

WinkWorld April 2007

Notes from the Real World

CSU Stanislaus Research Award: We did it! Many of you wrote extremely generous letters of support for me, when I was nominated for this award. I was humbled when I read your letters, and apparently the committee took your words to heart, too, as I was just notified that I won the award. Thank you so much. Go Team!

Family Update

Dawn has recently accepted a full-time instructor position at Santa Fe Community College . Happy days are here for all, including the lucky students of SFCC.

<http://www.sfccnm.edu/sfcc/pages/964.html>

Pink and White M&M's

<http://www.mymms.com/sgk/>

Susan G. Komen's Foundation: For each 8-ounce bag of the special candies sold, the makers of M&M (Masterfoods) will donate 50 cents to the foundation.

My March Medical Tests

All of my March medical tests were very good, and my treatments will end in August. Thank you for all of your support and prayers.

Adam's Poem

Adam is our 16 year-old great-nephew, who is undergoing treatment for an advanced case of testicular cancer. His mom and dad realized early on that Adam never cried. He says he doesn't feel like crying, he just wants the cancer out of him. Recently, his family found a poem, which Adam had written on a piece of notebook paper for a class. It was addressed: For Mom. As you read it, keep in mind that testicular cancer patients who have been cancer-free for ten years are considered, "cured."

I Never Cried

By Adam Meinecke, age 16

I found out I had it

December 11, 2006

It was in my lungs and liver

I knew what I had to do

But I never cried

It put me in the hospital

For days on end

It caused my loved ones pain

I had a fight to win

I had no time to cry

It put me through treatment

Hell for three months

They told me it was shrinking

Withering away into the nothingness it deserved

I was too happy to cry

Then there was the day

The day I was told

My family was rejoicing around me

I sat there with a blank look
Then it hit me
The fight was over
For 10 years I had fought
And now it was just over
It had shaped me
Made me who I am
And I cried

To follow Adam's progress,
www.caringbridge.org/visit/adammeinecke

Family Pixs 1-Dawn and the Kids

<http://www.joanwink.com/gifs2/dawnkids0307.jpg>

2-Garrett Coloring

<http://www.joanwink.com/gifs2/gcoloring.jpg>

3-Austin - Got Eyelashes?

<http://www.joanwink.com/gifs2/aevelashes.jpg>

4- Grammie and great painters

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