



Dress Down Day

November 24, 2009

Catie's Wish is simply amazing. One dying seven year old girl, Catie O'Brien, asked her parents to make her birthday special. Catie always loved to give to others. On what would have been her 8th birthday, April 23, 2009, Catie knew she would not be here on earth to celebrate but rather that she would be in heaven with God. She also knew that by her birthday many of the other sick kids that she met at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital would still be sick. So Catie asked her mother and father to make a donation each year on her birthday to St. Jude. It was Catie's wish to treat everyone at St. Jude on her birthday. Catie wanted to pay for all treatments, salaries and all research on her birthday not once but every year. Thus began Catie's wish.

Today with Catie's 8th birthday having just passed, they, thanks to God and so many generous souls reached their first goal. In a three month campaign they raised \$2.2 million for St. Jude. Knowing that Catie would be thrilled they also realized that Catie would not be satisfied. Their current goal is to eradicate pediatric cancer through research and prayer. The Catie's Wish Foundation – Catholic School Program has a goal for its first year of raising \$500,000 by Catie's 9th birthday, April 23, 2010.

How can St. Patricks help?

- Pay at least \$1.00 to wear jeans on **Tuesday, November 24th**.
- Wear a purple colored shirt, which was Catie's favorite color, or a St. Jude logo shirt on that day.
- Proceeds from the **First Friday collection** on **December 4th** will go to Catie's Wish.

For more information on Catie and her journey please visit www.catiesstory.com.

Eradicating pediatric cancer through prayer and research.