



Ella Kathryn  
Elizabeth *cost*

11 years old

*tulsa pix*  
Photography

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Ella loves all things Harry Potter, playing volleyball, and Greek mythology.

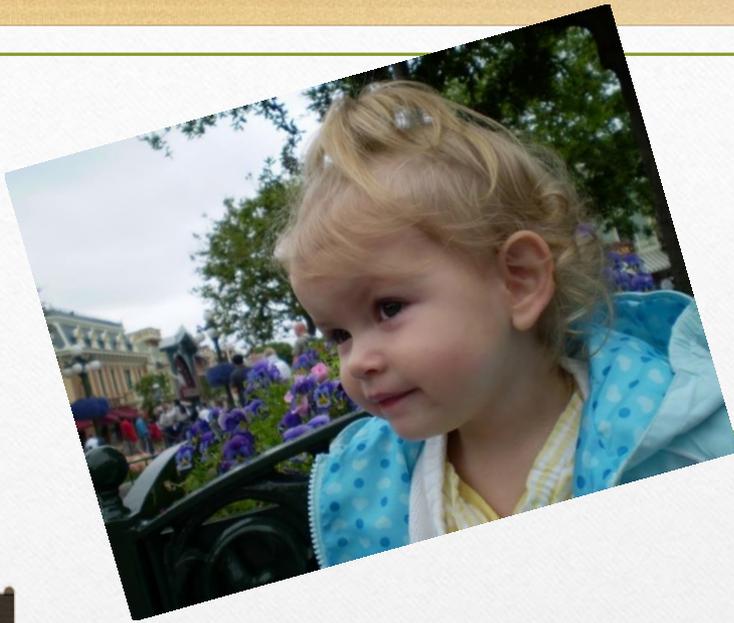


Just a  
typical  
sixth  
grader,  
right?

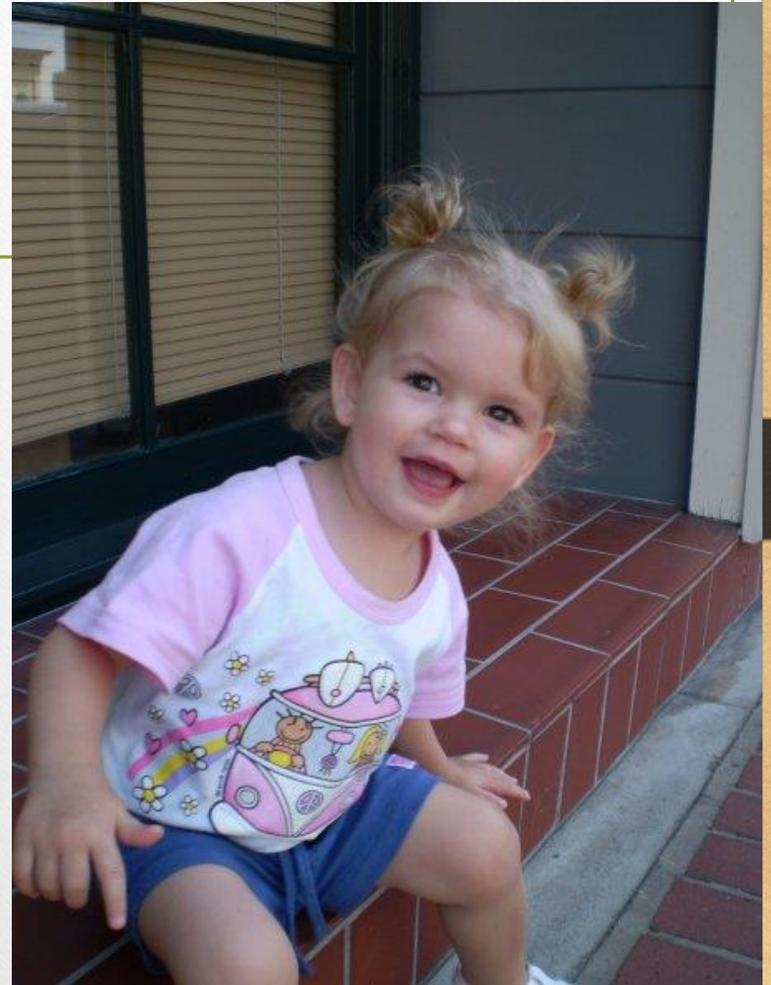


Ella spends more time in hospitals than she does at play dates, sleepovers, and volleyball games combined.





