



THAT DARN TIC



A NEWSLETTER BY AND FOR KIDS WITH TS

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Abby (8 years old)
Paradise Valley, Arizona

My name is Abby. I was diagnosed with TS just a couple of months ago. I have very many different tics. My tics are tapping my feet, blinking, humming and repeating. TS is a tough thing to get through, but you have to stay positive.

I have some family members who have TS and even my doctor has it. Even though it is challenging for me to get through it, I just keep going and it could make a difference. I don't let TS hold me back, so I keep chasing my dreams and you should, too.

You're Not Alone

When Tourette's gets you down
You might scold or frown
But just remember you're not alone
So grab a friend or pick up the phone
You might feel that Tourette's is a big deal
But in the end you'll have a friend



Conner (9 years old)
Marshfield, Wisconsin

Hi, my name is Conner. I have TS, like some people. My tics are sort of a "huh" sound, a slurp sound, I blink and roll my eyes up and I murmur. I started this when I was about 5 years old. When I was in first and second grade, nobody noticed my tics. There is a girl in my third grade class who sits by me, but she really doesn't like my Tourette's. I told some of my classmates that I have Tourette's after my parents took me to see a



neurologist for kids. I want to give a presentation to my whole classroom about Tourette's and how TS doesn't make you dumb.

I love football and baseball. When I grow up I want to be an NFL or MLB star. Whenever I try to hold my tics in, I feel really stressed. Whenever I play my video games I kinda feel less stressed. A lot of my friends don't notice my tics. I like to draw cartoons. It makes me feel better. I love to read.

My family is my dad, my mom, my sister and Sophie (my dog). I like to play U.B. Funkeys and I like to read old comics like Opus and Calvin & Hobbes. I also love to go on vacation with my family. The picture of me was taken last summer when we were on vacation and I caught my first smallmouth bass. That was a lot of fun. I also love to do art. I am a straight A student. I also like cars. My most favorite ones are a Gallardo, a Ferrari F50 and a Viper.

It's like I said, tics don't make you dumb.



Austin (11 years old)
Terre Haute, Indiana

Hi! My name is Austin. I love to skateboard and play football. I have four skateboards: two Elements, a Mongoose and a Blank. When I play football, my positions are running back and linebacker.

I have tics. They cause me to have twitching in my neck and forcing my eyes to shut really tight. I have had my tics since I was 8 years old.

My Mom and Dad would always tell me to stop doing my tics, but I told them that I couldn't stop. They could not understand why I couldn't stop, so they took me to my doctor, Dr. Brightwizer. It took him a while to figure it out why I couldn't stop twitching. So, he sent me to Indianapolis to another doctor, whose name is Dr. Hale. I think that he's the best doctor in the world.



Thomas (12 years old)
Germantown, Tennessee

I Knew I Could: My Adventure in Boston

Recently, I received an international award for academics called the "Yes, I Can!" awards, which was hosted by the Council for Exceptional Children. It all started when I was nominated by someone very special to me and her name is Jessica Moore. She put a lot of effort into nominating me for this award and I appreciate all her time and effort.



The "Yes, I Can" award is an award that is given to children throughout the world with special needs, or as my friend Tyler, who also received this award calls them, special abilities. The award, however, is not strictly for kids with special needs; it is for children with special needs who excel in the classroom and other activities. The award is given to many different kids from all over the world who have different types of conditions, but do not let their disabilities limit what they do or achieve. The award was given to 28 children who were chosen from hundreds of applications. Knowing this made me feel really good and honored about winning the award.

I was going to Boston, where all of the other children who were getting the award were going to. The award ceremony was on a local Boston television station and when I first heard I was going to be on television, I was very nervous. At the same time, however, I was very excited and honored to receive this award. The longer I was in Boston, the more confidence I gained because every other child there inspired me to give it my best at everything I do because they all did the same no matter what their conditions were. During the awards I did pretty well of keeping my cool knowing that I was on television. The event lasted for about two and a half hours and I am so happy I was able to be on television that long. During the ceremony, there was a talk given by Senator Kennedy where he talked about how proud he was of all of the children who were there. After his speech, the event was over and on my way out he gave a high five. That was a really exciting experience for me and after the ceremony was over, I was interviewed by Fox News station. This was really cool and I was really excited to be interviewed by a national television station.

