

Angel Foundation®

*A very happy Thanksgiving
to you and your loved ones...*

As you know, the months that encompassed last year's "Holiday" season were some of the worst in my family's lives.

Speaking selfishly, I had just been blessed with a beautiful and glorious Goddaughter named Bailey, and was on cloud 9. Then, within days, the heartbreaking and earthshattering call came from Renee -- telling me that we had received a positive screening for some strange disease I had never heard of called 'GA1'. My heart sunk, the bottom fell out, I heard her words and could barely comprehend them. I heard her heartbreak and could feel it over the phone line like an anchor at the bottom of my soul. I tried to be encouraging and failed miserably. The prognosis seemed very bleak from what I could comprehend, and thus, the very sad 'holiday season' began. Watching family that you dearly love suffer so much pain was excruciating for me, as I have lost many loved ones to tragic ends, and it was something I hoped to never experience again. Being able to do nothing to help went against every Type A personality trait within me. It was simply, awful.

But for us, thankfully, that was the last holiday season we would have to spend in that fear and heartbreak as we were given the ultimate gift - a false positive, and the health of our treasured little angel. We are acutely aware that many of you have not been so lucky, and we not only count our blessings every day, but we include you in our prayers and wishes for all the holiday miracles that we together can imagine and dream of.

The true blessing in this horrible experience for us is that we found you! Your stories, and your dedication, and your love and determination have been a true inspiration to us in ways that words cannot fully describe. YOU are the heroes, YOU are amazing.

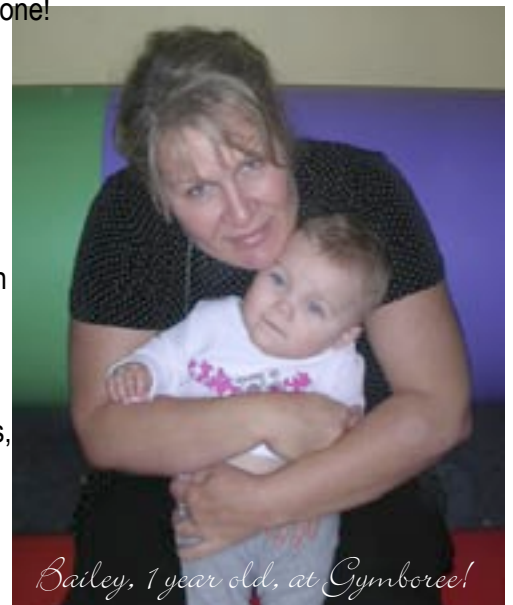
This holiday I give thanks not only for my incredible family, for Bailey and Kalyn's health, for my own wonderful son Tyler's health but for my beloved Renee and Scott and their commitment to doing what they can to bring light into the lives of others who are so deeply challenged at a level we can barely comprehend. To everyone who has supported my Goddaughter, Bailey, and her wonderful mom, dad, and sister... thank you. Your support, kind words and love have been greatly felt this year. I want to encourage all of you to submit a note on our FORUM page and forward an email about our new open forum to as many people as are in your mailing list. We want to hear from everyone!

And last, please join us this Thanksgiving as we say a prayer for our first BBAF Angel, **LILY**. She is 5 1/2 and has GA1. Lily didn't get the ENBS, and has suffered greatly through the progress of her disease. Even with all her obstacles, she can light up a room when she smiles! Recently, Lily went in for hip surgery and now is very very sick and having difficulty in recovery. Her loving mom Sarah is by her side every minute, and is a very amazing woman to be deeply admired for her loving devotion.

Together, this holiday season, I give thanks for all the love in my life. As we all join together at our thanksgiving table and give thanks for our blessings, please know you will be in our prayers and in our hearts.

With love and gratitude,

Marcia "Marcy Mama" Beverly (Proud Godmama!)



Bailey, 1 year old, at Gymboree!