## The LeAnn Schroeder Hardiek Friendship Endowment





LeAnn Schroeder Hardiek was the 29-year old mother of two young boys when she was first diagnosed with breast cancer. She passed away in April 2015 at the age of 31. Upon LeAnn's first diagnosis with breast cancer, the Effingham community rallied their support around her and her two young sons. The boys were often given toys, such as Lego sets, to keep them occupied during LeAnn's hospital stays. The generosity towards her sons inspired LeAnn to give back to her community in the same way.

Upon her request to her father and stepmother, Jim and Kathy Schroeder, an endowment was established to provide children of cancer patients with the same comfort her sons received during her cancer battles. LeAnn passed away in April 2015 at the age of 31, but her legacy lives on through the LeAnn Schroeder Hardiek Friendship Endowment.

The LeAnn Schroeder Hardiek Friendship Endowment will provide cancer patients with gift cards for their young children (age 18 and under). These children are often scared of hospitals and worried about their sick parents. Many times the expense of cancer treatments can make seemingly ordinary expenses such as toys, meals out, clothes, even an ice cream cone can seem like a luxury expense. These gift cards are meant to help alleviate the child's fear and relieve some of the financial burden felt by parents. The gift cards can be used for toys, meals and other forms of entertainment that can provide a distraction for the child whose parent is battling cancer. The gift cards will be distributed by the staff at the Effingham Crossroads Cancer Center.



With your financial support, more children can receive a comforting gift as their parents battle cancer. To donate, fill out the donor card below and mail it to Effingham County Community Foundation, PO Box 1211, Effingham, IL 62401. Your donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

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