



Ashtin Harp
2014 Jingle Bell Run/Walk
Youth Honoree
Wichita, KS

The parents of Ashtin Harp tell his story:

The word resilience gives meaning and character to our beloved six-year-old son Ashtin Harp. From the day he was born, he was determined to never slow down, outperform all expectations, and be the shining light in everyone's life. At the early age of 19 months, he hit a speed bump and he was faced with the diagnosis of juvenile rheumatoid arthritis (JRA). Our family was lost between confusion, doctor's appointments, physical therapy, and trying to figure which medication was going to work, but this all became part of Ashtin's new daily life.

He has never let this slow him down; he loves to be outside and just be a normal boy. He loves to fish, hunt, play sports, and help anyone he can. Through all of this, he never complains.

Ashtin has a heart of gold, he loves everyone he meets! Ashtin says he enjoys being involved with the Arthritis Foundation because, "That is where he meets kids just like him!" We as a family also love and enjoy being part of the Foundation for we believe that no child should ever have to know what it's like to live with the pain of this disease and we know that one day soon we can, and will find a cure for JRA.

Thank you for all your support in our fight and know that if you are fighting we are right beside you.

The Harp's

Thank you Harp family for all that you do, and we are thrilled to recognize Ashtin 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.