

## This is Jades Journey



Jade was diagnosed with T-Cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL). Thanksgiving weekend 2009 just one month shy of her 6<sup>th</sup> birthday. Within a week of diagnosis Jade underwent surgery to have a central line put in, pull her bone marrow, and receive her first round of chemotherapy to her spinal fluid.

In December 2009, the complexity of her Leukemia was found by the doctors. The chemistry makeup of her Leukemia cells are Philadelphia Positive Chromosome which is normally only found in adults with CLL (Chronic Lymphoblastic Leukemia). Only 1% of the 2,500 diagnosed cases for T-Cell ALL are also diagnosed with the Philadelphia Positive Chromosome. Since her diagnosis she has had to undergo intense chemotherapy. She has officially been in remission since December 2009 but she still has a long road of chemotherapy for the next two years.

## During her journey....

To take up time in the hospital, Jade started her own nail shop. Her clients included family, friends she had made in the hospital, and the nurses on break.



She was also able to meet the actor who plays Superman in the movie.



Throughout her journey, she continues to remain upbeat and positive. She has become quite the hairstylist as well as style the heads of those without hair.



She has made many friends who are fighting the same battle as herself. She recently lost one of her best friends Declan to childhood cancer. She promised him she would continue the fight to get better since he couldn't. Help us Help Jade fight her battle.

