

Hello Everyone, I hope everyone had a great month! May was busy for me.

May began with my website being recognized by the Northeast Center for Special Care as their website of the Month. Northeast Center works with individuals with Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), Neurobehavioral disorders, spinal cord injury, ventilator care and ventilator weaning. Each month they feature a website from around the county that relates to TBI, neurology, etc. Northeast Center is quoted as saying, "Our website for May is unique and very special. It is a site created by a thirteen year-old, and while wisdom bespeaks age and experience, this is a unique young lady." To read the whole article visit, <http://www.northeastcenter.com/website-of-the-month-may08.htm>.



Most of April my dad and I worked on my first logo for my website. We discussed that the website had nothing that made it recognizable as a individual and independent website. I felt that the site needed something that would make it stand out. The logo underwent many changes and edits, the original idea for this logo has no resemblance to the final outcome. Let me know what you think about it. Along with the new logo we updated the format of the webpage hopefully making it easier to navigate and only displaying the information viewers want to see, rather than long lists of articles, and updates. As well, NEW to my web page is a new section titled "**Epilepsy Q & A**". Here you will find some of the most common questions, with answers, regarding epilepsy. This page is supplied and reprinted from The Epilepsy Foundation of America website®, www.epilepsyfoundation.org. I suggest visiting their website for the most up to date information on Epilepsy. In my opinion it is one of the best, if not THE best, resources for this type of information.



May Third, as everyone knows was Sara's Third Annual Walk for Epilepsy. It was a rainy cold day but that did not stop all of the supporters from coming out to aid me in my outreach. I started Sara's Walk for Epilepsy three years ago to promote general awareness, educate people, and per my personal mission, to help break the stigma. This year, and I hope for many years to come, the Epilepsy Foundation of Northeastern New York was the recipient of about \$15,000.00. All monies raised goes to help individuals with epilepsy right here in the Hudson Valley. Thank you everyone who supported, walked and sponsored this years and past Sara's Walk's! I look forward to working with and seeing everyone again at next years walk.



On May 21, I received a package from Kohl's Department Store. I was nominated and selected as a winner of the "Kohl's Kids Who Care" Scholarship Program and the Store Level. Which means I was nominated for my commitment to breaking the stigma surrounding epilepsy. For the Store Level award I received a \$50.00 Kohl's gift card and I will be on posters within my local Kohl's store. The letter also said that I was now being considered for a regional scholarship worth \$1000.00, and if selected I will be notified in June. If I win at this level the next step is the national level which awards a \$5000.00 scholarship and another \$1000.00 to my charity. As more develops I will pass news along.



I am working on a new project and I am asking for everyone's help. On my website I have a page titled "***This IS Who I Am.***" This page is dedicated to all of Itsnotwhoiam.com's subscribers. This is where YOU get the chance to tell me what YOU have done to make a difference in YOUR neighborhood, community, state, country and/or planet. I know that everyone has the potential to make a difference, please tell me about the difference you are making. I would like to share who you are with everyone. Write to me, care of my email at Sara-Elizabeth@itsnotwhoiam.com and let me know what you are doing. I will select emails and will reprint them my website so others can see what you do to help make a difference. When reprinting, only first name, age, city and state will be published from your email, if included. Email addresses will not be published or shared. I really want to see this page grow quickly with what everyone is doing to make a difference. Please tell me... "Sara, This ***IS*** who I am..."

I also received some very disappointing news on the book front. Per Chris Passudetti, the author, it looks like the release date of the book is going to be pushed back. It looks like with the economic times as they are, school districts are not purchasing new books as they have in recent years, causing this delay. Chris also said that, he wanted me to know that his commitment to the project is strong and that any delay will only means that he will put together a better book. I am hoping to here more about this soon.

Thank you,

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