

Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

Seeks cures for leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease, and myeloma, while improving the quality of life for patients and families through research, patient-aid, education and advocacy.

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Linnea's story



Affectionately known as Diva, Linnea was usually a friendly outgoing little girl. But when her sparkle began to diminish, we were very concerned. Either sleeping on the couch or watching TV, little Diva began to lose all interest in playing outside

with her siblings. Acting so out of character, nothing was able to get Linnea up. She then developed a fever and could no longer walk.

After rushing her to the ER and about five hours of testing, her doctors broke the news that she had acute lymphoblastic leukemia. That was December 9, 2010. After blood transfusions, a bone marrow aspiration and a spinal tap, chemotherapy was started.

After two months Linnea was in remission, and still is a year later. Linnea will continue with chemotherapy until 2014. "She is back to being the affectionate and loving child she always was and continues to be an inspiration to everyone she meets. We have our little Diva back," say David and LaShaye, Linnea's Mom and Dad.

Community Health Charities improves the lives of people affected by a disability or chronic disease by uniting caring donors in the workplace with our nation's most trusted charities. We work to improve the health of New Jersey residents by connecting our workplace partners to the reliable information, programs, services and resources of our members. As partners in the workplace, CHC and its member charities give donors in the workplace choice, important health information they need and giving options to support a cause that is important to them, their family or community.

Through the generous support of donors, **CHC Member Charities** fund: research that finds cures and improves lives, education and prevention programs that support the community, and advocacy efforts to protect the rights of those with a chronic disease or disability. Other accomplishments that have resulted from the generosity of CHC workplace giving donors include:

- sending children with chronic disease to summer camps
- hours of in-home care for patients with chronic disease
- laboratory supplies and equipment that are critical to help researchers carry out their work to find cures for chronic diseases
- community education and disease prevention programs
- providing patients with x-rays and CT scans
- supporting the work of advocates to educate decision-makers on issues that affect health issues in communities throughout New Jersey and across America