

Hillsborough Girl Receives Scholarship for Specialized Therapy Program in Michigan

Hillsborough, NJ, May 11, 2010 ~ Six-year-old **Emily Kavanaugh** from **Hillsborough** has been awarded a \$1500 scholarship to attend Euro-Peds National Center for Intensive Pediatric PT by the North Oakland Foundation. Emily, the adopted daughter of Amy Kavanaugh, has Cerebral Palsy and several neurological disorders resulting from a traumatic birth and in-utero drug addiction from her genetic mother.

The Euro-Peds clinic (www.europeds.org) out of Doctors' Hospital of Michigan (www.dhofm.com) in Pontiac, Michigan, is a specialized hospital-based therapy program for children with cerebral palsy and other neuromuscular disorders. The \$1500 scholarship will help cover the European-inspired "Suit Therapy" portion of Emily's treatment program between April 27-May 19. The entire 17-day therapy program will cost approximately \$10,000, plus travel expenses.

According to Kavanaugh, her health insurance through her employer, St. Peter's University Hospital in New Brunswick, does not cover any therapy for children with developmental disabilities so she pays out-of-pocket for Emily's physical and occupational therapies. She is also aided by many fundraising efforts by friends such as softball tournaments, volleyball tournaments and a marathon fundraiser. "The costs of Emily's care are considerable, but we need to keep pushing forward to get Emily up on her feet," stated Kavanaugh, who initially took Emily in as a foster child at the age of one-month prior to adopting her.

If you are interested in contributing to Emily's therapy fund for Euro-Peds, you may contact the North Oakland Foundation, (www.northoaklandfoundation.org) at (248) 857-7096 for a tax-deductible donation to Emily Kavanaugh's Adopt A Euro-Kid named account.



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