

2026 NNPDF Cora Sterling Endurance Award

Emily McGlockin

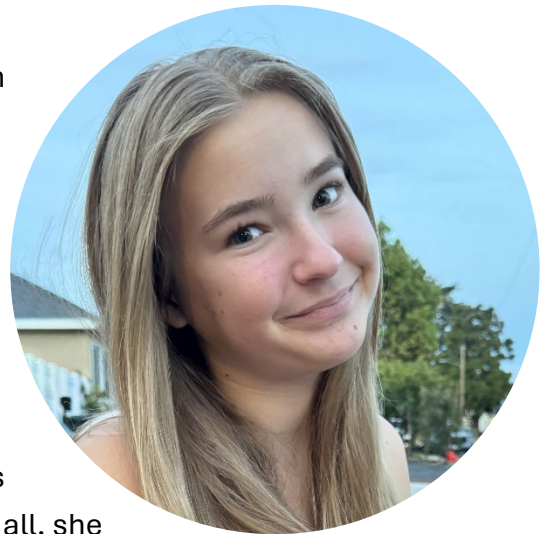
NNPDF is honored to recognize Emily McGlockin as the 2026 Cora Sterling Endurance Award recipient for her role in raising awareness of Niemann-Pick disease.

Emily is the older sister of Marian, who is living with Niemann-Pick type C, and Adam. Though still young herself, Emily embodies the very definition of endurance, strength, compassion, and quiet advocacy within the Niemann-Pick community.

Like many siblings in the rare disease community, Emily has grown up facing challenges far beyond her years. Through it all, she has shown remarkable maturity, resilience, and grace. She is a constant source of encouragement for her siblings - celebrating every accomplishment, supporting them through difficult moments, and loving Marian wholeheartedly in both the milestones and the everyday moments.

Emily's strength and insight have been evident from a young age. During the 2021 virtual NNPDF Family Conference, at just eight years old, she asked a heartfelt question: *How do you cope knowing your sibling may pass away?* While difficult to hear, her question reflected extraordinary courage, honesty, and a willingness to face the realities of Niemann-Pick disease with wisdom beyond her years.

Over the years, Emily has continued to grow into a compassionate advocate - not only for Marian, but for all individuals and families affected by Niemann-Pick disease. Though she may be quiet by nature, her passion for the community is unmistakable. At conference, she is always eager to learn, connect with others, and support families walking similar journeys. She carries herself with poise and demonstrates strength in ways both seen and unseen.



One of the most touching reflections of Emily's character is the special bond she shares with Marian. In the Activity Zone at conference, Marian is always eager to tell others how amazing her sister is and all the incredible things Emily can do. It is clear how deeply she admires Emily, and that admiration speaks volumes about the love, encouragement, and unwavering support Emily gives so freely.

Emily raises awareness not only through her words, but through the way she lives each day. She represents the heart of sibling advocacy by showing up with compassion, asking difficult questions, standing beside her sister through every challenge, and offering hope to others along the way. She is already making a meaningful impact within the Niemann-Pick community and is sure to continue inspiring others for years to come.