



MEDIA ALERT

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10-YEAR-OLD WOLFSON CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL PATIENT NAMED AS FLORIDA STATE CHAMPION, WILL TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON, D.C. AND ORLANDO

***Walmart Stores, Inc. Surprising Florida's 2011 Children's Miracle Network Hospitals
Champion with \$500 Shopping Card***

WHAT: Children's Miracle Network Hospitals of Jacksonville will introduce a 10-year-old Wolfson Children's Hospital patient as the Florida State Champion in the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals Champions program. She and her family will be surprised with a \$500 shopping card at Sam's Club to prepare for her trip to Washington, D.C. and Orlando, Fla.

At eight years old, she first began experiencing unexplained knee pain. So, her family brought her to a clinic to have it examined. MRI results revealed a tumor in her right femur and she was soon diagnosed with Osteosarcoma. Her family brought her to Wolfson Children's Hospital for treatment.

Thanks to new technology, she was able to avoid amputation. In order to eliminate the cancer, her surgeons had to remove part of the bone in her right thigh. Doctors were then able to put an implant that connects the remaining part of her femur to the lower part of her leg. The device also features a hinge joint to replace her knee, to avoid more surgery later on, and as her body grows so will the device. After completing thirty weeks of chemotherapy appointments, she is now cancer free and proud to represent the state of Florida in 2011 for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals.

WHEN: Tuesday, May 3rd at 10:00 am

WHERE: *Sam's Club #8253*
300 Busch Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32218

WHY: Every year, the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals[®] Champions program identifies a child with a remarkable medical story from each state. These

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Champions serve as ambassadors for the 17 million children treated at Children's Miracle Network Hospitals annually. The Champions and their families will travel to Washington, D.C., and Orlando, Fla. in October to highlight the vital work of children's hospitals.

Children's Miracle Network Hospitals raises funds for 170 children's hospitals across North America. Walmart's support for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals began in 1987. Walmart and Sam's Club associates, customers and members have raised more than \$500 million for children's hospitals since the partnership began.