Ella was diagnosed at 20 months with Polyarticular Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis. This diagnosis included the assurance that she would be in a wheelchair by age 5.



Her doctors recommended an aggressive treatment approach and Ella began fighting!

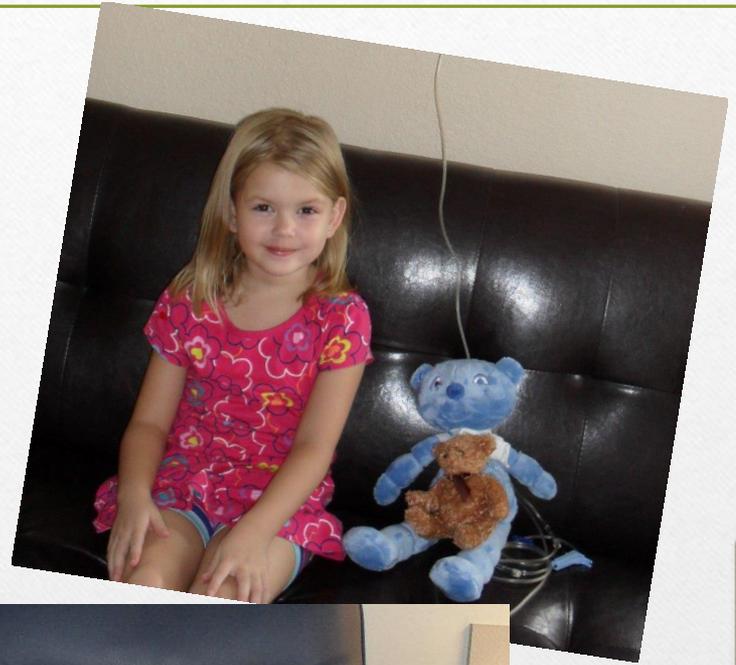




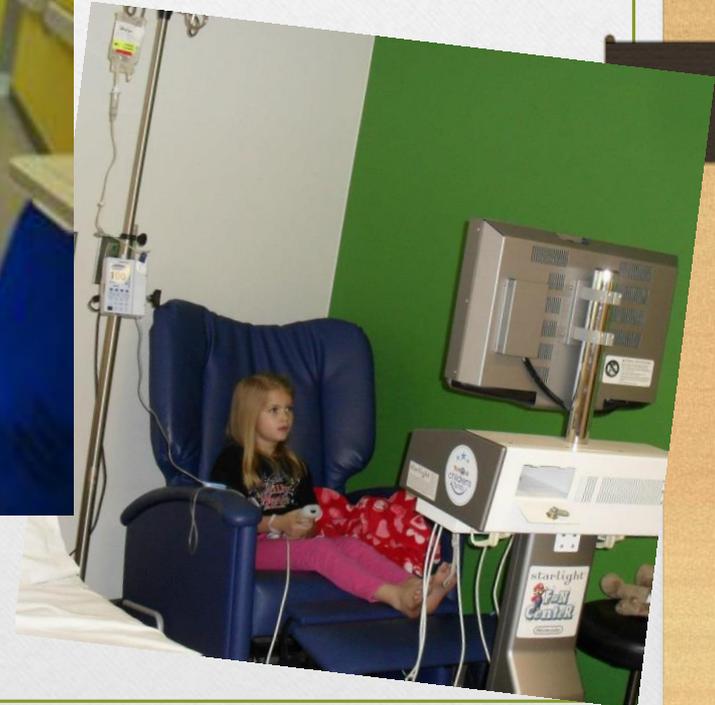
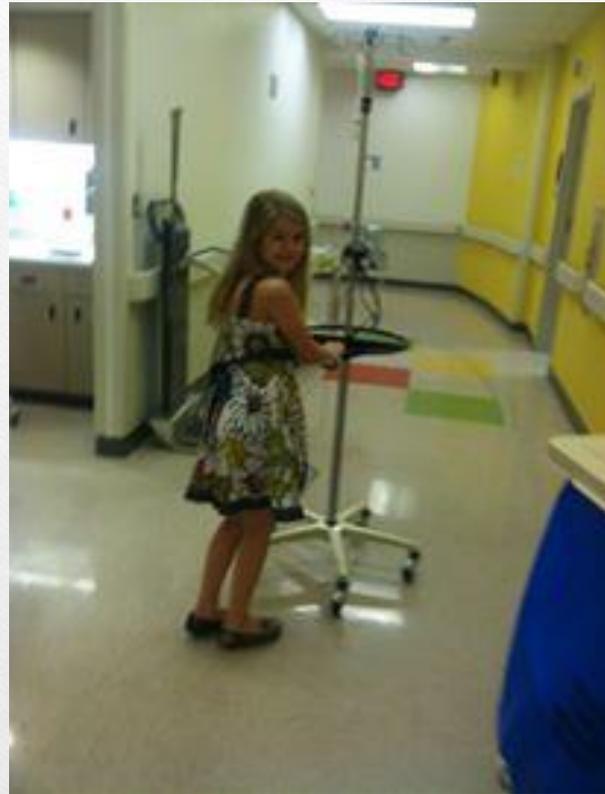
When oral meds and subcutaneous injections failed, Ella began receiving infusions at 3 years old.

