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INSPIRING OTHERS AS THE AMBASSADOR FOR CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

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MY NAME IS MAYA DELANEY AND I AM IN THE SIXTH GRADE. I have a thing called Hemophagocytic Lymphohistiocytosis (HLH) which is a blood disorder that makes bad HLH cells and attacks all of my white and red blood cells.

HLH is a really aggressive blood disorder that is normally seen only in really little kids and babies. I got HLH when I was seven years old and it was not genetic and the doctors don't know for sure what triggered it, so doctors do not know how I got HLH. I am the only kid in the world that got HLH the way I did.

Well, that is enough sad stuff, the good thing that came of it is that I am an Ambassador for Children's Hospital Foundation Colorado and some responsibilities are fund-raising, making appearances and helping the Foundation spread the word about the good work they are doing to help all children no matter what their health issue is.

My experience at Children's was wonderful, even in such a bad time of my life. **NOW MORE THAN EVER,** I want to make sure other kids just like me can get the best care they can.

ROCKIN THE RUNWAY WITH SAMUEL GIRARD, Maya Delaney, 06, along with 30 other kids from Children's Hospital participate in the Avs and Better Halves Charity event that helps to raise money for the Children's Hospital. Every child in this event walked the runway with an Avalanche player. Delaney walked with Samuel Girard. "All the money goes to CCBD," Delaney said.

MEETING A FAMOUS ATHLETE, Delaney along with other ambassadors from Children's Hospital, interview Denver Bronco players. After a Broncos' practice, Delaney spoke to Adam Gotsis, and wrote an article about him. "It was cool and you got to watch the end of practice," Delaney said.

IN SEPTEMBER, Delaney, with help from her older sister, Marley, who was a bone marrow donor, emcee a gala for the Children's Hospital. They raised a record amount of money and Delaney shared her story in front of over 15,000 people. "It was very nerve raking, but it was fun," Delaney said.

EACH YEAR AT COSTCO, employees raise money for Children's Hospital. The Riverpoint Costco donated to Delaney. "I really enjoyed the chance to help people," Delaney said. *photos courtesy of m. prinzi*

Ronin Abdel-Jabbar
Morgan Aikens
Annie Allen
Cristian Alvarez
Julia Alvarez
Madeline Anjaria
Waverly Aye
Sydney Babcock
Braden Backes

Connor Baclawski
Daniel Ballas
Patience Bebout
Addison Becker
Olivia Becker
Jackson Beeman
Grace Blankenship
Eloise Boedeker
Graycee Bohlen

Aiden Boillot
Chloe Bosley
Meara Boyce
Bethany Bradley
Isabella Brandberg
Sophia Bren
Cooper Brendlinger
Gabriel Brock
Emnet Butler

Emily Buzzell
Hannah Cadwallader
Cadence Carlson
Charles Catel
Emma Ceriani
Jessica Chaney
Tyler Chapman
Ashley Chavez Valdovinos
Isabella Cole

Griffin Collings
Ronan Colson
Callie Cooper
Joey Cooper
Kathryn Copp
Stella Counter
Gracie Cox
Summer Cox
Carson Cronin

Cassandra Culp
Korinne Culp
Jacob Cumley-Gonzales
Carson David
Hogan David
Martina Davis
Ocean Day
Powell DeHart
Caden Deines

Madeleine Delachapelle
Maya Delaney
Matteo DeNittis
Lance Derby
Dylan Dickson
Kellen Doan
Carter Dobbins
Matthew Dollaghan
Sloane Donahue

Sarah Donohue
Connor Dreiling
Auriella Dunda
Landen Dunn
Tristan Early
Claire Easley
Webb Eggen
KyraAnn Enley
Evelyn Ervin

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"I like to have fun, relax and hang out with my friends."
MICHAEL PETERSON, 06
photo by g. juergens

"I can learn."
GREYDEN WANDRY, 06
photo by a. evangelista

"My grandma lives at a retirement home and I help out the elderly there."
COOPER BRENDLINGER, 06
photo by a. lang

"I like to dance."
SOPHIA BREN, 06
photo by a. stark

"I love to run."
JORDAN FREDERICKS, 06
photo by g. kho

"I'm practicing basketball."
JOLENE SISNEROS, 06
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