

## Hannah Brooke Ostrea



*Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take,  
but by the moments that take our breath away...*

### A sweet girl and her amazing smile...

The *Little Miss Hannah Foundation* was created in December 2011 in memory of Hannah Ostrea, a beautiful 3-year-old girl who lost her battle against Neuronopathic Gaucher's Disease, an extremely rare, debilitating, and life-limiting genetic metabolic disorder.

Hannah was such a charmer. Whether it was a doctor, therapist or someone passing by on the street, she had a way of hooking their hearts. It was easy to fall in love with the sweetheart of a girl with the big cheeks, curly brown hair and a heart as big as the sun.

The foundation also honors her older brother and sister, Ethan and Abigail – siblings who were playmates, best friends, and the lights of this little girl's life. When Hannah's parents received her diagnosis, few resources existed to guide the Ostrea family to appropriate resources, information on research, and support for their family – especially those appropriate for Hannah's brother and sister who were only 7 and 4 at the time.

The Ostrea family and their close friends formed the *Little Miss Hannah Foundation*, a 501(c)3 nonprofit charitable organization, to give hope and support to other families whose children have received the diagnosis of life-limiting disorders and young children receiving end-of-life palliative care. We also believe that providing extra attention and support for siblings of these children is incredibly important, as they are strongly affected by their brother or sister's condition.

### Our Mission ~ Empowerment. Education. Support.

Our foundation gives parents the necessary tools to empower them to meet their child's unique medical and lifestyle needs, as well as provide support resources and special attention for their other children.

LMFH will host workshops on medical record management, media awareness opportunities, using social media to reach out for support, and finding the right information about your child's condition. We work to provide support groups for all members of the family by providing fun, family-focused and sibling-focused events and activities.

One of the most heart-breaking side effects of dealing a sick child's critical needs, is that time, attention, energy and funds are often taken away from the sick child's siblings. One of LMHF's primary goals is to meet these siblings' needs through support services, group activities and the providing a little extra attention that every child needs during their family's difficult journey.



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