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FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROINA

JANUARY 1 – MARCH 31, 2005

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ISSUE: ECONOMY/PERSONAL FINANCE

PROGRAM: NEWS SERIES (6 PM)
EACH FRIDAY, WE HAVE AN "IT'S YOUR MONEY" SEGMENT DURING THE NEWS ON WHY YOU COULD HAVE UNCLAIMED PROPERTY AND GIVE NAMES OF PEOPLE WHO WE KNOW HAVE MONEY COMING TO THEM.

PROGRAM: PHONE BANK
DATE/TIME 02/10/05 5-7PM
DESCRIPTION: REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU TOOK PHONE CALLS FROM VIEWERS TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT CONSUMER RELATED PROBLEMS.

SEE ATTACHED LIST OF PROGRAMS RELATING TO THIS ISSUE.

Co-Sponsor: 2005 CMC FOUNDATION WINTER GALA. (BENEFITS CONWAY HOSPITAL OUTREACH PROGRAM WHICH AIDS THE INDIGENT AND UNINSURED.

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DATE/TIME AIRS AT VARIOUS TIMES FROM SIGN-ON TO SIGN OFF

SIPC INVESTMENT SECURITY
US DEPT. OF LABOR
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ISSUE: HEALTH CARE/COST

SEE ATTACHED LIST OF PROGRAMS RELATING TO THIS ISSUE.

PROGRAM: TODAY'S HEALTH
SOURCE: TWI
DATE/TIME SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2005 1-1:30PM
DISCRIPTION THIS PROGRAM LOOKS AT THE LATEST INNOVATIONS I MEDICAL AND HEALTH RELATED PRODUCTS AND SERVICES. FROM CHILDHOOD LEARNING DISABILITIES AND GERIATRIC CARE TO COMMON AILMENTS AND SPECIALIZED CONDITIONS.

CO-SPONSOR 2005 CMC FOUNDATION WINTER GALA TO BENEFIT CMC'S HEALTHREACH PROGRAM. GIVES AID TO INDIGENT AND UNINSURED PEOPLE.
DIABETES WALK
PEE DEE PRIDE CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT (DIABETES)

PSA'S
AIRS SIGN-ON TO SIGN-OFF AT VARIOUS TIMES

BALANCED NUTRITION FOR FAMILY
FAMILY CARE
NATIONAL HEART FOUNDATION
GLAUCOMA
DIABETES: KNOW THE HEART PART
ALZHEIMERS
CHANGING FACE OF NURSING
LEUKEMIA
MEDIA ALERT
IMMUNIZATION: THINGS ARE DIFFERENT
DRUG AWARENESS

ISSUE: CRIME/PREVENTION

PROGRAM GRAND STRAND/ PEE DEE'S MOST WANTED
SOURCE WPDE
DATE/TIIME SATURDAY'S (WEEKLY) 11:35PM – 12:05AM
DESCRIPTION THIS 30-MINUTE PROGRAM SHOWCASES LOCAL CRIMES AND CRIMINALS. AN UNUSUAL AMOUNT OF CRIMES HAVE BEEN SOLVED BY PEOPLE CALLING THE LOCAL CRIMESTOPPERS NUMBER AFTER SEEING THIS PROGRAM.

SEE ATTACHED FOR OTHER PROGRAMS RELATING TO THIS ISSUE.

PROGRAM PSA'S
TIME AIRS AT VARIOUS TIMES FROM SIGN-ON TO SIGN-OFF

GUN VIOLENCE: MOTHERS
BE PREPARED: TERRORISM
HONESTY
DRUG AWARENESS

ISSUE: DRUG USE/PREVENTION

SEE ATTACHED LIST OF PROGRAMS THAT RELATE TO THIS ISSUE

PROGRAM PSA'S
RUNS AT VARIOUS TIMES FROM SIGN-ON TO SIGN-OFF
ALL ARE 30-SECONDS UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
DRUG AWARENESS
POISON CONTROL
SOLVE ADDICTION

ISSUES: EDUCATION

SEE ATTACHED FOR PROGRAMS RELATING TO THIS ISSUE.

WPDE GIFTED FRANCIS MARION UNIVERSITY WITH A SCHOLARSHIP FOR A DESERVING STUDENT.

