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THE JOY OF GIVING

From the Desk of Martha Simmons, Executive Director

Thanks to today's technology, I can now watch re-broadcasts of my favorite television shows. Recently I had the opportunity to watch a re-broadcast of Oprah Winfrey featuring clips from her interviews with Simon Cowell. As an **American Idol** junkie, I sat and listened to his insights on this television phenom, his critique of his rather blunt honesty to the contestants over the years but what touched me more so was a re-broadcast of one of Simon's acts of human kindness.

This one segment began with story of a 3-year-old girl who had been diagnosed with cancer. The story outlined every aspect of what this darling little girl and her parents had been enduring for the past few months and what was ahead for them during the next year of treatment. I, like the audience, could not help but feel moved as the mother wept openly as she explained the feeling of helplessness for what her young daughter was enduring.

At one point in the story, Oprah explained that the family had to travel over 100 miles each day, to and from the hospital, to obtain the necessary chemotherapy treatments for the child. In addition to the emotional and physical toll that these treatments were taking on each member of the family, the financial burden was becoming insurmountable. Due to the rigorous treatment program, one of the parents had to quit their job in order to make the extended automobile trips with their daughter - thus placing the family in soon-to-be financial ruin. The father explained that many of their monthly bills were going unpaid and it was becoming increasingly difficult for the family to make their mortgage payment, let alone pay for the gas to and from the treatment appointments. As the parents told their story, the pain in their faces was unimaginable.

As I listened to their story I flashed back to a conversation that I had previously had with one of our volunteers who explained to me that "it cost her family \$2,500 per month for the privilege of having cancer!"

When I heard this story, I shuttered at the thought: who among us has an additional \$2,500 per month to fight a disease? Many years after "cancer", this volunteer is still struggling to pay off the bills that were accumulated during "cancer". The pain in this volunteer's story mirrored what I was watching on TV.

As I tuned back to the TV, I watched as Simon Cowell, who was visibly moved by the story of this little girl and her parents, made the offer to pay off the remainder of the family's \$160,000 mortgage. The audience went wild. This was so out of character for this brash American Idol judge! There wasn't a dry eye in the audience (or on my couch) as the parents came to the stage to meet the man who had become their guardian angel.

After everything had settled down on stage, Oprah asked Simon about his new found generosity. Simon responded that he'd only just learned about the joy of giving. "I didn't realize that. It's taken me 48 years," he said. "It's going to catch on, this, because it is a very, very good feeling."

Re-watching this broadcast reminded me of how many generous people are involved with Dani's Foundation and the Campaign to End Pediatric Sarcoma. We are truly blessed to have each of you in our lives and send out thanks to everyone who lends their time, talents and financial support to our Foundation.

Thanks to each of you and by a resolution at our last Board of Director's meeting, I am pleased to announce that Dani's Foundation will soon embark on the establishment of Patient Assistance Grant Fund which will award small financial gifts to pediatric sarcoma patients and their family members who are in need of financial support during their diagnosis and treatment from these horrific diseases.

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*Why
should we care
about rare diseases
like
pediatric sarcomas?
Because,,
as one mother put it,
"even one life lost
is one life too many!"*

DANI'S FOUNDATION GOING GREEN BY HOSTING A VIRTUAL BENEFIT & ON LINE AUCTION

JULY 15 – 31, 2010

Dani's Foundation, a Colorado non-profit organization, whose mission is to find the cause and the cure for Ewing's Sarcoma and the other forms of pediatric sarcomas, has announced that it will be "going green" with its upcoming fundraising event and they will be hosting a virtual benefit and on-line auction July 15 – 31, 2010.

"PURSES WITH A PURPOSE is sure to be a very exciting event for our Foundation," announced Michele Ashby, Founder and President of Dani's Foundation. "As our newest event, we are going totally green with the hope that many of our supporters and their network of friends will take advantage of this most unique opportunity to support our efforts in the Campaign to End Pediatric Sarcoma. Those participating do not need to leave the comfort of their homes or interrupt their vacation plans to participate within the PURSES WITH A PURPOSE OnLine Auction. All that is needed is a computer and access to the internet in order to preview and place bids on the hundreds of amazing items which will be up for auction July 15 - 31!"

