



The Hemispherectomy Foundation Brain Matters Newsletter

2010 Scholarship Winners Medical Research Awards Program HME Study



The Hemispherectomy Foundation is Dedicated to Children and Families who are Impacted by Hemispherectomy Brain Surgery.

The Hemispherectomy Foundation is a 501c3 Non-Profit organization that provide college scholarships, trade school scholarships, camp fees, life-aid equipment, travel expenses, and other aid as approved by the officers.

The foundation is also dedicated to hemispherectomy education, awareness, fundraising and research of the medical conditions that lead to surgery and the surgery itself.

The Hemispherectomy

2010 Hemi Foundation Scholarship Winners

The Hemispherectomy Foundation is proud to announce the winners of the 2010 Jessie Hall Hemispherectomy Scholarship (JHHS). The JHHS is a scholarship awarded annually to young people who have undergone a hemispherectomy and who have been accepted into an institution of higher learning.

This year's recipients will receive \$1,000 toward books, tuition, or other needs as they see fit, to make their college experience more rewarding.

The 2010 JHHS Recipients are:

Emily Olsen : Emily is currently attending Edgewood College in Madison, Wisconsin. She is on the Admission's Staff, and The President's Office Staff as well as a Student Ambassador, and a Volunteer at the American Family Children's Hospital. Emily's dream is to be a Child Life Specialist where she can give back for all of the support that she received during her battle against Rasmussen's Encephalitis.

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Sarah Shivoock : Sarah graduated this Spring from Holy Cross High School in Dunmore, Pennsylvania . She plans to attend Pennsylvania College of Technology in the Fall to pursue her dream of becoming a nurse. The inspiration for this dream came from Sarah's grandmother, who is a retired Operating Room nurse. "I always admired her stories of the OR and how hard she worked to serve other people", said Sarah in her scholarship application essay.



Jody Miller : Jody is a Junior at Eastern University in Pennsylvania and is studying Elementary Education. She plans to be a Primary School Teacher after graduation. Jody is a third-time winner of the JHHS Scholarship. She is from Millersville, Maryland and her passion outside of school is dance.



Please join me in congratulating these fine students on their inspirational accomplishments.

This is truly,

"Hope in One Hemisphere!"

Cris and Kristi Hall

Founders, The Hemispherectomy Foundation



Announcing The Hemispherectomy Foundation Medical Research Awards Program

The Hemispherectomy Foundation is proud and excited to announce the :

**Hemispherectomy Foundation Medical Research
Awards Program.**



This program is designed to reward original research into areas affecting the Hemispherectomy Community and encourage more research in related areas.

The Awards

- Multiple Awards Annually
- \$1,000 to \$5,000 each
- For Research **Completed** in previous year
- Encourage Research in diseases affecting our families
- Encourage Research into areas of rehabilitation of Hemi Children



The Hemispherectomy Foundation is dedicated to championing the cause of Medical Research, especially in areas that directly impact the families that we support...those impacted by Hemispherectomy brain surgery. We pledge to support research into the medical conditions that necessitate hemispherectomy.

- Pediatric Stroke
- Cortical Dysplasia
- Hemimegalencephaly
- Sturge-Weber Syndrome
- Rasmussen's Encephalitis

Other Potential Medical Research Areas

- Pharmaceutical treatments
- Neuropsychology

- Physical rehabilitation
- Cognitive rehabilitation
- Family life
- Child life
- Neuro-ophthalmology



Look for details coming in the mail soon!

For more information, please contact
Cris@HemiFoundation.org.



Hemimegalencephaly Study Participants Needed

Hello dear HME families! I wanted to notify everyone about an important opportunity regarding a proposed study on hemimegalencephaly.

Monika Jones, whose son Henry was born with hemimegalencephaly, has offered to help with a proposed study by UCLA regarding clinical outcomes of children with hemimegalencephaly. In order to participate, you will be asked to respond to a questionnaire and provide pre-operative MRI examinations (preferably on CD) to UCLA. Ms. Jones will assist you, if needed, in obtaining MRI CDs from your neurologist and transmitting them to the university.

This study should be ground-breaking and will help all of us understand our child's condition and outcomes. If you are willing to participate in the study, please contact Monika

Jones at monikajones7@yahoo.com. If they get enough people who are interested, they'll continue with the next phase of the process. If you have any questions or concerns before committing to participate, please direct them to Monika.

Best wishes for a great summer! See some of you soon at the Hemispherectomy Family Retreat in Indianapolis!

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