



Amy Renee Borgman
Arthritis Walk Honoree
Kankakee, IL

Amy has suffered with Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA) and related complications since the age of two. Today, her beautiful smile and pleasant personality give no hint to the many years of anguish she has experienced.

Fiercely independent, Amy has learned to do things for herself, and asks for help only as a last resort. Rather than focusing on what she can't do, Amy has chosen to focus on what she can do. She keeps a journal of her accomplishments and as a tool for encouragement, and hopes to have it turned into a book one day. She looks forward to the day that she can enter the world of work and wants to be a part of a non-profit organization that gives back to the community; the ASPCA and the Humane Society are of great interest to her. She longs to make a difference in her community and the lives of others. The Arthritis Foundation is also on her list of potential employers, and is her number one priority as a non-profit organization in which she is involved.

Amy loves music and has been singing since she first learned to speak. She has been awarded numerous plaques and honors for her talent, and receives great reviews that often lead to other invitations to sing. In her free time Amy is drawn to the theater, and is an avid reader and writer. A true musician that once played the piano through her arthritic pain; and continues to learn to play guitar as her condition allows.

When asked about her arthritis Amy said, "Arthritis is not something tying me down, but something pushing me forward and giving me reason for strength." The courage, fortitude and bravery that Amy displays makes the Arthritis Foundation proud to have her as our 2012 Arthritis Walk 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.