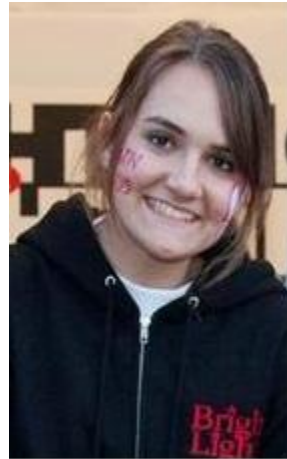




INTRODUCING YOUR HONOURED HERO FOR THE 2011 **LIGHT THE NIGHT** CAMPAIGN

Aubrie Naab



My name is Aubrie Naab and I was diagnosed with Acute Lymphatic Leukemia when I was 3 years old. In October of 1998, my parents met with my doctor who informed them of my blood cancer diagnosis. Obviously, being 3 years old, I had no idea what was going on; but for my parents and brother it was the most terrifying day of their lives. I don't remember much of the treatment, but enough of it remains in my mind to know that I received a lot of help and support from my family and friends. Our family life changed a great deal as we became accustomed to living off of a single income – my mother left her job to spend every minute by my side. As a result, my father increased his hours at work and my brother got to spend less time with our family. These were drastic changes for all of us to endure.

I now appreciate everything my family did for me, knowing what they gave up for me. It's ironic how a horrific and deadly disease can rip a family apart, and then ultimately make it stronger. I believe that being in and out of the hospital, not just at a young age, but at any point in life gives a whole different perspective on life. It shows people that outside of their own lives, there are always others who are worse off. I am one of the lucky ones - I survived this terrible disease.

It is now my goal to give back to those who need help, just like I did. If it wasn't for people dedicating their time and effort to researching medicine and treatment options, I may have not ended up with such an amazing and privileged life. This is why I participate in Light the Night; it is such a great, worthy cause that deserves every bit of the attention that it can get.

Being an Honoured Hero for 2011 is a very exciting responsibility for me. I am looking forward to bringing awareness to Light The Night, getting people involved, and helping anyone I can along the way. I hope that I can cause people to be inspired to find a cure for blood cancers, just like I am.

Please join me on October 15, 2011, as hundreds of people walk at Light The Night.