Along with the "Yes, I Can" award statue and certificate, I also received a personal letter and picture from President Bush and Mrs. Bush, a personal letter of congratulations from Senator Kennedy and a Senate Joint Resolution, which included a large recognition letter stamped with the Great Seal of Tennessee. It was great to get recognition from them for my achievement. While I was in Boston I made several new friends named Antoine,

Traveain, Timothy and Tyler. These people suffered a wide variety of disabilities ranging from cerebral palsy to cognitive delays. No matter what their conditions were, they were all as happy as they could be to be there in Boston. They helped me realize that a condition is what you make of it, you can either let it get you down, or you can accept it like they did, and be the best you can.

There are many people who I would like thank for helping me get to where I am today. I would like to thank my mom, my gran and the rest of my family. I would also like to thank all of my friends including Noah and Chad. I would also like to thank all of my teachers who I have had over the years as well as my principals at my elementary and middle schools. Finally, I would like to thank my mentors Jessica Moore and Samuel Beatty. They all have helped me so much in getting to where I am today. I will always have a positive attitude when facing new challenges and I will always say "Yes, I Can" to everything I pursue.



Avery (7 years old)
South Bend, Indiana

My name is Avery and I was just diagnosed with TS and OCD in October 2007. At first, I was mad when the doctor told my mom that I had TS because it sounded scary, but then my mom read me a story about a horse that was different, too. It turns out the horse was actually a unicorn! So I guess I am like a unicorn and that is okay with me.



I feel bad sometimes when my arms and legs twitch or jerk, but I can't help it. It is very hard for me to sit still and I like everything to be in a pattern. I used to click my tongue a lot, too. Now I mostly sniff, lick my lips, wrinkle my nose and jerk my arms, legs and body.



My school is really, really small though and everybody is very nice. Nobody has teased me there or made me feel bad. It made me very happy to read *That Darn Tic* and to know that there are other kids like me. My doctor said that as I get older my tics could change or lessen. I do not want to take

medicine because I am not very good at taking my antibiotics when I am sick.

I love reading, swimming, playing video games, doing puzzles, singing, dancing, drawing and coloring. My favorite holiday is Halloween because I really like to dress up and eat candy.

Abigail

(11 years old)
Springfield,
Massachusetts



Tourette's

Attention all the time,
Not what I had in mind.
Having someone to understand,
Makes me feel not alone.
I have the strength
To overcome my fears.
Now I have risen
From being so weak.
I don't care if people laugh or stare,
I only know that it's not fair,
I see that it is very rare
To find someone like me.
But, I am not so different.
I am the same person I used to be.



I tic and I jerk.
I stutter and I burst.
I try and I try
but it just can't hide.
It's like I am away from all the
other people who laugh and
mock at me.
It's all like a puzzle piece in a
puzzle that just can't
find the right fit.
That's what I feel like
all the time.
I bet you couldn't
have guessed.
If you had Tourette's you would
know the pain we go through.



Trent (14 years old)
Shenandoah, Iowa

When the tic starts catching on
to me, I start feeling bad and
embarrassed. It makes me feel
like I want to run away. The one
I usually have is that I always
pull my sleeves up while eating
or playing video games. I feel
sometimes I have to pull up the
sleeve, and if I don't pull it up

I feel angry that I can't stop pulling.
I struggle with this tic daily. I think this one started
when I was about 9 or 10 years old. I started noticing it
when my teacher asked me why I was pulling up my
sleeves. When I am told that I can't pull up my sleeves
I feel mad followed by nervous, because I think I have to
do it. I react to these emotions by either lashing out or
I try to get over it by lying down.

Miriam (13 years old)
Portland, Oregon

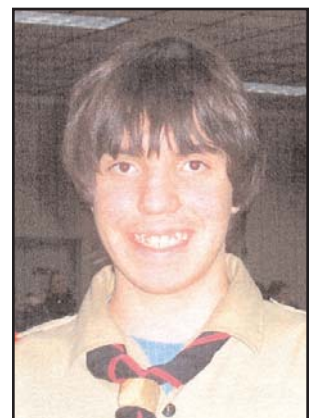


My name is Miriam. I'm in the
seventh grade. I play clarinet,
bass clarinet and soccer. I love
all school subjects, making
mosaics and cooking. I have an
older brother (Ari), three cats
(Alex, Isis and Aggie), and a
dog (Beau). I've had Tourette
Syndrome since I was in
second grade for sure, and I might have had it earlier,
however, I wasn't diagnosed until last year. My parents
and I had been fairly certain long before that. I've had a lot
of teasing in spite of the fact that I talk to my classes about
Tourette's. However, you just have to persevere and have
faith in yourself and others. I also write poetry. The one
below is one of my recent compositions.

