

WILL YOU HELP?

OKTOBER STIEG'S LIFE IS IN DANGER AND SHE NEEDS OUR HELP! PLEASE READ HER STORY...



Oktober was born on July 19, 2007. Shortly after birth she developed hemangiomas. This disease is generally a cosmetic issue, but in Oktober's case, it has invaded several of her large organs threatening her air supply, heart and even her vision.

What are hemangiomas? An abnormal buildup of blood vessels in the skin or internal organs. Although they are normally benign, some serious complications can occur.

In Oktober's case, not only are the hemangiomas affecting her externally, **her life is in danger!** As you can see in the photo above, Oktober has a large birthmark covering her beautiful face. Her eye began to swell, she was struggling to breathe and Angie (Oktober's Mom) took her to DeVos Children's Hospital.

The Doctors found that the hemangiomas had invaded her internally. The cosmetic aspect now seems to be quite diminished. A benign tumor developed in her larynx, which was cutting off her air supply and may affect her voice box. It also has begun to grow next to the main artery that supplies blood to the brain. In addition, there is a large growth on her eye socket which is currently deteriorating the bone and she still may lose sight in that eye.

The doctors at DeVos Children's Hospital began treating Oktober with steroids, but then decided to try chemo-therapy. They surgically placed a port in her heart to administer this treatment on a weekly basis. This allowed Oktober to go home to her big brother Chayce, Mommy and Daddy for one day before she returned. Oktober developed a staph infection around the port in her heart and was back in the hospital within 24 hours.

Angie found a team of doctors at Cincinnati Children's Hospital who specialize in cases like Oktober's. The medical expenses are going to be extensive. With our help, lots of prayers, and well-wishes, Oktober will be enjoying the childhood every child deserves!

A FUNDRAISER IS IN THE WORKS!

A spaghetti dinner and benefit auction are being planned to help Angie and Steven with Oktober's medical expenses.

We are asking for local businesses and community members to donate items for the auction. If you would like to make a monetary donation, that would be greatly appreciated as well.

Receipts will be provided for your income

BENEFIT DINNER & LIVE AUCTION

NOVEMBER 3, 2007

5:00 ~ SPAGHETTI DINNER

7:00 ~ AUCTION

PINE RIVER HIGH SCHOOL

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For regular updates, see Oktober's care page at www.carepages.com

The care page name is: oktoberstieg