



**Lawrence, KS**  
**Jingle Bell Run Youth Honoree**  
**Brooklyn Barrett**

Sweet little Brooklyn Barrett is just 4 years old, but has fought off more sickness than most do in a lifetime. She battles two rare diseases; Systemic Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis and Kabuki Syndrome. Her arthritis has caused severe complications, and left her fighting for her life this past March.

Despite the excruciating pain, Brooklyn is spunky, incredibly strong, and fights her disease with the utmost courage and bravery. Arthritis might hinder some of her abilities, but it has not diminished the brightness of her smile, and the inspiration she instills in others.

Brooklyn's doctors are hopeful that a new series of medications will soon have her arthritis symptoms under control with some longevity. Until then, Brooklyn will continue to meet each medical challenge head on, and live the best life possible.

The Arthritis Foundation is in awe of Brooklyn, and we admire her endurance and stability. She is our Heroine. We are proud to have her as the 2012 Jingle Bell Run/Walk Youth Honoree.

**About the Arthritis Foundation**

The Arthritis Foundation ([www.arthritis.org](http://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.