

WHAT IS LYME DISEASE?

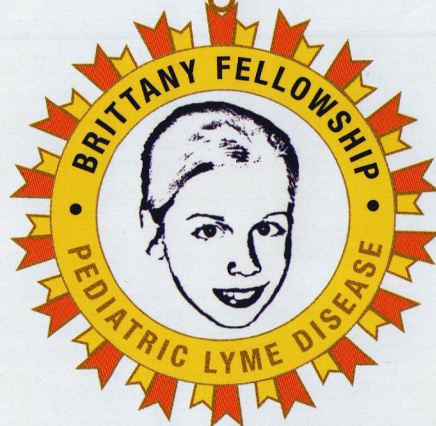
Lyme Disease is caused by bacteria usually transmitted by the deer tick. It is a scary possibility to consider for New York State residents who enjoy spending time outside during the summer months. Lyme disease may affect the brain in many ways. The most common is a disturbance in thinking (cognition).

The spirochete, (*Borrelia Burgdorferi*), which causes Lyme disease can invade the central nervous system within days to a week of initial skin infection, as a result it disseminates through the blood stream. The majority of people who are treated early with antibiotics do well and incur no long term problems. People who are not treated until later in the illness may have a more complicated course.

The Kiwanis Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation

The Kiwanis Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation was established to help pay for the treatment and/or medication of a child with this ever growing disease. Unfortunately most insurance companies DO NOT pay for the treatment – a treatment which is very expensive.

Donations from the New York District Kiwanis Clubs and individuals are channeled into the Pediatric Lyme Disease Fund. As of January 2007, the Lyme Disease Foundation has paid about \$900,000 for treatment and/or medication of young children with Lyme Disease.



The Brittany Fellowship Medallion and Plaque is named after
BRITTANY MEZZANCELLO
Granddaughter of Bronx Westchester South Division
DPLG Joseph Michael Wuest.

Brittany has been a victim of Lyme Disease since two years of age. She has been engaged in a long, difficult battle. In April 1998, she suffered a setback and was removed from school for a period of two years. The spirochete, which has plagued her body since infancy, dramatically reproduced and took a stronghold. On occasion her fragile body would slump to the floor in a fetal position, limp and exhausted. Brittany is intravenously treated for approximately forty-five minutes daily, and routinely with significant doses of prescription drugs through a shunt in her chest. The weekly cost of the prescription drugs range from \$1000 to \$3,000. There is no cure for her and her life is complicated at best.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Lyme disease is 1.5 times more common than breast cancer and 6 times more common than HIV and is the fastest growing infectious disease.
- The CDC acknowledges at least 300,000 new infections per year.
- The tell-tale "bull's-eye rash" after a bite occurs in less than half of all Lyme infections.
- Current testing often provides a false negative result.
- Most insurance companies do not cover treatment for Lyme disease.

SYMPTOMS

- Severe fatigue and exhaustion
- Joint pain, swelling and stiffness
- Neurological impairment, unable to concentrate, memory loss, vision changes
- Difficulty with speech or writing, ear pain, buzzing or ringing
- Seizures, light-headedness, poor balance, difficulty walking and Bell's palsy
- Cardiac issues, irregular heartbeat, murmurs, heart block

Help Us to Help Young Lyme Disease Patients Receive the Care They Need and Deserve

Become a distinguished member of the Kiwanis Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation donors and take part in this important charitable work.

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

Name of Recipient
(Print as it will appear on the award)

Name of Donor

Telephone Number

Date of Presentation

Club Name

Key Number

Please forward a check for \$500
made payable to the:

Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation

and send to

DPG John A. Gridley
PO Box 20153
Floral Park NY 11002
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AWARDS



Brittany Fellowship Award

includes lapel pin, medal and plaque \$500 donation

To purchase additional levels of Brittany Fellowship Awards the previous level Brittany must be purchased first.

Emerald Fellowship Award

The Emerald Fellowship Award is available AFTER the purchase of the Brittany Fellowship Award

LEVEL ONE:

includes pin and certificate of authentication for an additional \$250 donation



LEVEL TWO:

includes pin with two emeralds for an additional \$250 donation



LEVEL THREE:

includes pin with two emeralds and one diamond for an additional \$250 donation

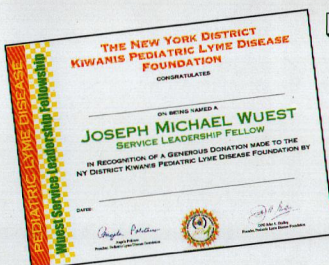


NEW LEVEL

SPECIAL CLUB AWARD

Joseph Michael Wuest Award

includes a banner patch, five commemorative pins and five certificates \$150 donation



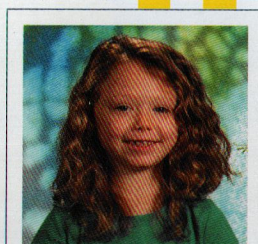
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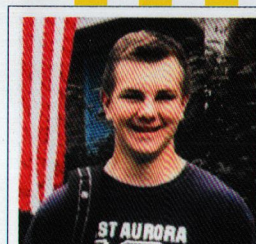
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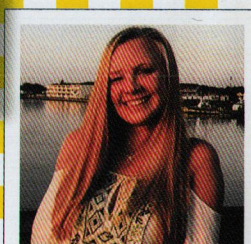
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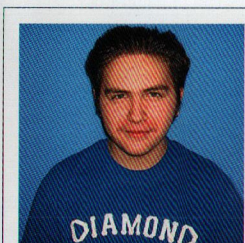
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PETER

The photos of the young people that appear in this brochure have been helped because of your donations to the Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation.

The children depend on your continued support.



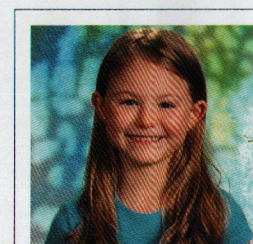
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BRITTANY Fellowship Award

Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation Helps Families and Kids Suffering with Lyme Disease

NEW 3rd LEVEL EMERALD BRITTANY ON AWARDS PANEL

