

Hi!

Ok, I am back on schedule for my monthly updates. I just had my birthday on the first and I am officially a teenager now. This has caused additional pain and suffering for my parents who now have three teenage daughters in the house. LOL

Chris Pasudetti, the author of my story, came over last week to look at photographs for the book. He took several dozen pictures home with him from the plays I have been in, the walks, the TV commercial, billboards, everyday life, etc. I also got to see a sample chapter of the book. You are all going to enjoy his writing, he is rather good!!! I can't wait to see the finished product. The publish date is still September 2008. You can read a "Blurb" about the book at http://www.itsnotwhoiam.com/It_Is_Not_Who_I_Am.html.

My parents sent back the package to the National Epilepsy Foundation for the Kids Speak Up conference which is being held in Washington DC. I will be representing the Epilepsy Foundation of Northeastern New York (EFNENY), which incorporates 22 counties in North Eastern New York, at this conference. I will be one of 50 kids (ages 7-16) from all over the country that will have the opportunity to visit Capital Hill and educate elected officials and staff about the disease. We will meet with our respective Senate or Congressional Representatives on behalf of more than three million Americans living with epilepsy. The Conference will take place March 30 to April 1.

Don't forget while in Washington D.C. my family will be participating in the 2nd National Walk for Epilepsy. We are going by the team name **It's Not Who I Am**. We are also currently looking for sponsors for the walk. If you want to sponsor me please visit: http://www.walkforepilepsy.org/site/TR/Walk/General?px=1127262&pg=personal&fr_id=1040 and click on the link "**Make a Gift**" (under the Thermostat).

Next week is the first official meeting with everyone getting together for the first time in one room to discuss Sara's 3rd Annual Walk for Epilepsy. The walk will be held on May 3rd at the State University of New York at New Paltz. If you would like to participate in my walk please download a sponsor form from at http://www.itsnotwhoiam.com/uploads/Walk_Sponsor_form_2008.pdf.

My dad joined the board of Directors of the Epilepsy Foundation of North Eastern New York and attended his first board meeting with them last Thursday. He is very excited to be working with them.

As always please visit my website, www.itsnotwhoiam.com for more information on what is going on. Also it has been well over a month since I received any new "**This Is Who I am**" updates. I am still looking for people to write me on how they make a difference in their communities. Please send me your "**This Is Who I am**" as Sara-Elizabeth@itsnotwhoiam.com. Samples of other "**This Is Who I Am's**" can be viewed on my website. We have some really great advocates and leaders in our communities! Please join them with your story.

Thank you!!!!

Sara

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