



# Lindsey's Little Miracles

My name is Quaker Grubbs. My husband, Wes, and I are a Myrtle Beach family who have founded a non-profit organization in honor of our daughter, Lindsey. She is the youngest of our 3 children. This is her story.

God gave us Lindsey Claire on February 13, 2005. Nine days after her first birthday she was diagnosed with stage IV Hepatoblastoma, a very rare form of pediatric liver cancer affecting only 0.7% out of a million children. The primary tumor in her liver was roughly the size of a softball and she had 5 lung metastasis. She was given a 30% chance of surviving the next year. After her diagnosis she underwent 18 weeks of intense chemotherapy and a liver resection/gall bladder removal surgery to eliminate the primary tumor. Her treatments could have had many negative side effects. Some of the more common effects of the type of chemotherapy used were: decrease in the number of red and white blood cells and platelets made in the bone marrow, reduced function of the immune system, damage to kidney tissue, loss of deep tendon reflexes resulting in walking problems, hearing loss in the normal range, permanent ringing in the ears, severe nausea and vomiting, loss of appetite, mouth sores, hair loss, constipation and aches and pains inside the bones. Her successful treatments and surgeries were performed at Duke Children's Hospital in Durham, North Carolina.

At 12 months of age and weighing only 15 pounds Lindsey would forever change our family and us. Knowing that the struggle we faced would be long and painful we began to pray to God asking for "one little miracle...to help us get through one day at a time...to restore our hope in the face of devastation and suffering...and to allow us to keep the gift of Lindsey". We *witnessed* those miracles. Lindsey was declared NED (no evidence of disease) the following year. She suffered *no*

permanent side effects from her chemotherapy. God's mercy tenderly carried our family through.

It's been 3 years since Lindsey's cancer diagnosis and even in the face of a 75% recurrence rate she is still considered NED. She continues to have testing every 4 months at Duke to check for new growth. If she remains NED for the next 2 years then she will be considered cured from this cancer diagnosis. If she were to relapse there would be treatment available but she would once again be considered terminal.

The day that changed our lives is slowly moving into the past. The memories of that time are filled with shock, horror and suffering. But we emerged with a new understanding of what HOPE really means, and where we truly find HOPE in our times of need. We continue to pray for little miracles in her life and for protection from new cancerous growths. We continue to HOPE that she will be in our lives for a long time to come.

It is with this sense of continually renewed HOPE and the belief that God wants us to use our blessings to in turn bless others that we announce the **4th Annual Lindsey's Miracle Run**. Please join us as we extend "little miracles" to other families in our community.

THANK YOU,  
Wes & Quaker Grubbs

**"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people."  
Galations 6:10**

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### one little miracle at a time...

- Lindsey Claire Grubbs is a 4 year old who lives in Myrtle Beach and has been diagnosed with stage IV Hepatoblastoma, a very rare form of pediatric liver cancer.
- Lindsey's parents, Wes & Quaker Grubbs, have established a non-profit organization called *Lindsey's Little Miracles*. The goal of the organization is to raise awareness of children who face similar life challenges that live in the Greater Myrtle Beach area, and to impact their lives with "little miracles".
- All proceeds raised by *Lindsey's Little Miracles* are kept within the Greater Myrtle Beach community and used for local children and their families.
- To date the organization has raised over \$275,000.
- These funds have been used to sponsor the wishes of **35 local children** through the Make-A-Wish Foundation of SC.
- *Lindsey's Little Miracles* has been recognized as a South Carolina Make-A-Wish Champion for impacting the lives of so many children, and for being one of the largest donators in the state of SC for the last 3 years!!
- With the help of family, friends, local businesses and corporations *Lindsey's Little Miracles* holds an annual 5K walk/run and Family Fun Festival each year. Leading up to the event we ask for sponsors so we can generate funds to support our local children living with life threatening illnesses.
- Our event this year will be held October 24, 2009 at The Grand Park of The Market Commons.
- 100% of funds raised through the event is kept within our community and used for local children!!!
- *Lindsey's Little Miracles* is a Federally recognized Non-Profit Organization. All donations are tax deductible.
- Please visit [www.lindseyslittlemiracles.org](http://www.lindseyslittlemiracles.org) or call 843-902-2437 for more information.