WPDE IS A CO-SPONSOR OF MCDONALD'S SAT SCHOLARSHIP WHICH BENEFITS STUDENTS IN HORRY COUNTY.

WPDE CO-SPONSORED THE FOLLOWING:

B&C KIDS TIME CLUB. MONTHLY MEETINGS FOR CHILDREN INVOLVING EDUCATION AND RECREATION.

WPDE SPONSORED "THE HOOP ZONE" BANQUET WHERE STUDENT ATHLETES ARE RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR ABILITY WITH A BANQUET AND AWARDS.

LIMOS FOR LEARNING – 4TH GRADERS WHO PARTICIPATED WERE REWARDED WITH A DAY OUT IN A LIMO FOR LUNCH, ETC.

OUR ANCHORS VISITED MANY SCHOOLS IN OUR AREA AND TALKED WITH STUDENTS ABOUT THE NEED TO STAY IN SCHOOL AND GET AN EDUCATION.
(SEE ATTACHED LIST)

PSA'S
RUNS AT VARIOUS TIMES DURING SIGN ON TO SIGN OFF
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SC TECH COLLEGES
CHANGING FACE OF NURSING
UNITED WAY: BEYOND THE NUMBERS

WPDE IS A MAJOR SPONSOR OF THE "CHILDREN'S MUSEUM".

WPDE FUNDED THE WPDE JOURNALISTIC EXCELLENCE ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP AT COASTAL CAROLINA UNIVERSITY.

WPDE ALLOWED THE AMATEUR RADIO COMMUNITY TO USE TOWER SPACE SO THAT THEY COULD COMMUNICATE OVER MOST OF NORTH AND SOUTH CAROLINA. IT HAS HELPED ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS DURING TIMES OF DISASTER AND SEVERE WEATHER BY RELAYING INFORMATION FROM THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE.

ISSUE: ENVIRONMENT

SEE ATTACHED LIST FOR OTHER PROGRAMS RELATING TO THIS ISSUE.

PROGRAM	JACK HANNA'S ANIMAL ADVENTURES
SSOURCE	LITTON SYNDICATION
DATE/TIME	SATURDAY'S (WEEKLY) 7-7:30AM
DESCRIPTION	THIS SHOW INTRODUCES YOU TO WILD AND ENDANGERED SPECIES OF ANIMALS. IT SHOWS THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CARE AND PRESERVATION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES AND HOW TO APPREDIATE THEM.

NEWS ANCHOR, ALLYSON FLOYD GAVE SEVERAL "TALKING TRASH" SPEECHES TO LOCAL SCHOOLS ABOUT RECYCLING AND THE ENVIRONMENT.

WPDE CO-SPONSORED RECYCLE WITH THE HORRY COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY. IT PROMOTES RECYCLING OF PAPER, PLASTIC AND ALUMINUM IN THE SCHOOLS. CHILDREN WIN PRIZES AT THE END OF EACH MONTH FOR THEIR EFFORTS.

PSA'S
AIRS SIGN-ON TO SIGN-OFF AT VARIOUS TIMES
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GRINDING OF THE TREES
ENERGY STAR
RADON GAS
RECYCLE CELL PHONES
TREES FOR AMERICA
FREEDOM TO HUNT: WILD TURKEYS FOUNDATION

OUR METEOROLOGIST SPOKE TO SEVERAL GROUPS AND SCHOOLS ABOUT THE WEATHER AND IT'S EFFECTS AND ALSO THE EFFECTS OF HURRICANES ALONE OUR COAST LINE. (SEE ATTACHED LIST)

WPDE CO-SPONSORED AN AWARD GIVEN TO 4TH GRAD STUDENTS FOR MONTHLY RECYCLING EFFORTS. WINNING CLASSES WERE PRESENTED A COMPUTER AND OTHER PRIZES.

ISSUE: PREJUDICE & INTOLERANCE

SEE ATTACHED FOR PROGRAMS RELATING TO THIS ISSUE.

PROGRAM PSA'S AIR SIGN ON TO SIGN OFF. ALL ARE 30-SECONDS UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE.