PURSES WITH A PURPOSE will feature hundreds of purses, art bags and other amazing items that have been donated by local and national celebrities, artisans, pediatric sarcoma patients and Friends of Dani's Foundation. "Response has been overwhelming and our 'purse' event and the inventory is grander than we ever would have imagined," stated Kimbirly Orr, Chairman of the PURSES WITH A PURPOSE event. "We have a full range of items that are sure to motivate any donor!"

The July 15 - 31 OnLine Auction will feature . amazing vacation opportunities, artwork, items for children, clothing and jewelry, food and beverage, entertainment, items for your home, recreation and fitness opportunities, and many items for the sport fanatics.

In addition to those items listed above, hundreds of "Art Bags", re-useable totes, have been created and embellished by local and national celebrities, artisans, pediatric sarcoma patients and their family members and Friends of the Foundation as additions for our July 15 - 31 OnLine Auction.

"We have been overwhelmed by the support of so many to our event," explained Ashby. "Who would have thought that so many local and national personalities would take the time to create a work of art for us to auction during our summertime event?"

The addition of the Art Bags was another way for Dani's Foundation to capitalize on the "green" element of this new event. "These works of art will be the talk of the town for top bidders who use their celebrity-decorated bag to tote groceries and other shopping items," explained Orr.

The virtual aspect of PURSES WITH A PURPOSE allows for greater net income for Dani's Foundation and the Campaign to End Pediatric Sarcoma. "The cost of staging multiple special events during the year has become very expensive for non profit organizations and we hope that our attempt at this virtual benefit will not only serve to cut costs for the Foundation but will delight our donors... offering them a night off, while offering them a new opportunity to support our organization," explained Martha Simmons, Executive Director of Dani's Foundation. "As the virtual invitation notes... *There is no invitation to print, no site to rent. There is no sitter to hire, no special attire. There is no fuel for the car, or parking from afar. Best of all... this event takes place from the comfort of your home!*"

"We hope that we will have thousands of bidders due to the global nature of this very special virtual benefit and online auction" explained Orr. "There is no physical attendance required other than access to a computer to log onto the Dani's Foundation website at www.danisfoundation.org and click on the PURSES WITH A PURPOSE ad on the right hand side of our website."

Dani's Foundation is inviting one and all to participate in their PURSES WITH A PURPOSE, a virtual benefit and on-line auction July 15 – 31. For more information on this very special event, log on to the Dani's Foundation website (www.danisfoundation.org) or contact the Foundation at 303.601.1881. By working together, we can make tomorrow a brighter day for those that need us most!

GREAT ITEMS UP FOR AUCTION JULY 15 - 31 FOR DANI'S FOUNDATION

Below is a listing of just some of the amazing items which will be up for auction during the July 15 - 31
PURSES WITH A PURPOSE Virtual Benefit & OnLine Auction

TRAVEL

Jimmy Kimmel Live Experience
including airfare, lodging and JKL Greenroom passes for 2
The Daily Show with Jon Stewart Experience
including airfare, lodging and Daily Show Tickets for 2
The Late Show with David Letterman Experience
including airfare, lodging and Late Show Tickets for 2
Ellen DeGeneres Show Experience
including airfare, lodging and Ellen Tickets for 2
2010 US Open Tennis Experience
including airfare, lodging and Tourney Passes for 2
2010 American Music Awards in Los Angeles
including airfare, lodging and Music Award Tickets for 2
2011 US Open Golf Experience
including airfare, lodging and Tourney Passes for 2
2011 Kids Choice Awards in Los Angeles
including airfare, lodging
and Kids Choice Award Tickets for 2
2011 Tony Awards in New York City
including airfare, lodging and Tony Awards Tickets for 2
Amazing NYC Long Weekend
including airfare, lodging and theater tickets for 2
A Weekend GetAway to the Westin Tabor Center