The stars up in the sky
Look on from up high
On the Earth
Filled with kindness and mirth
No more mockery and tears
No more malice and jeers
No more isolation
It's crumbled like the remains of a fossilized civilization
Blown away on a breath of air
When the day dawns bright and fair
Without Tourette's



Joey (13 years old)
Chicopee, Massachusetts



Hi! My name is Joey. I was first
diagnosed with TS at the age of
3. About 10 years later, I was
diagnosed with OCD. My parents
were very understanding, but I
did have some minor problems
at school with my teachers and
peers. Although I was never
severely teased, I still had a
great difficulty telling people
about my disorders. As I got
older, I became less shy and began to tell people that
I have TS and OCD.

I am a boy scout in Troop 1849 in Massachusetts.
I recently completed my Eagle Project, "Teaching Issues of
Tourette Syndrome." This project explained to teachers how
to educate children with TS using special techniques and
accommodations. I picked this for my Eagle Project because
I knew that if teachers didn't understand me, then they
wouldn't understand anyone else with TS. This will make life
a lot easier on teachers and their students with TS.

TSA 2008 National Conference Youth Ambassadors Special Insert



Holly (14 years old)
Tuscon, Arizona

I was recently selected as the Arizona State Youth Ambassador for the TSA. From April 1-4, 2008, TSA sent me to Washington D.C. to attend a training that I am now using to help make our community more aware of Tourette Syndrome; both what it is and how to be a friend to those of us who have it.

Additionally, while I was in Washington, I was part of a Delegate of other state TS Youth Ambassadors. We all went to Capitol Hill to advocate with our Congressional Reps and Senators regarding four pieces of legislation that impact TS. We also requested a \$2 million allocation of funds that TSA and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will use for research and education. I met with staffers from Senator John McCain, Senator Jon Kyl and Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords offices. I was impressed by how much time they gave me and their real consideration of the issues I presented.

Currently as the Arizona State TS Youth Ambassador, I plan to speak in classrooms, scout troop meetings, youth groups and clubs about the issue of Tourette Syndrome in children and teenagers. My goal is to increase awareness about Tourette's and encourage others who have TS to link up with our local and national TSA Chapters.



Lee (15 years old)
Dix Hills, New York

This was my first TS conference and Trip to the Hill. I was very excited because I love politics and this was a chance for me to talk directly to the politicians themselves. I was also excited because sharing information about TS is important to me.

Training to become a TS Youth Ambassador is an honor. Going to the Hill offered me a chance to combine my interests in politics and teaching about the facts of TS. I was not disappointed! I spoke with the staffers and congressmen about my personal experience with tics, difficulties in school and anxiety. I also spoke about the importance of supporting the organization so other kids and teens like me can succeed in school, sports and anything else that they want to do. I got to meet kids my age who have similar problems. I am looking forward to continuing to educate kids and teachers about TS as a Youth Ambassador.



Colin (15 years old)
Copley, Ohio

What can I tell you about this year's TSA national conference... besides it was awesome! The weekend was well organized, the speakers were great and my all time favorite... you could play guitar in the lobby!

I personally enjoyed being part of the TSA Youth Ambassador Program. It really piqued my interest the way they had this idea of TS kids teaching kids about TS. Jen and Jane Zwilling are amazing advocates and I enjoy being around them. To say the least I was very impressed with how far they have gone and how far they plan to go with this program.

Once again, good times were had by all!

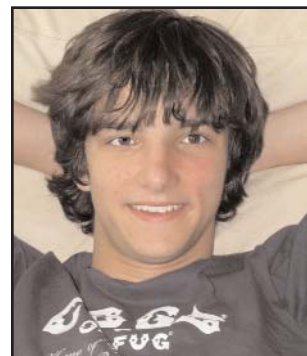


Brian (19 years old)
Columbus, Indiana

My name is Brian and I have Tourette's, but Tourette's doesn't have me! I was diagnosed very early on, in preschool and all throughout my life in elementary school, middle and in high school. I really needed the TSA Youth Ambassador Training and National Conference. I've always been advocating for myself and others with TS and other disabling conditions, but I really needed the confidence given by the training for I lacked that confidence to use the skills that I had.