RACIAL COOPERATION: CHECKOUT
E-CARDS TO PARALYZED VETS
WHAT TEENS FEEL

WPDE HAS SCHOLARSHIPS AT COASTAL CAROLINA UNIVERSITY AND FRANCES MARION UNIVERSITY THAT TARGET MINORITY CANDIDATES.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

WPDE PRODUCES AND RUNS A LOCAL CAROLINA CALENDER. THIS IS A 30-SECOND SPOT OF UPCOMING EVENTS IN OUR COVERAGE AREA. THE SPOT IS RUN SEVERAL TIMES A DAY.

PUPPET LOVE, A 30-MINUTE PROGRAM THAT IS AIRED ON SATURDAY AT 7:30PM, IS GEARED TOWARD THE YOUNGER CHILD. PUPPETS ARE USED TO CONVEY RELIGIOUS MESSAGES, TO ADDRESS LOCAL ISSUES, TO PROMOTE RACE RELATIONS AND TO URGE CHILDREN TO CONTINUE EDUCATION.

A COPY OF ABC'S QUARTERLY REPORT IS ATTACHED.

CMC
FOUNDATION

February 7, 2005

Mr. Billy Huggins
WPDE TV 15
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Myrtle Beach SC 29579

Dear Billy:

The 2005 CMC Foundation Winter Gala was quite a success. With your help we raised over $55,000.00 to benefit Conway Medical Center's HEALTHREACH Program, which aids the indigent and uninsured in Horry County. We are fortunate to have sponsors, such as you, who recognize needs in our area and are willing to support programs to meet them.

During 2004, HEALTHREACH personnel visited various sites in Horry County, seeing 1,671 patients. A high percentage of this population continues to suffer with high blood pressure and elevated blood glucose and cholesterol levels. In addition, the staff participated in many on site corporate screenings and public screenings at the hospital. Also, the team taught "Safesitter" baby-sitting classes and assisted in obtaining gifts for underprivileged children at Christmas. HEALTHREACH has recently joined with SOS Caring for Kids and the Lowcountry Food Bank to begin "Backpack Buddies," a food and nutrition program for children of indigent families in our area.

Thank you for the support you have given Conway Medical Center Foundation as we continue to assist Conway Medical Center in fulfilling its mission to improve the overall health of our community members. We hope to see you at the 2006 Winter Gala.

Cordially yours,

Berns

Berns Massey
Executive Director

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January 20, 2005

To:
From: Dixieland Guide Dog Users of SC

Re: November 12, 2004 Update on 1st SC Guide Dog Convention held in Myrtle Beach

Due to the festive holiday season from November thru the first week of January, please excuse our tardiness in getting back to you and thanking you personally for your generous donation.
All your donations went towards door prizes for all the guide dog user participants. Everyone was very happy to get a door prize and it was the talk of the convention. A little update on our success and how you helped Dixieland. This was the first guide dog convention held in the southeast and we had 40 people and 20 guide dogs who came from 9 states. Also 7 guide dog schools were represented. We held very informative workshops (8 in all) and we are planning to hold our next convention in the Charleston area later in 2005 or early in 2006.

We, dixielanders, again want to thank you for your generosity and love for our guide dogs which make our lives very productive- they are our eyes and they help us to serve the community once again. We hope we can count on your kindness and support in our future endeavors.

As always we remain Dixieland Guide Dog Users.

Certificate of Appreciation

WPDE-TV

for helping to improve our environment by broadcasting public service announcements in 2004 promoting the recycling of rechargeable batteries.

Norm England

Norm England
RBRC President & CEO

January 21, 2005

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January 21, 2005

Mr. William Huggins
General Manager
WPDE-TV
PO Box 51150
Myrtle Beach, SC 29579-0020

Dear William:

Our tracking reports show that your station has included our public service announcements (PSAs) in your regular broadcasting rotation in 2004. We thank you for your support in communicating the ***Call2Recycle***™ rechargeable battery and cell phone recycling program to your local viewers. Every time you air our PSA, you are demonstrating your commitment to your viewers, your community, and the environment.

The Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation (RBRC) is a nonprofit, public service organization dedicated to rechargeable battery and cell phone recycling. RBRC's public education campaign and recycling program is the result of the rechargeable power industry's commitment to conserve natural resources and prevent rechargeable batteries and cell phones from entering the solid waste stream.