Saks Fifth Avenue Michigan Avenue Shopping Spree
including airfare, lodging and shopping dollars for 2
Harrods London Shopping Experience
including airfare, lodging and VIP Harrods Shopping for 2
Paris & Prague 7 Night Discovery Package
including airfare and lodging for 2
Ireland 6 Night GetAway with 2 Full Day Excursions
including airfare and lodging for 2
Golf in Ireland GetAway
including airfare, lodging and golf for 2
Switzerland, London & Monte Carlo 9 Night GetAway
including airfare and lodging for 2
Rome & Florence Culinary Experience
including airfare, lodging and culinary workshop for 2
Le Cordon Blue Paris Culinary Experience
including airfare, lodging
and Cordon Bleu Culinary Session for 2
Churchill Downs VIP Experience
including airfare, lodging and Kentucky Derby tickets for 2
Fashion Week VIP Experience
including airfare, lodging and NYC Fashion Week tickets for 2
Cabo San Lucas Ocean View Luxury Villa for 8
(lodging only)

ART ART BAGS by

Earth Wind & Fire Drummer Keith Ashby
Fitness Guru Denise Austin
Fitness General Billy Blanks
The Blue Man Group
Today Show Hostess Kathie Lee Gifford
Dancing With The Stars Judge Carrie Ann Inaba
TV Star Kim Kardashian
Tonight Show Host Jay Leno
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Former Denver Bronco Glenn Hyde
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CBS4 Anchor Karen Leigh
7 News Anchor Bertha Lynn
7 News Investigative Reporter Theresa Marchetta
Former Denver Radio Host Jo Meyers
9 News Entertainment Guy Kirk Montgomery
7 News Weather Guy Mike Nelson
KYGO Morning Personality Rider
& Many, Many Others!

CHILDREN'S ITEMS CLOTHING AND JEWELRY

Purses and Clutches autographed by stars of General Hospital

FOOD & BEVERAGE

ENTERTAINMENT

HOME

PETS

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BIDDING AT WWW.DANISFOUNDATION.ORG

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Are you a Denver Bronco Fan or Sport Collector?
Don't Miss Out on bidding on the
1977 Denver Bronco Playbook....
the book that was used by Red Miller and his coaching staff
to get the Denver Broncos to their first Super Bowl
(January 1978 - Super Bowl XII)
Autographed Manny Corpas Colorado Rockies Baseball
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& Much, Much More!



DANI'S FOUNDATION WILL STEP UP FOR CANCER ON AUGUST 8 WON'T YOU JOIN US?

*Over 30 Colorado Non-Profit Organizations Coming Together
for Second Annual Collaborative Event*

More than 30 Colorado non-profit cancer organizations are collaborating for one mission: to partner in the fight against cancer. Volunteers have been working for months planning the highly anticipated second annual STEP UP FOR CANCER event, taking place at Dick's Sporting Goods Park on Sunday, August 8th from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

STEP UP FOR CANCER is a multi-generational stair-climbing event and is open to families and individuals of all ages and brings awareness, funding and information to the Colorado cancer community. With an estimated 20,000 Coloradans being diagnosed with cancer each year, this event was developed to bring non-profit organizations together to initiate awareness, fundraising and education in a healthy stair climbing event to ultimately, bridge a cure for cancer.

STEP UP FOR CANCER organizers – 100% of whom are volunteers – are encouraging people to register now at www.stepupforcancer.org. Participants of STEP UP FOR CANCER will have the unique opportunity to earn pledges for their cancer charity of choice by walking up and down a portion or all of the 33 rows of stairs at Dick's Sporting Goods Park. Anyone – regardless of their age or athletic ability – is invited to walk, climb, or run the course circling the interior of the stadium. Prizes will be awarded for the Elite timed heat for competitive racers and there is also an Accessible course available for those who don't want to walk stairs. Spectators will have an unprecedented sporting experience with a 360 degree view of all of the athletes competing, while being entertained by local bands Judge Roughneck and Pet Motel. Steppers will also have the opportunity to take part in restorative yoga and massage therapy.

