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Local 9 Year Old Girl Needs Help to Raise Money for a Cure



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The Woodlands, Texas, September 8, 2010 – Emmabella Rudd and EmmabellaBelievers.org would like to announce the launch of their new website to help raise \$20,000 dollars to help find a cure for juvenile diabetes.

On November 6th, Emmabella, her family and Emmabella's Believers will be participating in "Walk to Cure Diabetes" a 5K walk sponsored by The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation to help raise money for this devastating disease that is effects over 3 million Americans.

Emmabella may look like a normal healthy nine year old girl. She is in the fourth grade, loves swimming, soccer, horse riding lessons, and playing with her friends. She is just a normal girl...except she battles Type 1 Diabetes every day.

Emmabella was diagnosed with Type 1 Juvenile Diabetes nearly four years ago, when she was in Kindergarten. Juvenile Diabetes strikes children suddenly, leaving them insulin dependent for life. As in Emmabella's case, 90% of the children diagnosed have no family history of the disease. It is believed an environmental trigger causes the body to attack the beta cells in the pancreas leaving it unable to produce insulin. Over 3 million Americans have type 1 diabetes. In America 40 children

are diagnosed each and every day, 1.5 children are diagnosed daily at just Texas Children's Hospital alone.

Emmabella is full of spirit, smiles, and laughs, and appreciates the fullness of life. She is always a trooper, and rarely complains, amidst her daily diabetes routine. Shortly after Emmabella's diagnosis she would often ask "When is my diabetes going to go away?" Her parents would answer with confidence "When the doctors find a cure."

The Rudd Family decided that they must do everything in their power to help find a cure for their little girl. They formed a non-profit organization "Emmabella's Believers" dedicated to raising funds for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, and finding a cure for Juvenile Diabetes. Thanks to generous donations, Emmabella's Believers has raised \$50,000 in the last three years.

If you would like to read more about Emmabella's story, make a donation to Emmabella's Believers, or for more information, resources, and volunteer opportunities, please visit our website at <http://www.emmabellasbelievers.org>, or email info@emmabellasbelievers.org, or call 281-651-4147.

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