he has smiles and joked around throughout it all! he loves to play with his skylanders and superheroes and to play with his little friends! he loves to annoy his older brother Austin and it drives him crazy! He bulls his way through life with a love of life and you can't help but smile and celebrate with him!



**Jake** 2308 Mack Floyd Road Sparta, TN 38583 USA

Date of birth: July 26, 2002

Main diagnosis: Systemic Juvenile Rheumatoid

**Arthritis** 

**Special interests**: Hunting, fishing, 4-wheeling Mom: Heidi Dad: Bobby iblings: Hannah (8) **Story:** Jake was a active, busy little boy. A little boy that often complained of multiple joint pain and at 7 was diagnosed with Systemic Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis (JRA). Jake receives medications through his port every 14 days and takes chemo shots at home weekly as well as many other medications. There is no cure for JRA. Jake is currently homeschooled but loves to go fishing, hunting and 4wheeling. Jake tries his best to keep moving and not allow the disease get the best of him, but some days are more difficult than others.



## Courtney

1612 Augusta Court Kokomo, IN 46902 USA

**Date of birth**: November 24 2003 **Main diagnosis**: Cystic Fibrosis

**Special interests**: singing, dancing, soccer Mom: Amanda Dad: Eric Siblings: DeziRae **Story:** Hi, my name is Courtney and I have Cystic Fibrosis. It's a genetic disease that I was born with but my mommy and daddy didn't find out until I was 9 months old. I have to take lots medication. I just want to be a normal child without all the stuff that I have to do everyday, but I know I have to do it if I want to stay healthy and not have to go to the hospital. I love spending time with my family. I also like playing with my two dogs Ginger and Abby. I like school. I love to sing, dance, color, play outside, play soccer, and I want to get into cheerleading. One day I would love to go to California and New York.



# **Brooklyn**

PO Box 1182 Laverne, OK 73848 USA

Date of birth: November 09, 2001

Main diagnosis: Cystic Fibrosis

**Special interests**: Dance, Cheer, Softball

Mom: Bonnie Dad: Peter

**Siblings**: Miranda McConnell/Trenton McConnell **Story:** On November 8th I was super excited when my doctor said it was time to have a baby. Early the next morning my sweet baby was in my arms. The joy and excitement quickly turned to worry and fear as she started loosing weight fast and her hands were always blue. After six months of testing and retesting we learnd that Brooklyn has Cystic Fibrosis. This causes problems with her lungs and digestive system. On a "healthy" day she has to take close to 40 pills along with several breathing treatments and vest treatments which help keep her lungs clear.