"We are thrilled to be involved with STEP UP FOR CANCER this year and look forward to our team running the stairs and walking the course to raise money for Dani's Foundation," said Martha Simmons, Executive Director of Dani's Foundation, a non-profit organization based in Denver that was formed to defeat pediatric sarcomas and other rare forms of cancers that are affecting and taking the lives of children and young adults. We love the concept behind STEP UP FOR CANCER, as it's such a unique opportunity to bring the Colorado cancer community together on one day and showcasing the multitude of organizations that are working together to educate and support Coloradans fighting cancer. STEP UP FOR CANCER is a "must do" for any Coloradano who wants to help in the battle against these horrific diseases!"

The non-profit organizations aligning and partnering with STEP UP FOR CANCER will be situated around the stadium concourse creating "Community Villages" that will provide a vast amount of information regarding the many facets of cancer including healthy living, prevention, early detection, treatment, access to care, patient and caregiver support, research, advocacy and survivorship.

The cost for participation in the August 8 STEP UP FOR CANCER event is \$30 which includes a race day bib, exclusive STEP UP FOR CANCER T-shirt and goodie bag.

Individuals and/or teams can also raise additional funds by asking for pledges from friends and family, knowing that their pledges will go directly to their cancer charity of choice.

Participants of all ages, stages and walks of life will unite in STEP UP FOR CANCER on Sunday, August 8. We are hopeful that you will plan to join Dani's Foundation and the many other participating cancer organizations and learn more about the cancer resources available.

STEP UP FOR CANCER is being sponsored by Keybank in association with CBS4 Denver, KSE Charities, Anadarko and Dick's Sporting Goods Park.

TO REGISTER AS A MEMBER OF DANI'S TEAM

at

STEP UP FOR CANCER

go to

<http://getinvolved.stepupforcancer.org/DanisFoundation>

REGISTER TO PARTICIPATE WITH US

or

MAKE A DONATION

to support the
Campaign to End Pediatric Sarcoma

OUR GOAL IS \$50,000!

Any and ALL support would be
GREATLY appreciated!

ART BAGS

Some of the Art Bags that will be auctioned July 15 - 31



THE NORRIS WEESE EWING'S SARCOMA RESEARCH FUND



Dani's Foundation is honored to partner with the family of Norris Weese to establish **The Norris Weese Ewing's Sarcoma**

Weese eventually won the starting role over Morton in 1979, but a knee injury during that season ended his career. Weese is third on the Broncos' career proficiency list among quarterbacks, completing 143 of 251 passes for 1,887 yards and 7 touchdowns.

Following retirement from football, Weese worked in Denver as a certified public accountant.

Weese began suffering with chronic back pain in 1994. After multiple visits to physicians and his pain being dismissed as an "old football injury", testing finally detected that a tumor was growing on his spinal column. The tumor was diagnosed as Ewing's Sarcoma, a rare form of bone cancer that typically affects children and young adults.

Research Fund which will assist in developing a new funding stream for research grants to scientific investigators who are seeking to find the cause and the cure for Ewing's Sarcoma and the other forms of pediatric sarcomas that are affecting and taking the lives of children and "young" adults.

Weese, a former quarterback for the Denver Broncos, died Friday, January 20, 1995. He was 43. The cause of death was Ewing's Sarcoma.

Weese was born on Sunday, August 12, 1951 in Baton Rouge. He played baseball and football at the University of Mississippi. He had the dubious task of following a legend, Archie Manning, as quarterback at Ole Miss. In 1971, Weese led Mississippi to the Peach Bowl Crown.

The Weese family is working with Dani's Foundation to endow **The Norris Weese Ewing's Sarcoma Research Fund** that, once funded, will offer annual grant awards to scientific investigators who are seeking to find the cause and the cure for Ewing's Sarcoma and the other forms of pediatric sarcomas.

Following graduation from college, Weese signed with the World Football League's Hawaiians and was named as their starting quarterback in 1974. Weese played one season in the World Football League before joining the Broncos in 1976.

