



THAT DARN TIC



A NEWSLETTER BY AND FOR KIDS WITH TS

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Nate (9 years old)
Broken Arrow, Oklahoma

My name is Nate and I am 9 years old in the 3rd grade at Arrow Springs Elementary. I have a lot of tics like a clicking noise I make in my throat. If I touch something once, I have to touch it again. I also growl from within my throat. I've had to tell all

the teachers that I've had that I have TS, so they won't get on me in class. Sometimes people say my clicking sounds like Maggie on "The Simpsons" sucking on her pacifier! But luckily no one makes fun of me because my friends and classmates have known me since I've had my tics and no one seems to notice.



Gianni (9 years old)
Aston, Pennsylvania

My name is Gianni and I have TS. I was told I had TS in September, but I had tics when I was a lot younger. I don't care that I have TS. It does not make me any different than anyone else. My tics are mumbling, blinking hysterically, twitching my head around and a lot more. I am a huge Phillies fan. I went to the game where the Phillies won the World Series. I act in plays at the Media Theatre. It is really fun. I play baseball and I am on the Red Sox. I don't take medicine for my tics, but sometimes they do get out of control. TS gets on my nerves sometimes. I am hoping that doctors will find a cure for TS.



Kai (9 years old)
Cinnaminson, New Jersey

My name is Kai. I am 9 years old. I have three little sisters and a great dog named Cannon. I like to play on Club Penguin, and I like Pokemon and Bakugan. I'm pretty normal except I have Tourette Syndrome.

In Kindergarten I was diagnosed with TS. It changed my whole life. I went to a lot of doctors and they took samples of my blood and after a while the doctors put it all together. Some of my tics right now are nose sniffing, throat clearing, stomping my feet, hitting things to feel pressure and I also have vocal tics.

Now some people look at me, but I just tell them, "I have Tourette's."

Tourette's will not push me over the edge!



Emily (12 years old)
Lane Manlius, New York



Me with Brody, my Mom's massage therapist's son

Hi! My name is Emily and I am 12 years old. I ran the Walt Disney World 5K and Half Marathon for TEAM TSA in January 2010. I finished the 5K and three miles of the half marathon.

We raised \$10,000 and about 20 people came to do the 5K.

I have ADD and TS.