Rechargeable batteries [*Nickel Cadmium (Ni-Cd), Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH), Lithium Ion (Li-ion) and Small Sealed Lead (Pb) weighing less than 2lbs./1kg.*] power numerous portable electronic products such as cellular and cordless phones, power tools, laptop computers, camcorders, PDAs, hand-held mini-vacuums, cordless mixers and blenders, rechargeable razors and electric toothbrushes, and remote control toys. Surveys indicate that consumers own at least 5 cordless electronic products and 3 cell phones per household. In 2005, approximately 130 million cell phones will be retired.

In addition to airing our PSAs, you can also recycle the countless rechargeable batteries and cell phones used at your station. From hand held cameras, cordless microphones, laptop computers, cell phones, two-way radios, and power tools, RBRC will provide your station with its own pre-addressed, shipment pre-paid collection box. Please call us at **877-723-1297** to activate a collection box for your station today.

Thank you for helping us to preserve our environment.

Sincerely,

Norm England

Norm England
RBRC President & CEO

P.S. For more information about the RBRC program, please visit www.call2recycle.org or call us at 678/419-9990.

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Did You Know...

- RBRC is an **industry-sponsored, not-for-profit organization**, with a successful track record in the recycling of rechargeable batteries.

- Since 1994, RBRC has **collected more than 24 million lbs. of rechargeable batteries** – those found in a growing list of portable electronics products including cellular and cordless phones, power tools, laptop computers, camcorders, PDAs, hand-held minivacuums, cordless mixers and blenders, rechargeable razors and electric toothbrushes, and remote control toys. That's equivalent to the weight of approximately 1,260 yellow school buses.

- In addition to the common household cordless products that use rechargeable batteries, special use products include retailers' bar code readers and portable printers, police radar guns and walkie talkies, and fire departments' and hospitals' emergency medical equipment such as portable heart monitors and defibrillators.

- **Most rechargeable batteries can be recharged up to 1,000 times**. Depending on frequency of use, proper handling and charging, a rechargeable battery can last between 2-5 years.

- **95% of Americans own at least one type of cordless product**. Americans use an average of five cordless products in their daily lives.

- By 2005, roughly **200 million cell phones will be in use** in the United States, and approximately **130 million phones will be retired** each year.

- The average American cell phone user has a total of **3 or more cell phones** in their possession.

- **Over 56% still have their old cell phones** and over 70% are not aware that cell phones could be recycled.

Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation (RBRC)
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www.rbrc.org **www.call2recycle.org**

- Rechargeable batteries are recycled to **reclaim reusable metals;** nickel and iron to make stainless steel products; cadmium to make new rechargeable batteries as well as cobalt and lead.

- Cell phones collected \ will be refurbished and resold when possible, with **a portion of the proceeds going to select charities.**

- A wireless phone handset consists of **40% metals, 40% plastics, and 20% ceramics** and other trace materials. Thanks to new designs, more and more material in a wireless phone handset is recyclable.

- **None of the by-products** are sent to landfills.

- Almost **90%** of those surveyed would be **more likely to recycle their old cell phones** if there was a convenient drop-off location at a store near them.

- RBRC's existing **30,000 participating locations** across the U.S. and Canada make it convenient for consumers to drop off used cell phones and rechargeable batteries. There is approximately one collection site per every 10,500 residents.

- Consumers can find participating retail and community locations in their area by visiting **www.call2recycle.org** or by calling toll free **877-2-RECYCLE**.

Surveys conducted by NOP World and INFORM Inc.

Linda McCaskill

From: "Lee Camp" <lee@wpde.com>
To: "Linda McCaskill" <linda@wpde.com>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2005 8:00 AM
Attach: Haley's Letter to Congress for local distribution.doc
Subject: Fw: Diabetes Walk