If you would like to make a donation in memory of Norris Weese, Dani Stell and the many other patients who have lost their battle to pediatric sarcomas, please send your tax deductible donations to

Weese played for the Denver Broncos from 1976 to 1979, backing up Craig Morton for three seasons and starting in 1979. Weese is best remembered for relieving Craig Morton in the second half of Super Bowl XII. He led the Broncos to a touchdown on a third quarter drive to cut his team's deficit to 20-10.

**Dani's Foundation,
1600 Broadway,
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CHILDHOOD CANCER STATISTICS

Every year, more than 12,000 children and teens are diagnosed with cancer.

On average, 46 children and adolescents are diagnosed with cancer every week day in the United States.

Cancer kills more children than any other disease.

More than 2,300 children and teenagers die from cancer each year - more than asthma, diabetes, cystic fibrosis, congenital anomalies, and AIDS, combined.

One in every four elementary schools has a child with cancer.

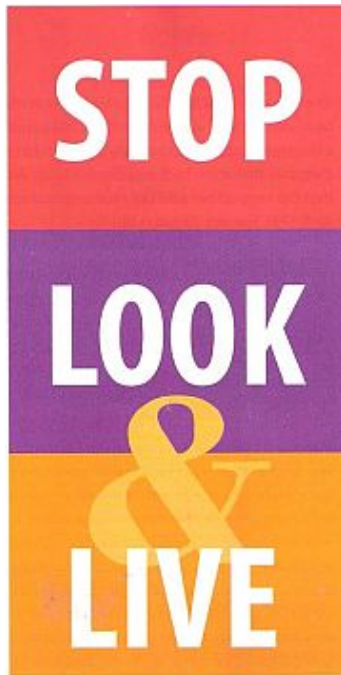
The average high school has two students who are current or former cancer patients.

There are more than 50 types of pediatric sarcomas, and they account for 20% of all pediatric cancers.

Bone cancer incidence increases between the ages of 11 to 15 coinciding with the adolescent growth spurt.

Under the best circumstances, chances for a 5-year survival rate are slightly better than 60%.

STOP LOOK & LIVE SEEKS EARLIER DETECTION FOR PEDIATRIC SARCOMAS



*Become involved
for a child's sake!*

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After months of anticipation, the **STOP LOOK & LIVE** brochures and posters are now printed and ready for distribution to the Colorado community! Thanks to the generosity of MiNE, LLC with grants from the Nathan B. & Florence R. Burt Foundation, Sam's Club and WalMart, this community education program is now ready for distribution to those on the front line in dealing with our children. Packets of information will soon be mailed to school nurses, physical education instructors, coaches, athletic directors and trainers with the goal of educating each on the symptoms of pediatric sarcoma.

"Many symptoms are simply overlooked and attributed to typical growth factors or injuries associated with physical activity," explained Program Chairwoman Claudia Cruz. "Dani's Foundation is hopeful that by educating those who deal with our children on a daily basis, we can be helpful in educating the Colorado community on the need to seek out earlier detection with the goal of saving our children's lives. We do not want to act as alarmists and cause undo testing, but should any of the symptoms listed within the brochure persist, we are encouraging the proper medical attention and testing."

STOP LOOK & LIVE is available *FREE* to any Colorado school and/or medical professional. To obtain your brochures and posters, contact Dani's Foundation at 303.601.1881 or email to Martha@danisfoundation.org.

By working together, we can
STOP LOOK & LIVE!

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RESEARCH UPDATE

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News from Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center and Dr. Jeffrey Toretsky - The Ewing's sarcoma family of tumors are highly malignant tumors of bone and soft tissue that occur in children, teenagers and young adults. The most common sites for Ewing's sarcoma are the pelvis, thigh and trunk of the body. Ewing's sarcoma is an aggressive tumor. By the time a patient is diagnosed, it has most likely metastasized (spread). For this reason, Ewing's sarcoma often requires treatment to the whole body.

Even with a combined approach of surgery, radiotherapy and intensive chemotherapy, patients with metastatic Ewing's sarcoma have a poor prognosis. However, more than 95 percent of Ewing's sarcomas have a chromosome translocation which results in the fusion protein - EWS-FLI1. This protein serves as a molecular target that may prove to be the key to developing more effective therapies and increasing survival for patients with the disease.

