



Erinne Rose Williams and her family were nominated last summer for an Extreme Makeover by family and friends. We have just learned this week that EMHE is specifically looking for a METRO-DETROIT Family for their next build. If you would like to join in the effort to get Erinne and her family selected, you need to send an email to castingmichigan@gmail.com BY **APRIL 26th, 2010**. Please try and let them know what makes Erinne stand out from all the rest of the nominees they are currently considering. You can check out Erinne's website journal www.our-sma-angels.com/ErinneRose for some specific ideas you can use. Erinne does a lot of volunteer work both at Mott in Ann Arbor and at Providence Park Hospital Novi, making hospital calls with her service dog, Latte, doing peer-to-peer counseling of other children/teens going through similar procedures/surgeries, and also providing reassurances, as a child to newly diagnosed parents that SMA does not have to be the death sentence that is used to be. Erinne does all this while managing a 3.8 GPA in 7th grade and playing 3 wheelchair sports. Suzanne also does a great deal of volunteering at Mott as well as Providence, and works with SMA families all across the country as they cope with the diagnosis of SMA, and teaching them the ropes, and learning how to LIVE with SMA.

Erinne's Family is in need of a piece of foreclosed property/lot in Canton in order to fully meet the EMHE qualifications. They are hoping to find one in the Cherry Hill Village (CHV) area, Cherry Hill & Ridge Roads. This area would be ideal for Erinne because the entire community/neighborhood has sidewalks and narrow streets with no main roads running through the village and would be a very safe area for someone to live who is confined to a wheelchair.

Erinne currently lives in an inaccessible apartment that requires her mother to carry her from room to room. (And at 5'9" and 110lbs, she is a handful!) Her mother already has back & leg issues and should she require additional surgeries and can no longer care for Erinne, Erinne would have to be placed in a nursing home because there is no one else to take care of her.

From EMHE: "What does it take to be picked for an Extreme Makeover? "We're looking for those special people who have amazing strength of character and never give up. Whether it's keeping their chin up in really tough circumstances or going out of their way

to help others. We want to help people whose stories have really affected their community or made a big difference in other people's lives." Shumsky added: "There are a lot of people who are heroes to those around them because of the way they inspire others and quietly serve their communities on a daily basis."

So this nomination is **CRITICAL** to Erinne's long-term care needs. Please consider sending an email to EMHE **before April 26th** and if you have ANY connections with EMHE/ABC/WXYZ, PLEASE tap into them! Please keep Erinne in your prayers. Check Erinne's website or Suzanne Williams' Facebook Page for updates! Erinnesmom@gmail.com or 734-560-1242.