



# Tori's Story

*I wish to be a princess for a day*

**Tori, 9**  
blood disorder

Tori, nine years old, was diagnosed with a rare blood disorder (aplastic anemia). Tori's diagnosis journey was emotional for her and her family. Initially, Tori's family felt relief to have an answer. Still, the relief swelled with dismay when they learned what lay ahead for Tori's health journey: lengthy hospital visits and invasive treatments.

Today, Tori is in remission. Tori's mom, Amanda, reflects on Tori's health journey, "[Since Tori's diagnosis] we have spent a lot of time away from home; having an older daughter at home, it was very hard. We all spend as much time together now as possible." Tori is a cheerful child who adores spending time with her puppy, Chase. She also enjoys quality time with her family: playing board games, watching movies, and baking cakes with her mom - especially chocolate ones!

Tori treasures items that make her feel like a princess, from make-up to creating fun videos; that's where she is most in her element. Upon learning she would receive a wish, Tori was overwhelmed with joy and told everyone that her most heartfelt wish was to go to a theme park and be a princess for a day! When thinking about the anticipation of Tori's wish, Amanda says, "it made things a little easier knowing that when her treatment is over, she has something magical to look forward to." Tori has been described as always being a happy child; however, thinking about her wish has sparked overpowering delight and excitement - she continues to talk about it often!

Hope is essential for children with critical illnesses, and its life-changing power is unlocked when wishes like Tori's are granted. It is thanks to the generosity of our donor community that we can continue to transform lives, one wish at a time.



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