Jasmine's Story

I wish to have an Apple product package

Jasmine, 15 nervous system disorder

Jasmine spent more than nine months in the hospital after a devastating – and debilitating – diagnosis of tuberculous meningitis. The affliction occurs when the system of membranes, which envelop the central nervous system, are infected. In Jasmine's case, she was transported to the hospital unconscious.

When the teen woke, she lost most of her ability to move. "I could not do anything for myself," she recalled. "I had to get people to do everything for me." She only had movement in her fingers and could turn her head. Jasmine spent months staring out her hospital window.

Jasmine is learning how to walk again and has since returned to school fulltime. Her doctors say her medical needs will be ongoing. She wished for an Apple product package and carefully selected products that would assist her in returning to everyday life.

Her brand-new laptop will help her keep up with her schoolwork and her iPad – including an Apple pen and keyboard – will allow her to continue creating art. "Art was a therapeutic way for me to cope with being in the hospital," she said.

Her new cell phone will connect her with friends and family after being isolated for so long. The television in her hospital room was her only source of entertainment. She also received wireless headphones so she could enjoy music again.

"Jasmine is connecting back with all the things she likes to do, more importantly, connecting again with friends and family using her own devices," said her mom Temobi. "Jasmine is sending her gratitude to Make-A-Wish® for putting a smile on her face after a long journey of being in the hospital and returning home to these amazing gifts."

Hope is essential for children with critical illnesses, and its life-changing power is unlocked when wishes like Jasmine's are granted. Together we can continue to transform lives, one wish at a time.



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