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Hello,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to you on behalf of Operation Fayth, a non-profit charitable organization striving to make a difference in the lives of children across our community. Our goal here at Operation Fayth is to make a small ray of sunshine on the darkest days for children dealing with medical/emotional challenges of their own.

Since its inception, Operation Fayth has already donated "buddies" to hundreds of children, providing them with a little gift which hopefully gives them a reason to smile. Despite the progress we've made these last three years, there are still countless children hoping and waiting for a hand that will reach out and offer them a ray of hope.

Currently, we are working on expanding our operation to deliver even more smiles to children. We are doing this by expanding our holiday buddy drive program to include infusion boxes, backpack drives at the beginning of the school year, and even being able to have buddies on hand for any child that needs one throughout the year! However, we cannot accomplish these major goals without the generous support of individuals, communities, and businesses like yours. Your valuable contribution will go directly towards children that are facing some of the darkest days of their lives.

We kindly request your consideration of a monetary donation to assist us in our mission. A gift of any size can make a substantial difference.

To make your donation, please visit our website at www.operationfayth.org/donate
Our online platform is secure, safe and provides a fast way to help us make a difference in a child's life!

If you prefer to donate via a different mode, or you wish to discuss other ways you can support our organization, I'd be more than happy to schedule a time that works for you.

We understand the countless requests you must receive from many worthy organizations. If you choose to donate to Operation Fayth, please know that your support genuinely has the power to change a child's life and create an everlasting impact.

Thank you for considering our request. We genuinely appreciate your time and look forward to a potential partnership that will give the children we serve something to cheer them up.

Yours sincerely,

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Learn more about Operation Fayth and our Mission at www.OperationFayth.org

Fayth's Story

Fayth has never had an easy medical journey since the day she was born. Fayth at 7 weeks old had to undergo a surgery called a Nissen Fundoplication and a feeding tube placement to help her thrive with her battling severe acid reflux and aspiration problems. Fayth started thriving and at 15 months old, she was able to get the feeding tube removed! Fayth was always such a happy little girl and bouncing off the walls! At 4 years old, she was hospitalized for 6 days for unknown breathing problems. As you can imagine not having answers was hard, but what was most important was that she was doing better! At 7 years old, Fayth started experiencing severe migraines that were interfering with her daily life. We put her on medications to help ease these headaches but they only got worse and then we (and her teachers) started noticing what we thought were narcolepsy symptoms at the age of 9. We found an amazing Neurologist Sleep doctor and they did a sleep study! When Fayth's sleep study results came back inclusive, her doctor gave us 2 options. Option 1 - Take her off her migraine medication and re-run the sleep study. Option 2 - Get an MRI of her brain to make sure nothing is going on. Fayth checked out neurology when they did their office visits, so her doctor wasn't concerned that they would find anything on her MRI, but that is the option we chose as it was a safer option than taking her off her current medications.

This is where our lives changed forever. On March 6th, 2020, Fayth went in for her MRI at 11:00am. Her MRI went very smooth and she did amazing. Fayth and mom left the hospital, went for some ice cream and then went home. As they were preparing to walk out the door to go get Fayth's brother from school, mom got a phone call that no mother ever wants to get. "Hello Melissa. This is (Fayth's doctor). We just got Fayth's MRI results back and I want to make sure you are in a place to talk. Can you please sit down? Fayth's MRI doesn't look good. We found over 50 lesions on her brain and we believe Fayth has something called Pediatric Multiple Sclerosis. One of the lesions are active, and we need to admit Fayth to the hospital right away" As a mother, I didn't even know how to feel myself, let alone explain to Fayth (a child that doesn't feel sick) what was going on.

We packed our bags, and off to the hospital we went. Fayth was admitted that night and had to undergo so many tests and steroids to help with the active lesion that was on her brain. She was a trooper though it all, and showed what true strength really is!

When Fayth was discharged from the hospital, our journey for answers was still not over. Fayth underwent 3 more months of extensive testing. On June 2nd 2020, Fayth had another MRI of her brain, and when they discovered more lesions, we got the final diagnosis of Pediatric MS. Fayth started DMT's (medication to help with the progression of MS), and became our little hero.

Through it all, Fayth has made a mission to make sure she helps put smiles on other kids' faces. Operation Fayth was born in November 2020 when Fayth wanted to buy a Scentsy buddy to give back to a child in the hospital. She wants to make sure that no matter what a child is going through in life, they are not alone. Fayth is a true fighter! She is a true Hero! She is the face of strength, resilience, and courage! Fayth will not let this diagnosis take her down. She will fight this awful disease all while her and her family raise awareness for Pediatric MS and give back to the children in our communities. You can read more about Pediatric Multiple Sclerosis by visiting www.operationfayth.org/learnmore