



Wesley Tennant & Brant Holst
2013 Jingle Bell Run/Walk Youth Honorees
Quad Cities (Illinois, Iowa)

Wesley Tennant (pictured left) is 13 years old and is from Orion, Illinois. He was diagnosed with oligoarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis when he was seven. The inflammation started in his right ankle. His arthritis has been in remission since he was nine years old. His favorite hobby is fishing, as he enjoys fishing for walleye and muskies with his family. He also works on his family's farm. Thanks to Dr. Sandy Hong and her nursing staff at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, he is able to keep his arthritis in remission.

Brant Holst (pictured right) is a 15 year old freshman from Orion, Illinois. At the age of 10 he was diagnosed with pauciarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis at the University of Iowa Children's Hospital. He has since been battling the disease, working with his medical team to someday achieve remission. He is very grateful for the treatment that he has received, and for research and programs funded by The Arthritis Foundation to try to find a cure for rheumatoid arthritis. Because of his medical treatments, Brant has finally been able to return to playing sports, a passion of his. He is proud to be a member of the Orion Football Team! Go Chargers!!

Together, Brant and Wesley have worked hard to raise money for The Arthritis Foundation. They organized a Jingle Bell Run/Walk at Orion Middle School to raise money and awareness. With the support of their school and community, they raised over \$2,000 last year.

Wesley and Brant have shown tremendous determination, courage and character, and we are thrilled to honor them as the 2013 Jingle Bell Run/Walk youth honorees.

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.