

**Faith has only her childhood to
*experience a lifetime.***



**Sometimes a name says it all:
Multiple Sclerosis, Polio, Muscular Dystrophy,
Cerebral Palsy. But sometimes the name leaves us
wondering; and so it is with...**

Niemann-Pick Disease.

Faith, the vivacious little girl in this photo, is five years old. She doesn't know what Niemann-Pick Disease (NPD) is, but we, as her parents, know. Her doctor predicts that Faith will never drive, never date, never go to college, never have children, never....

The doctor says Faith will most likely not live past her teens. The grim truth is that we will soon need to purchase a wheelchair, have a feeding tube placed in her stomach, and install a hospital bed in our home.

The doctor tells us that soon, we will not be able to hear Faith's sweet voice because she will be unable to speak. As you can imagine, we, her parents, are in agony – desperate for treatments to save our beautiful little girl.

Research will not happen without funding. Please, can you help us in our quest for a cure?

Tim and Liz Heinze



***Faith Heinze, five-year-old
daughter of Tim and Liz Heinze.***

This child's dire prognosis captures the meaning of Niemann-Pick Disease Type C (NPC). It's a disease that strikes children through accumulation of excess fats in the cells of the liver, spleen and brain. When brain cell function is blocked, the child loses coordination, stumbles, falls, and eventually will need a wheelchair, hospital bed and other adaptive equipment. As the disease worsens, other devastating symptoms develop, including loss of the ability to speak and swallow, and seizures may occur. The health of a child with NPC declines until ultimately, the disease claims his or her life.

Today, there is no cure for Niemann-Pick, but research is making progress. Tomorrow, through research made possible by the financial support of generous contributors, these precious children can be saved. But they need your help now. The National Niemann-Pick Disease Foundation (NNPDF) works to fund research and to support families in their day-to-day care of children with NPD. The NNPDF, established in 1992, is an international, voluntary, non-profit organization comprised of parents, relatives and friends committed to finding a cure.

Please, will you consider sponsoring a child with Niemann-Pick Disease, to support research into treatments and a cure? Faith, and hundreds of other children, each loved and treasured by their family and friends, will benefit from your generosity. Please, say you'll help today with a donation to the NNPDF in honor of Faith Heinze.

Together, we can beat this devastating disease which robs parents of their children, and children of their lives.

Three ways to give:

- 1) An automatic monthly bank draft or credit card gift*
 - 2) Your check payable to NNPDF*
 - 3) Via credit card on the NNPDF website (www.nnpdf.org)
- *Please complete and return the enclosed remittance form/envelope.

Thank you for your support!

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