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2024 NNPDF Cora Sterling Endurance Award

Charlotte Joy Norris

The NNPDF Cora Sterling Endurance Award is presented annually to a young person - under age 25 who shines in raising awareness of Niemann-Pick Disease. Nominees can be a diagnosed individual, a sibling, or a friend, living in the United States. Nominees should show a special characteristic, strength, and poise that exemplifies their own endurance in the Niemann-Pick journey and raises awareness of Niemann-Pick disease in the community on a small or large level.

This year, we have the honor of presenting the award to a special young child who truly exemplified ENDURANCE. In her short time with us, Charlotte Joy Norris made an unforgettable impact on so many people. She battled Niemann-Pick type A with grace and bravery. Charlotte loved everyone she came in contact with. She and her family raised awareness of Niemann-Pick disease throughout her community in North Carolina and far beyond.



Charlotte's physician wrote that Charlotte was a ray of sunshine, and she was both fragile and fierce. She faced her diagnosis with incredible courage and her family gave her a beautiful, full life despite the severity of her condition. She pioneered new therapies that will benefit other children in the future, inspired countless people, and brought awareness to Niemann-Pick disease through the love and hard work of her parents and extended family.

Her father, Kyle, wrote that Charlotte fought her disease with unimaginable strength and courage! Charlotte was one of the youngest children to receive enzyme replacement therapy and she was the youngest child to receive experimental medicine JZP150. Charlotte never slowed down in her fight against Niemann Pick Disease, she traveled, and she saw the world as much as she could and she did it all with a smile. In her very short 2 years, Charlotte became a model for Bohemian Baby Magazine and attended the Rare Disease Conference.

Although Charlotte has recently passed, her short time here on Earth was not in vain. She made a big and lasting impact on the ASMD community. Charlotte and her family worked tirelessly to help spread awareness and advance treatments for ASMD type A.

We can't think of a more deserving soul to be honored with this award. Charlotte JOY Norris... her name says it all.

NNPDF is proud to honor and recognize Charlotte Joy Norris with this year's Endurance Award. The award has been accepted on her behalf by her father, Kyle.