FOR YOUR FILE

LEE

WE HAD A TEAM AND WERE A HOLE SPONSOR
—— Original Message ——
From: Robert Kogler
To: RTO Online ; Mark Childers ; aminrto@comcast.net ; james holub ; george fisher ; Rhonda Davis ; Bob Bloom ; brasingtonandcompany@yahoo.com ; Charlotte ; Cmonachelli@aol.com ; Chuck Wike ; CHAD & SYLVIA ; David W. Carfolite ; Jon Jones ; dhyler@peedeepride.com ; jbabik@peedeepride.com ; christopher.dimmich@pgnmail.com ; Tim McNamara ; Irma T. Gause ; deang ; David Overstreet ; thestrachans@Rogers.com ; Mark sugar ray Lusk ; Marcia Lyles ; Melissa Salem ; MtnCurrys@aol.com ; NickKuruc@pgatourtpc.com ; PatCarella@pgatourtpc.com ; Pete Pechi ; Randall Long ; scottschaeffer1@aol.com ; Steve Paris ; WMATTHEWSJR ; Larry Fisher ; Lynn Zook ; Lee Camp ; John Nace ; Sb260229@aol.com ; Leahnesss@aol.com ; dragoninsight@yahoo.com ; Dianne Stout ; Bonecrusher ; BOYCE W. SOWARD ; Frank Holden ; Jeff Collins ; Kelly Funderburk ; Mark Peterson ; mbailey1@sc.rr.com ; Michelle Camp ; Mike Just ; sales@signsationalsc.com ; sam@colortyme.com
Cc: Rhonda Weatherford
Sent: Sunday, March 27, 2005 12:22 PM
Subject: Fw: Diabetes Walk

Hello Friends, The attached letter, is one of the reasons, why Nan and I, are so determined to help find a cure. I want to thank each of you for your donations, help, and support during our recent ColorTyme & Pee Dee Pride Charity Golf Tournament benefiting JDRF. I asked Rhonda Weatherford (Haley's Mom, and a person who we has become a dear friend of ours) to send this letter to The Morning News, in hopes they will do a full blown story about not only Haley, but JDRF, and what we, and the government can do to step up and find a cure. Roy, I thought you might be able to use some of this. Our final total for the Golf Tournament is $15,750.00. That's $3150 over last year. Thank you all one more time.

Bob Kogler

PS Rhonda Davis, will you please pass this on to Brian Duke, Kent Clark, Steve Sherman, Mike Bertalloni, Rochelle Mingus, Dell Computers, Thompson Electronics, and BDI Laguna. As vendors, and individuals, they really stepped up to help find a cure. We thank them from our hearts.
—— Original Message ——
From: Rhonda Weatherford
To: poneill@florencenews.com
Cc: Bob Kogler
Sent: Saturday, March 26, 2005 8:53 PM
Subject: Diabetes Walk

Hi Pam:
My name is Rhonda Weatherford. My friend Bob Kogler asked that I email you some information about my daughter Haley who was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes three years ago. I'm not sure of your knowledge of the disease and the difference between Type 1 and Type 2, but would be glad to meet you and talk about it. Here are two separate but very important events we are involved in at this time:

Children's Congress: (I am sending this one under separate email - it's publisher and large)
Haley has been chosen as a 2005 Children's Congress Delegate representing South Carolina. She was chosen from her application to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation's Children's Congress and I have attached her Letter to Congress for you to read. It's her story and life with diabetes and her plea for Congress to help fund diabetes research. We were thrilled for her to have been chosen and she and I will be flown to Washington DC for a week in June (work dates are June 18 - 22, 2005). There we will work with 150 other diabetic children from across American on capitol hill, meeting with congress, senate and so many who have the power to make a difference in research funding for diabetes. Please note as you read this

Congress Letter, that we are finally getting a Pediatric Endocrinologist in Florence which is a thrill for all of our diabetic families. Also note, that after she submitted her letter, she began experiencing complications and was put on a heart monitor for a couple of months at which time she was diagnosed with Pre-Atrial Contractions and Neurocardiogenic Syncope. I have absolutely NO medical experience, but with her diagnosis, we have learned more than we ever dreamed. Our Children's Congress National Public Relations Department will be sending us our Press Kit somewhere around April 8th. National has asked that we hold off on any publicity about her delegation to congress until that time so that the National Publicity campaign will be most effective. I'm not sure what it will entail, but we are excited about it and will get that information to you if you are interested.