Dr. Toretsky and his colleagues at the Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center have produced a biologically active recombinant EWS-FLI1 oncoprotein in vitro, which proved to be no small task. In the past, many attempts failed due to incorrect folding of the protein. Toretsky and his team found that improperly folded protein, although chemically the same as the protein found in nature, did not behave in the same way. This problem was solved by reshaping the EWS-FLI1 to more closely resemble the protein found in nature by using an immobilization-assisted refolding procedure.

Elimination of EWS-FLI1 from a Ewing's sarcoma tumor causes cell death and decreases tumor growth in animal models. "The ability to produce the EWS-FLI1 protein in a test tube that behave similarly to the EWS-FLI1 found in cancer patients will help scientists learn how it causes cancer and will offer the ability to create the therapies needed to inhibit its activity," explained Toretsky.

The application of small molecules to disrupt or inactivate tumor-specific molecular targets like EWS-FLI1 is rapidly increasing. The use of these small molecules to probe biology and treat disease is advancing research towards a new generation of anti-cancer therapies.

Dr. Toretsky and his colleagues are optimistic that the research that they are conducting may soon help those who suffer from Ewing's sarcoma and other forms of cancer. "Despite recent advances in the treatment of cancer, survival rates have not changed for Ewing's sarcoma patients in the last decade. We are working hard to develop novel strategies for treating patients with Ewing's sarcoma who are not surviving despite intensive therapies such as high-dose chemotherapy and bone marrow transplantation. With the latest finding from our lab, we are closer to our goal of finding a highly-effective and highly-specific treatment for Ewing's Sarcoma."

Editors Note: At present, Dr. Toretsky is working on toxicology studies that will insure the safety of the medication and the ways in which to administer treatment. Dani's Foundation will continue to provide support with the goal of making these new therapies available in the very near future! Your support of **The Norris Weese Ewing's Sarcoma Research Fund** will help Dani's Foundation continue their support of Dr. Toretsky and other scientific investigators who are looking into finding the cause, the treatment and the cure for Ewing's and the other forms of pediatric sarcomas.

MAKE YOUR PLEDGE TODAY



COUNT ME IN ON NORRIS' TEAM

Please credit my tax-deductible donation of \$_____ to
The Norris Weese Ewing's Sarcoma Research Fund
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To make a Credit Card donation, contact the Foundation office at 303.601.1881

Return this form with your donation to
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

CHELSEA'S STORY



In June 2009, Chelsea Bhajan had one more year of High School to complete. She was involved in her school's musical production, played soccer and enjoyed hiking and camping. She had run for Head Girl, and was a regular volunteer at a Children's Home and a Home for the Aged. The biggest challenge facing her was how to juggle two important events taking place that summer - the Global Young Leaders Conference in the USA, Europe

or China, and the Caribbean Award Sub-Regional Conference taking place in Jamaica. Of course, she wanted to do it all. She was giddy with the thought of going off to college in the next year.

Everything was coming together as it should, but less than two weeks into June, her world turned upside down.

For more than a year, her doctor had examined the small lump on her leg and diagnosed it as a harmless lipoma. It was never painful and though it had grown bigger, it was still barely noticeable. He advised that surgical removal was entirely optional. As school broke for the holidays, her family contemplated surgery and sought a second opinion. The specialist immediately ordered an MRI of her thigh. The results raised enough red flags to warrant an immediate referral to an orthopaedic surgeon in Miami. The first day they met, he did a biopsy and gave the devastating news—the tumor was malignant. Within a week she had the diagnosis-Ewing's Sarcoma. She had come for two weeks and ended up having to stay for almost a year. Her family had to be split, with her mother staying with her in Miami as she underwent treatment and her dad and brother returning to their native Trinidad. She had to take a year off school and put everything on hold. An aggressive treatment protocol involving chemotherapy, radiation and surgery was prescribed and began almost immediately. Ewing's Sarcoma is very rare, very aggressive and very lethal. Fortunately for Chelsea, her tumor was lodged between the soft tissues of her thigh and had not spread to the bone.

