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It's Not Who I Am

Kohl's Cares For Kids—Scholarship WINNER

I have some very exciting news. In my last news letter I told everyone that I won one of the 1800, Kohl's Cares for Kids Scholarship on the store level and they will be making posters of me for my local Kohl's store for all of my fund raising activities.

Well, I was informed about three weeks ago that I had won the Regional scholarship from Kohl's as well.

Kohl's has recognized my efforts, along with 189 other children and teens (nationwide) by awarded each of us with a \$1000.00 scholarship.

The 190 children and teens that received this award from Kohl's for making efforts to help others in their communities and around the world were considered for one of ten \$5000.00 scholarships, plus an additional

\$1000.00 donated to each of their charities.

On July 29, I received a package from Kohl's Department Stores awarding me with one of the ten \$5000.00 Scholarships. I will be donating the \$1000.00 from Kohl's to The Epilepsy Foundation of Northeastern New York. Please take a look at: www.kohlscorporation.com/CommunityRelations/scholarship/index.asp to see what some of the other amazing kids have done!



Epilepsy Front

I have not experienced any new seizures. The last one was at the end of June.

While I am still concerned that more seizures may occur, I am not letting my time be dictated by this chance.

After my last update, in June, I received so many emails asking how I am doing & giving me words of encouragement. I am always amazed by the wonderful friends & family I have. Thank you everyone for your support!!!

I truly was worried that I would be treated different again, but gladly I was wrong.

I promise I will keep everyone up to date on how my appointment goes with the neurologist on August 13.

The Three Musketeers

I was part of 90 Miles off Broadway's production of The Three Musketeers. Most of the month rotated around the rehearsal schedule, followed by six performances. Most of the shows were sold while the remaining few were almost sold out! I was the Narrator and had lines throughout the show. Some of

which I sung. I was also part of the Pit Band, which was a 90MOB first for me.

This will be my last performance with the Children's Theatre group. I plan to audition for and be casted in future 90MOB adult shows.

The next musical that I will try

out for with 90MOB is "The Sound of Music" in spring 2009.

I will also be auditioning in August for a few other projects, not with 90MOB. One of which is in NYC, I will let you know more about this after the auditions.

Visit: www.ninetvmilesoffbroadway.com for more information on this & other shows.

Epilepsy Q & A:

Q: What is epilepsy? **A:** Epilepsy is a neurological condition that from time to time produces brief disturbances in the normal electrical functions of the brain. Normal brain function is made possible by millions of tiny electrical charges passing between nerve cells in the brain & to all parts of the body. When someone has epilepsy, this normal pattern may be interrupted by intermittent bursts of electrical energy that are much more intense than usual. They may affect a person's consciousness, bodily movements or sensations for a short time.

These physical changes are called epileptic seizures. That is why epilepsy is sometimes called a seizure disorder. The unusual bursts of energy may occur in just one area of the brain (partial seizures), or may affect nerve cells throughout the brain (generalized seizures). Normal brain function cannot return until the electrical bursts subside. Conditions in the brain that produce these episodes may have been present since birth, or they may develop later in life due to injury, infections, structural abnormalities in the brain, exposure to toxic agents, or for reasons that are still not well understood. Many illnesses or severe injuries can affect the brain enough to produce a single seizure. When seizures continue to occur for unknown reasons or because of an underlying problem that cannot be corrected, the condition is known as epilepsy. Epilepsy affects people of all ages, all nations, and all races. Epilepsy can also occur in animals, including dogs, cats, rabbits, and mice.