



Monica Trent is one tough kid. Recently she was honored with a nomination as the Kid of the Year with the Leukemia Lymphoma Society. Each child had to write an essay as to why she should be that Kid.

Here is Monica's essay. This 10 year old is wise beyond her years.

Cancer
by Monica Trent

I thought my life was ruined when I got cancer. I couldn't go to dance, school, or worse of all, gymnastics. I couldn't participate in things such as fundraisers for school and parties. I couldn't be around a lot of people or I might get sick. Of course, some good things came out of this too, like I would never have wanted to be an inventor to try to find the right pills to cure cancer. Also, I wouldn't have wanted to be a doctor who works with kids who have cancer. I wouldn't have met new friends in the waiting room. I wouldn't have met the social worker, Sivinee. Mrs. Michel would never have home-schooled me, and I wouldn't have gotten to go to Give Kids The World Village (through Make-a-Wish) at Disney World in Florida this spring. I have taken many pills this past year and each one has helped despite the side effects.

I think I should be Girl-of-the-Year because I want everyone to know what all people with the same kind of cancer as me are going through, and to show these people what they are helping raise money for. I want everyone to know that even though we have cancer, we still are normal and still are tough, and you don't have to look at us through a different perspective as "normal" people.

Look for more on Monica and her family real soon.