Midway through her chemotherapy, the tumor, which had shrunk considerably by that time, was surgically removed. Intense radiation treatment followed, in conjunction with the chemotherapy.

Her treatment has not been without setbacks. She woke up one morning with her hands and feet swollen and inflamed. She couldn't walk without the aid of crutches at one point. It was a side effect the doctors had read about but never actually seen. She also developed infections which affected the progress of her treatments.

Through it all - the hair loss, the vomiting, the nausea, the fatigue, she has kept her positive attitude and her beautiful smile. She has faced this challenge head-on and characteristically opted not to cover up her newly bald pate.

Cancer has changed her life and that of her family in many ways but it has also channeled many angels to come into their lives. Healing involves so much more than medicine and the compassion and support from the nurses, doctors and other care-givers have been truly overwhelming. There are so many good people doing good work every single day in the fight against pediatric cancer. Having the opportunity to meet some of them and have them in her life has been a constant source of strength. They have all become part of her extended family.

As her planned treatment protocol comes to end, Chelsea is ecstatic about taking up where she left off. Of course, there will be many more tests, surgery to remove her port-a-cath and close monitoring over the months ahead. She is giddy again, preparing for the SATs and once again looking at college options.

Next up, returning home and finishing up her last year of high school.

Michele Ashby and Martha Simmons had the pleasure of meeting Chelsea and her mother last fall in Miami. Our lives have truly been touched by Chelsea, her story and her determination to face the many challenges of pediatric sarcoma and do whatever is needed to overcome all obstacles that come before her.



On behalf of everyone who is associated with Dani's Foundation, we will look forward to following Chelsea's life stories, as she embarks on what is sure to be a most amazing journey.

DANI'S FOUNDATION

COMING EVENTS

March 4 - December 31 NORRIS WEESE EWING'S SARCOMA RESEARCH FUND DRIVE

Join the family and friends of Former Denver Bronco Norris Weese and make a tax-deductible gift to Dani's Foundation with the goal of endowing this fund that will provide annual research grants to scientific investigators who are looking to find the cause and the cure for Ewing's Sarcoma and the other forms of pediatric sarcomas.

Mail your donation today to Dani's Foundation, 1600 Broadway, Suite 2400, Denver, CO 80202.

July 15—31 PURSES WITH A PURPOSE

Non Event Benefit & On-Line Auction

For information on how you can participate and bid during this very special virtual event, visit our website at www.danisfoundation.org

August 8 STEP UP FOR CANCER 7:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. Dick Sporting Goods Park Commerce City, CO

To Register or Donate

<http://getinvolved.stepupforcancer.org/DanisFoundation>

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These small grants will assist in paying outstanding bills for treatment, therapy, medical transport, and other needs for those who patients who are desperately need a "hand up" during a most difficult time.

At the present time, Dani's Foundation receives 10 - 12 grant requests per month from Colorado pediatric cancer patients. To date, we could only provide "other" community resources to those in need of our support. Although there are many organizations who provide funding to cancer patients, the current financial cut-backs with these organizations due to our economy coupled with increasing unemployment, the loss of health insurance benefits and the rising cost of healthcare....there seems to be never enough to help those most in need of support! By paying a portion of an outstanding medical bill or other bill that is causing great stress....Dani's Foundation will soon help to lessen the burden on those patients and their family members with the goal of assisting them to concentrate on the needs associated with the physical and emotional recovery from cancer.

If you would like to make a donation to the newly established Dani's Foundation Patient Assistance Grant Fund, please send your tax-deductible donation to Dani's Foundation, 1600 Broadway, Suite 2400, Denver, CO 80202. Dani's Foundation will be working to raise a minimum of \$10,000 per year for this new program with the goal of offering 20 \$500 grants each year to those in need of support.

In advance, we thank you for your support of our efforts in the Campaign to End Pediatric Sarcoma.

Yours in Health,
Martha Simmons, Executive Director, Dani's Foundation

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Dani's Foundation is in need of volunteer support for our organization.

If you would like to lend your time and talents to helping with

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Public Relations
Board of Directors
Community Education
Development & Fundraising
Patient Programs

Please contact
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