Pee Dee Walk to Cure Diabetes:
We are coming up on our 3rd Annual Pee Dee Walk to Cure Diabetes which will be held Saturday, April 9th and Francis Marion University - Registration is at 1:00 and the Walk begins at 2:00. We will have fun, food and entertainment for the whole family and this is our celebration of the funds we have raised for diabetes research. We kicked off our Family Letter Writing Campaign in late January. Our families have written letters and sent them out to friends and family asking for support of JDRF. I have attached that letter as well. She is currently receiving checks in the mail as well as notes of encouragement. Haley has done numerous Radio Spots with Cumulus Broadcasting in support of our Walk campaign, has been featured in the SmartLiving Magazine and is currently on billboards advertising for our Walk.

Bill S.144
There is a Bill going before the 3M Committee (S.144) that will allow children with any chronic disease to self-administer meds. This will be a huge step forward if passed for the safety of our children in schools, but it is also a huge political issue and for many reasons a fight with the schools - we can discuss that too. I'm just learning about the politics and sat in on my first Senate Sub-committee meeting a couple of weeks ago in Columbia. It was intimidating to say the least, but it's also amazing what you can do for your children.

Hope some of this helps.
Give me a call if you'd like to meet or have lunch to discuss.
Thanks for your interest,
Rhonda
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Haley Shae Weatherford
1022 Jackson Avenue
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Dear Member of Congress,

I can't seem to find the perfect words on how to begin this letter, probably because there are no true words to describe my feelings about having Type 1 Diabetes. Frustrated, mad, scared, confused, and upset are appropriate, but they don't even come close. Not every twelve-year-old girl walks into the doctor's office one day, and has her life changed forever... but mine did.

December 4th, 2001 was a day that was imprinted in my memory for the rest of my life... it was the day I was diagnosed with Juvenile Diabetes. I am now 15 years old, but let's take a step back and rewind to those few weeks before my diagnosis when I was 12. The days I didn't get any sleep at night, wouldn't eat, and had huge mood swings. The mood swings... I'd like to first apologize to all my family and friends for that. I realized something was wrong yet no one could quite put their finger on it. With me being my parents first child and years of horror stories about the dreaded teenage years, they thought, "its finally here, the teenager, and one of us won't survive", little did they know. They found excuses for each of the changes that were evolving in my life at the time. Mood swings? Hormones must be acting up. Extreme thirst? No appetite? Tired? It must be stress- new school, band, tennis, piano, and keeping up with honor roll- it's just getting to her. Nausea? She hasn't eaten. Sure this will blow over in a few weeks after exams finish up. What my parents didn't know was that all of these seemingly insignificant signs were not the makings of a teenager, but symptoms that were screaming to us of a life-threatening disease, Type 1 Diabetes.

I lost over 20 pounds in two months and could hardly move to get out of my bed for school. I had no energy and felt perfectly sick all the time. I finally called mom from school one day, and was crying on the phone asking her to pick me up because I felt like I had a tummy bug. My mom didn't question me because she knew something was very wrong. She came to the school and took me home. The next morning my mom told me she had scheduled an appointment at Doctor Mike's office for me to have a check up. I knew I was sick, but didn't realize just how sick until they weighed me in at only 69 pounds. Then I realized ... something was not right, and I just looked at my mom and all she could do was look down at the floor. Dr. Mike, who was also a long time family friend, came in a few minutes later, shook his head and I knew something was wrong . . . it seemed like an eternity for him to say that one heart-wrenching sentence, "Haley has diabetes."

I lost it. I cried, and cried, and nothing could calm me down. My hands were shaking like crazy I was sweating, and felt like the whole world was spinning as I stood still and no one would confirm to me that one question I kept repeating over and over again, "Am I going to die?" I wasn't the only one crying now. Tears swelled up in not only my mother's eyes, but in my doctor's as well. What scared me even more was that my doctor couldn't answer my question. Since everything happed so fast, and my dad hadn't made it to the appointment yet, Dr. Mike just said don't worry about your dad, I will get him for you, but I want you to go straight to the hospital, and do not stop by Toys-R-Us along the way.

As we parked at the McLeod Children's Hospital, I jumped out of my van to meet my dad just pulling in behind us and as he rolled down his window I said, "Daddy, I have diabetes." It was the first time I had ever seen him start to cry and it broke my heart.

Mom and I went upstairs to a room on the third floor where several nurses stuck me seven times before they finally got an IV in. They held my arm down, digging and fishing for a vein as I clinched around my mom's waist and screamed with my face buried in her