

DJ & Cassie were both born with a life threatening disease called Tyrosinemia Type 1, and were diagnosed in 2000. In the past, all children with this disease died before the age of 2, but with Liver Transplant and some other treatments it is beginning to change.

Well Cassie received a liver transplant and DJ was placed on an experimental drug called NTBC. Soon after, Cassie began to reject her liver, so more medications & treatments were necessary to help stop the rejection.

The Transplant Coordinator suggested that we might want to let Cassie "Make a Wish". I did not want to let her "make a wish", because I was afraid if I let her, she would die. Finally, we decided to let Cassie "make her wish". She wanted "to be a mermaid", so we went to Disneyworld and she met Ariel. She loved it.

Since that wish, Cas has had a couple close calls, but is doing OK right now. Chicken Pox became life-threatening and Fifth's disease made her bone marrow stop working, but at the moment she is strong.

After Cas made her Wish, DJ wanted to make his wish. At first, he just said he wanted to go to Disneyworld, but we knew this wasn't truly his wish. One night, about 18 months ago DJ was watching *Dog, the Bounty Hunter* on TV. He got so excited, and said he wanted to "meet dog". At first, I wasn't so sure about his idea, but when we saw that you all pray, and we definitely believe in the power of prayer, we decided to let him keep watching. We asked DJ, "are you going to help dog tell them about Jesus?" and I must truthfully tell you he loudly said, "NO! I'm gonna kick them in the shins and help him take them down!" Well, that was not the response we wanted, but this wish belongs to DJ, not us. Shortly thereafter, DJ (and Cas) were able to meet with *Dog, The Bounty Hunter*, Duane Chapman, to make his wish come true!