



Macy Solomon
2014 Jingle Bell Run/Walk
Youth Honoree
Bloomington, IL

Macy is an active seventh grader at Bloomington Junior High School. She was diagnosed with juvenile idiopathic arthritis (JIA) in early 2013. Flare-ups are a concern and she takes several medications to alleviate symptoms. Although her JIA limits some of her activities, she still enjoys spending time with her friends and just hanging out. Macy's family is very supportive, and although they worry about flare-ups, they are more aware of what is happening and why.

When asked why she got involved with the Arthritis Foundation Macy said, "I want to learn more about arthritis and meet other kids with arthritis." She dreams of a day when a cure is found. Her experiences with JIA have given her the strength to encourage others who are suffering with arthritis by telling them, "It's going to be okay and even if it takes a while to find a cure for you it's going to happen."

Macy has shown tremendous courage as she battles her JIA head-on, and she is always thinking of others. We are proud to recognize her as the 2014 Jingle Bell Run/Walk youth honoree.

About the Arthritis Foundation

The Arthritis Foundation (www.arthritis.org) is committed to raising awareness and reducing the unacceptable impact of arthritis, which strikes one in every five adults and 300,000 children, and is the nation's leading cause of disability. To conquer this painful, debilitating disease, we support education, research, advocacy and other vital programs and services.