

Luke is four years old and lives in Jefferson City, MO. He was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis at ten days old, after a difficult birth. He endured several hospital stays his first year, and had a porta cath placed in his chest when he was eight months. It is used for IV medications when he is sick and when the doctors need to draw blood. A nurse comes to our home monthly to keep it flushed. He takes 3 ½ capsules of enzymes each time he eats every day to help his body know which nutrients to keep, and to help him gain weight. He also takes other medications and does breathing and vest treatments twice each day. Luke recently celebrated his fourth birthday with a trip to see Thomas the Train in Kansas, and lunch at the Rainforest Café. He plays Start Smart Baseball, and loves golf, soccer, and baseball. He goes to gymnastics classes and does physical therapy to help build up his muscle strength. Luke attends preschool, and even has a little girlfriend named Abbi! He is a very bright young man, and as his mother, I am very proud of his accomplishments and good health. Thank you for attending the luncheon and for your continued support of Luke and the other kids with cystic fibrosis. God bless you!

