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Cheyenne M. Oldham
Arthritis Walk Youth Honoree
Carbondale, Illinois

Cheyenne is 9 years old and lives in Murphysboro, Illinois. She is a student in Ms. Bachmann's 3rd grade class at General John A. Logan Elementary. She is a straight-A student and recently received a reading achievement award for reading over 500,000 words in the school year's second quarter! Besides reading, Cheyenne loves science and hopes to become a teacher when she grows up. She plays soccer and softball, and like most other little girls, loves to sing and dance. She loves the color pink and when asked what her favorite thing in the world is, she replies, "Anything Harry Potter!"

Cheyenne first experienced pain and inflammation in August 2008, just months before her 5th birthday. It was later diagnosed as Juvenile Idiopathic (Rheumatoid) Arthritis (JIA). Although she has experienced flare ups since her original diagnosis, she is currently in remission and has been able to reduce the amount of medicine she takes to just weekly injections. Both Cheyenne and her mother, Christy, feel very blessed and thankful to live so close to the doctors and staff at St. Louis Children's Hospital, who have taken such great care of Cheyenne over these past few years.

Cheyenne is an inspiration to those around her, and we are proud to honor her as a 2013 Arthritis 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.