When her veins collapsed from the chemo, Ella had a port implanted in her chest wall.

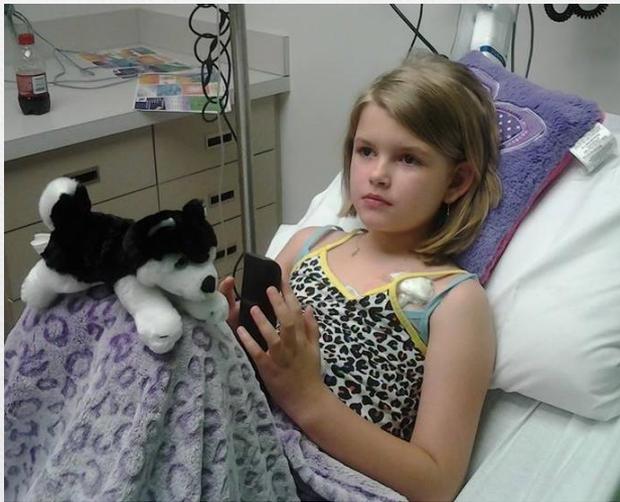
For 7 years, Ella had a standing date at the children's hospital every other Friday.



Just this year, Ella celebrated when she was able to move to infusions every four weeks!



Ella has been blessed with wonderful nurses and doctors along the way...



And a furry friend who understands post-infusion chills and headaches.

Lulu is faithfully waiting by the door when Ella comes home from the hospital on infusion days...eager to cuddle.



We're on a first-name basis with our pharmacist.  
The cost of Ella's medication exceeds \$12,000  
per month.

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Because Ella is immuno-suppressed from chemo,  
a common cold or virus can send her to the  
hospital.

A case of measles or chicken pox could be deadly.

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Ella's treatment is a family affair. We've celebrated birthdays at the hospital and gone to arthritis conferences instead of taking vacations.





We are small business owners in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.

The Affordable Care Act made it possible for us to purchase medical insurance through our state's Healthcare Marketplace.





In the U.S., there are only  
250 pediatric  
rheumatologists to treat  
over 300,000 children  
with JRA...

Each trip to Ella's pediatric rheumatologist  
involves a 12 hour round trip drive, an  
overnight hotel stay, 2 days of missed school,  
and childcare for her sister at home.



Without the ACA, Ella's treatment would not be possible, and the consequences for her would be devastating.

For Ella, it means the difference between walking and wheelchairs, or worse.

We are asking Congress to consider children like Ella before they repeal the ACA without a replacement.



Her life could depend on it

These are not the  
people depending  
on the ACA.



These  
are.



I'm Ella's mother.

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If you can help, or would like more information about Ella, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you!

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Thank you!