



Jodi Roberts
2013 Jingle Bell Run/Walk Honoree
Quad Cities, (Illinois, Iowa)

Jodi Roberts is 38 years old and lives in Orion, Illinois. She is married to Ryan Roberts and they have two children; a son Brody who is 11 years old and a daughter Brylie, who is seven years old. Jodi's husband is a local farmer and they raise cattle, which their kids thoroughly enjoy.

Jodi works part-time as a Deputy Clerk in the Henry County Clerk's Office, and has been there for 21 years. She was diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis in 2002, shortly after having her first child. Over the years she has tried numerous biological treatments, and has learned that it is definitely a challenging process. Jodi said, "Outside of the affects that rheumatoid arthritis has had on me, it truly has made me look at life in a different manner. I take time to cherish every moment. I am blessed to have a tremendous amount of support from my family and friends whom I couldn't do without."

In her spare time Jodi enjoys shopping, antiques, and spending time with family and friends. Jodi's courage and determination make the Arthritis Foundation proud to recognize her as the 2013 Jingle Bell Run/Walk Honoree.

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.