



Wichita, KS
Jingle Bell Run Youth Honoree
Laniese Penner

Laniese was first diagnosed with Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis (JRA) in September, 2010 at the tender age of 9. Her beautiful smile gives little indication of the difficulties she has faced. Pain and fatigue are two things she has learned to live with. Every day is a challenge, but Laniese has managed to move forward. Through medication and arthritis education she is living life to the fullest, and looking ahead to a bright future.

Laniese is a promising student who enjoys math and science, and has dreams of being a doctor, or a teacher. Despite her battles with JA she remains active and enjoys playing basketball, doing arts & crafts projects and listening to music. Laniese loves reading, shopping, making cards and American Girl Dolls. Her mom, dad and big brother make up her support team, along with many caring friends and family members. Her two dogs Lucy and Lola are energetic and always make Laniese smile.

Her perseverance and fortitude inspires everyone she comes in contact with. It is because of these qualities that the Arthritis Foundation is proud to announce that Laniese Penner is the 2012 Jingle Bell Run/Walk Youth Honoree. Please join Laniese on Saturday, December 1st as the Arthritis Foundation celebrates their 25th Jingle Bell Run/Walk in Wichita! This signature fundraiser helps support programs and services for youths and adults in the Wichita area who are battling arthritis.

About the Arthritis Foundation

Striking one in every five adults and 300,000 children, arthritis is the nation's leading cause of disability. The Arthritis Foundation (www.arthritis.org) is committed to raising awareness and reducing the unacceptable impact of this serious and painful disease, which can severely damage joints and rob people of living life to its fullest. The Foundation funds life-changing research that has restored mobility in patients for more than six decades; fights for health care policies that improve the lives of the millions who live with arthritis; and partners with families to provide empowering programs and information.