



Hallie Hedman
2013 Jingle Bell Run/Walk
Youth Honoree
Warsaw, IN

Hallie was just three years old when she was diagnosed with juvenile rheumatoid arthritis (JRA). She received her diagnosis at Riley's Children Hospital after enduring rounds of x-rays and blood work. Although she has remained active, there are days when stretching her legs is extremely painful.

Despite the challenges of JRA, Hallie plays on a premier league travel soccer team, and will play in a national tournament this December in Florida.

In her free time, Hallie enjoys painting her nails, riding horses and hanging out with her friends. When asked about her hopes for the future Hallie replied, "I hope to continue to play soccer and keep my arthritis under control." Hallie has shown tremendous determination and strength and wants to, "help raise awareness that arthritis can attack people of all ages."

Wise beyond her years and so courageous; we are thrilled to have Hallie Hedman as the 2013 Jingle Bell Run/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.