

MISSION STATEMENT of C.A.R.E. Project



“ THE GOAL OF THE C.A.R.E. PROJECT IS TO PROVIDE A SENSE OF COMMUNITY AND CONNECTION AMONG CHILDREN (17 AND YOUNGER) WITH CF, MPDCI MEMBERS, AND CF CAREGIVERS. ”

C.A.R.E. Project is Growing! As you can see the Beaver Bulletin has grown. We have added a whole new page devoted entirely to the C.A.R.E. Project. Why, you may ask? Because we have so much to tell you about it! Every issue will feature interviews with some of our great C.A.R.E. kids. We will also update you as to our latest project and upcoming projects.

By now all of the kids in the CARE Program should have received their second package. If you have a child 17 or younger that DID NOT receive the CARE package in October, please contact care@mpdci.org or Debbie Ajini. We have had a great year with the CARE Project and we are already planning new and exciting things for next year. Read on to meet more of our great CARE kids.

We hope you enjoy reading about our C.A.R.E. kids and getting to know their families. If you would like your child featured in an upcoming issue, please contact Debbie Ajini at care@mpdci.org



Samantha Rose

Written by Bonnie Sweet

Samantha Rose is a freshman at Hartland High School. Samantha was very excited to be interviewed for the newsletter. She enjoys shopping (like every teenage girl) and watching movies and hanging out with her friends. She loves eating chicken. Samantha's favorite sport to watch on television is hockey, even though she doesn't have a favorite team. Samantha was diagnosed with CF at the age of three months. She goes to clinic in Ann Arbor. Samantha has a sister Jenna, who is 12 years old. The family dog is named Sasha. Samantha's favorite holiday is Christmas and she is looking forward to opening presents in a few months.



Sullivan Valls

Written by Erin Arbogast



Sullivan Valls is three years old and radiates with energy. She attends star classes with 13 other classmates at Neigebaur School. When asked if she likes to ride the bus to school, Sullivan smiled and nodded her head yes! Sullivan likes to paint and her favorite color is purple. Her mother indicated that Sullivan's current purpose as a painter is "to put as much paint on the paper as possible"... the results are bold, brave, and brilliant. Some of Sullivan's favorite things to do are play with her cousin, listen to music on the CD player and play with her Care bears—she knows them all by name. In fact, Sullivan will be dressing up as Tender Heart Bear for Halloween—a costume she simply loves to wear, Halloween or no Halloween! When asked what she likes to eat the most, with an ice cream sandwich in hand Sullivan of course claimed "ice cream"! However, I think she may like cheese too! Sullivan enjoys getting her C.A.R.E. package in the mail and was eager to show me her movie card and MPDCI beaver cup. Even though Sullivan keeps her mother and grandmother on their toes, they look forward to reading the MPDCI newsletter and finding out ways to be involved with the CF community.



Megan Lesperance

Written by Debbie Ajini



I knew the interview with Megan was going to go well. When her mom, Susan, handed her the phone and told her what I wanted, I could hear her say "Cool!". Megan, who is 11 years old, got on the phone and chatted away with me.

She attends West Middle School and is in the 6th grade. One of her favorite things about school is all her friends, they make going to school fun. She also has nice teachers that understand about her CF. She enjoys science and would like to be a veterinarian someday. She also likes Language Arts. She enjoyed their recent project which was to read "Summer of the Swans." The teacher challenged Megan and her classmates with quizzes and tests on the material. Megan liked that because it made the class interesting. As if that wasn't enough, Megan also enjoys spelling. She just received a 100% on her last spelling test!

When Megan is not at school she enjoys hanging out with her friends. She rides her bike around the neighborhood and she also plays soccer. She enjoys playing on her computer too. Megan also likes playing with her dog Roxy, a Golden Retriever.

Megan lives at home with her mom, her mom's husband Mark and her 3 older sisters, Alexis, Jillian and Caitlin. Being the baby of the family, Megan admits "I get spoiled".

When I asked Megan what her dream vacation would be, she said "Hawaii or Alaska." Megan thought the fact that the two states are so different would make them both very interesting places to visit. She recalled her music teacher telling her that it is dark in Alaska half the year. She thought that would make it a very cool place to visit someday. She wasn't sure if she could pick between the two places because they were both so unique. Hopefully, she gets to see both places!

I enjoyed getting to know Megan and I hope you did to. Here's to another great CARE kid!