



## From the Founder:

This March marks the two-year anniversary of Cards for Hospitalized Kids. As I reflect on the past two years, I am thrilled with how this idea has grown into a movement. Last month, we even had cards sent to us from France! Thanks to all of you wonderful volunteers, we have now sent 19,000 cards. What an incredible number!

Last month, I was interviewed by CBS Chicago! The interview will air on Friday, March 22. In the photo at the left, I'm pictured with reporter, Harry Porterfield.

Thank you for helping us further our mission by sending in your thoughtful and motivating handmade cards. Each and every one has an impact! I can't wait to see what we will accomplish together in the future.

All my best,  
**Jen Rubino** ♥

## Volunteer Spotlight:

### Watch Aly Raisman on Dancing with the Stars!

We are so excited to cheer on one of our awesome athlete volunteers, Aly Raisman, on Dancing with the Stars this season on ABC. Season 16 of DWTS aired on March 18. Aly is an olympic gymnast, and she will be dancing with Mark Ballas. *Good luck, Aly!*



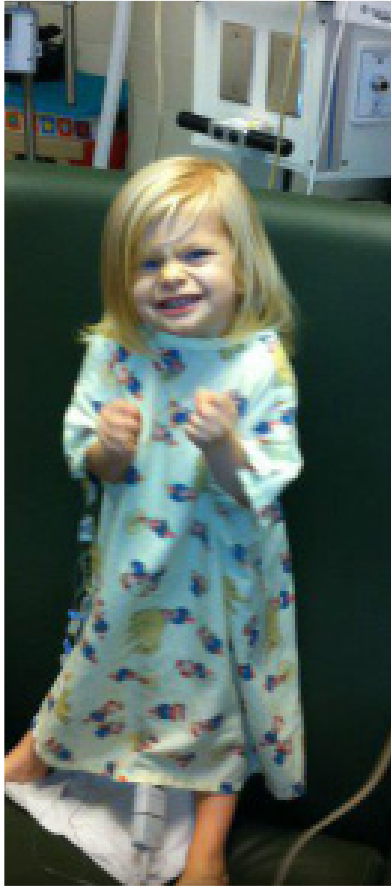
Photo courtesy of [ABC's Dancing with the Stars](#) on Instagram



Sydney is smiling with an autographed photo of Aly Raisman.

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# Brooke



We would like you to meet our friend, little Miss Brooke!

Brooke was born a happy and healthy baby girl. However, at a routine checkup, the doctor noticed a possible problem and sent Brooke to a cardiologist to “be safe”. Brooke was diagnosed with Dilated Cardiomyopathy, a condition in which the heart becomes weakened and enlarged and cannot pump blood efficiently. Her parents were in shock as they realized their beautiful baby girl had a life-threatening condition. At just 2 months old, Brooke began the wait for a heart transplant

On August 18, 2011, Brooke received her heart transplant. In the hospital after the transplant, Brooke received a card and autograph from us. Brooke is now out of the hospital, doing well and full of the energy that a 2 year old should have.

Having faced the possibility of losing their daughter without a donor, Brooke’s family is on a mission to increase organ donation.

To learn more, visit <http://www.brookesbigheart.com/>.

## Get Involved!

It takes minutes to make a card, but each card has a long-lasting impact on a child. With your help, we can send joy, hope, and magic to hospitalized kids across the country! All you have to do is send in your creative, handmade cards, and CFHK will take care of the rest. Every card is unique, just like each individual child who receives one. Through CFHK, you can share a smile with a child who needs it.

Please mail your cards to:

**cardsforhospitalizedkids**

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