



ANGEL ALLYSON FUND



Dear Family, Friends, and Local Businesses:

*My name is Allyson Stephanie Krajewski*

You may know me from one of my family members or friends...

I am the *daughter* of Tina & Billy Krajewski

*Sister* of Kristyn (10 years old) & Melissa Krajewski (2 years old)

*Granddaughter* of Carol Maruszczak & Steve Kaplan, John Maruszczak, Stephanie Giersz, Vince & Kathleen Krajewski

*Niece* of Sandi & Vince Potempa, Tammy & John Cecchini, Janice & Joe Ryan,

Joy & Jim Schroeder, John & Lisa Freeman, Josh & Kylie Pelletier

*Cousin, friend & family of many other wonderful people also.*

I was born on February 2, 2006

I was recently diagnosed with Type-1 SMA "Spinal Muscular Atrophy" on July 10, 2006

### WHAT IS SMA?

The Disease, Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA), the number one genetic killer of children under the age of two, is a group of inherited and often fatal diseases that destroy the nerves controlling voluntary muscle movement, which affects crawling, walking, head and neck control and even swallowing.



- 1 in 40 people carry the gene that causes SMA
- SMA effects all ages, races and genders
- 1 in every 6,000 children are born with SMA

THERE IS NO CURE, BUT RESEARCH PROVIDES HOPE.



My friends and family are starting a fundraiser to raise funds for the many costs that are going to come along my journey to fight my disease. Our hope is to raise money for my on-going medical and therapeutic costs. Making our home & family van handicap accessible in order to help me live a more enriching life is important to my family & friends. My mom was unable to go back to teaching since she now needs to take care of me and can only do limited Pampered Chef shows. My dad is trying very hard to support our family of 5 right now. I do have good news; I have been approved to participate in a Clinical Study at Stanford University in CA. The study is free, but there will be many costs associated with traveling to CA every month, such as airfare, hotels, etc. Our first clinical visit was August 25, 2006 and we will be traveling to CA once a month or every two months for approx. 2 years. Each time we visit, I only need to go to the clinic for about 2-3 hours. They recommend flying with 2 adults and flying in the day before the study and out the day after. The study is very amazing and VERY hopeful. It has already been going on for 2 1/2 years. SMA children are given a drug called Hydroxyurea. This drug has been approved by the FDA for 10 years and has even been used with adults and infants for chemo and sickle cell anemia. It is experimental for SMA patients, but has very little or almost no side effects. Hydroxyurea will help the SMN2 (survival motor neuron) increase production of protein and RNA, which are needed greatly by the muscles for movement and respiration. It is not a cure, but results have been VERY promising.

***\*\*Please be sure to visit my personalized web sites & check the journal entries for updates regarding my health and California visits. My mom & Auntie Sandi will try to keep them updated as quickly as possible.***

***Don't forget to sign the guest book. \*\****

[www.caringbridge.org/visit/allysonkrajewski](http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/allysonkrajewski)

[www.our-sma-angels.com/allyson](http://www.our-sma-angels.com/allyson) (coming soon)

***PLEASE SEE ADDITIONAL SHEET WITH INFORMATION ON HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE WITH MY FUNDRAISER.***

***IT WILL BE HELD SATURDAY, 02/03/07***

***WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE. THANKS SO MUCH FOR YOUR TIME & SUPPORT.***



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**Dear Family, Friends, and Local Businesses:**

We need your help! You can help in a variety of ways. Please share this info with others.

One way to help is to contribute to the Angel Allyson Fund, NFP, our EIN# is 68-0633736

We are IMMEDIATELY seeking donations that include but are not limited to gift certificates, monetary donations, merchandise and/or silent auction items for this event. We are also starting an ad-book to distribute. PLEASE contact Sandi (847-875-5304 or [slm721@prodigy.net](mailto:slm721@prodigy.net)) immediately if you are interested in helping with the fundraiser in any way or would like to be a part of the committee. August is National SMA Awareness Month, so you may want to donate a small amount that will be sent to Families of SMA, NFP & SMA SUPPORT INC. We will be collecting throughout the fundraiser & will write a check to Families of SMA ([www.curesma.com](http://www.curesma.com)) and SMA SUPPORT ([www.smasupport.net](http://www.smasupport.net)) from the Angel Allyson Fund for all the help and support they have given us since Allyson was diagnosed with this disease.

**DONATION FORM- please return this form to Sandi Potempa**

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Family-style dinner, cash bar, DJ, dancing, raffles, silent auction and more... We will also be celebrating Allyson's 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday!

Saturday, February 3, 2007

5:00 pm

Hanging Gardens Banquets

8301 W Belmont Avenue

River Grove, IL 60171



**DONATION FOR DINNER TICKETS- With each dinner ticket, you will receive 1 complimentary raffle ticket at the door**

\_\_\_\_\_ # of adult tickets (\$40 each) \_\_\_\_\_ # of child tickets 4-12 (\$20 each) \_\_\_\_\_ # of child tickets 0-3 (\$5 each)

Name (please list everyone, use back side if needed):

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ CHECK HERE IF YOU ARE INCLUDING \$5 THAT WILL BE DONATED TO **FAMILIES OF SMA, NFP & SMA SUPPORT INC.**

\_\_\_\_\_ DONATE THE FOLLOWING ITEM (GIFT CERTIFICATE, MERCHANDISE, SILENT AUCTION, MONETARY, PLEASE LIST DETAILS BELOW. WE WANT TO PROPERLY THANK EVERYONE & LIST THEM IN OUR AD-BOOK. EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATES WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE LISTED. **PLEASE CONTACT SANDI FOR PICK UP - HOME# 847-587-8678 OR CELL# 847-875-5304**

**TO SEND ITEMS AND CHECKS, PLEASE MAIL TO: SANDI POTEPA 120 SCENIC ROAD, FOX LAKE, IL 60020**

**MAKE CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO: ANGEL ALLYSON FUND, NFP**

DONATED ITEM \_\_\_\_\_ VALUE \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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If your item is for a service or an intangible item, please include a full description of the item on your letterhead or on a gift certificate so that we can display at our fundraiser. **PLEASE PROVIDE:** Business/Donor Name (exactly as it should appear in any recognition):

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Ste: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ Fax# \_\_\_\_\_

Web-site: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are interested in adding your own personalized ad, we are also accepting others for our ad-book. Please attach a copy of your ad or business card along with this form with your donation. We will scan a copy that will be added. You may also e-mail to Sandi at: [slm721@prodigy.net](mailto:slm721@prodigy.net)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$15 donation for business card ad \_\_\_\_\_ \$30 donation for 1/2 page ad (approx. 4" by 5")

**\*\* Although the fundraiser will be held in February, we will be collecting donations, items, and selling dinner tickets IMMEDIATELY. This will help us stay organized and some of the donations will also help with Allyson's immediate needs. You will not be mailed a ticket, but we will have a special check-in at the fundraiser where you will also receive a complimentary raffle ticket. THANKS IN ADVANCE FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT! \*\***

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