I had never been to a TSA Conference before. Boy, was it fun! I have never seen so many boys and girls with TS in one room! The social interaction was amazing! I met several new friends, whom I still keep in contact with. The Conference was a huge success, and a very great help to me. I also got the pleasure of practicing and performing some sleight of hand and magic effects that I have been working on for the past 10 years. I did two informal magic shows at the conference, one for my peers the first night, and one for the mini camp

The lectures, materials and information about TS and becoming a TS Youth Ambassador given out by Jen and Jane Zwilling were very helpful, filled with wonderful new ideas and concepts, confidence building activities and public speaking ideas and techniques. I was sent home with a renewed vigor for speaking out for myself and my fellow Touretters; I have renewed confidence and new friends. I will definitely be returning in 2010 to the National TSA conference with hope for a lot more friends, a lot more fun, and a lot more knowledge.



TSA 2008 National Conference Youth Ambassadors Special Insert



Michael (14 years old)
Chesterton, Indiana

I attended the TSA National Conference and the Youth Ambassador training. I had a great time! I participated in the Trip to the Hill, where I spoke with congressmen and delegates from Indiana, seeking their support of certain bills concerning TS and

those affected by it. At the TS Youth Ambassador training, I learned the latest information about Tourette Syndrome, and ways to teach other people about it. As a TS Youth Ambassador, I will spread TS advocacy and awareness by speaking at schools, businesses, organizations and health fairs in Northwest Indiana. I plan to incorporate my services into my Eagle project for Boy Scouts. Lately, my focus has been primarily on planning an in-service at my school, and raising money for TSA-Indiana. I hope that my efforts will help other people, especially those challenged with TS. If we can spread the word about TS, perhaps more people will devote themselves to finding a cure.



David (14 years old)
Syracuse, New York



I participated in the TS Youth Ambassador Training Program. It was a good experience for me because now I can educate other kids and parents who would like to know about TS. At the training Jen said, "We need to make a better awareness of Tourette's." So many people think TS is only when you swear, but it's not. Less than 15 percent of kids swear. The others just have tics like me.

I think it is an honor to be an Ambassador for the TSA. I started ticing when I was 10 and was diagnosed with TS when I was 11. When I was first diagnosed with TS I was made fun of and many kids didn't know what it meant. Now I am able to tell them what TS really is and not be afraid to tell them. I have a little sister, Jillian and a little brother, Dylan. My sister, Jillian, has TS just like I do. My brother Dylan doesn't, but he has sensory problems and shows some signs of having TS. During the Ambassador training we went to visit Capitol Hill. This was very exciting because I met representatives of Senator Clinton and Congressman Walsh's offices. While we were meeting with them we talked about how TS has affects our lives.

After I came back from Virginia, some local newspapers wrote about my trip and how TS has affected me in my life. I was interviewed by one newspaper. I sent answers to their questions through emails to the other ones. One of the nice things about being in the newspaper was that a

mother who I didn't know called me and talked with me and my dad. Her son was recently diagnosed with TS. She asked if I would go to her son's class in the fall and talk to them because he is having a rough time in school.

Going through the Ambassador Training was a great experience. I look forward to meeting new people and teaching them about TS. I also look forward to going to the TSA Conference with my family in 2010.



Hunter (14 years old)
Ooltewah, Tennessee



I attended the TSA Conference and Youth Ambassador training. This outlined my education on TS as well as how to educate others. I had a press conference when I returned home so everyone would be able to know what I have learned. My three favorite events on this trip were the TS Youth Ambassador training program, the trip to the hill and the TSA conference.

I am now a TS Youth Ambassador. That means that it is my job to educate other people about TS. The program is only open to teenagers, and I met many other talented teens with TS from all over the world. The purpose is to teach teens how to go out into their communities and educate.

To put my new found training into action, we all took a trip to Capitol Hill to meet with our respective legislators. Our meeting went exceptionally well, and we even got a staff-led tour from one of the legislative correspondents! Our purpose there was to get rights for people with TS to make them more active members of society. After our meetings, there was a cocktail reception for Congressional staff and TSA members. This is where I found the opportunity for a press conference. I was chosen to give a speech to all attending the reception. I even got to meet a Senator!

The last part of my trip was dedicated to the TSA conference where I met many people who greatly influenced my outlook on TS. These people were Dr. Dunc and Twitchels. These may sound like silly names, but these were two silly men. Dr. Dunc is an extremely intelligent, energetic, down-to-earth guy. His curriculum included habit reversal training which is supposed to help relieve tics. You may know Twitchels as a stand-up comedian as well as an author. He talked to us about how we could make a difference by reversing all of the wrong information in the media. On another note, I also met a boy from Iceland with TS who was very nice, and we are now good friends.

My trip to Washington, D.C. was educational, fun and productive. I know that I have used everything I have learned, and I learned a lot! This was a life-changing experience, and I would miss school any day of the week to attend it again.

Tyler (14 years old)
Greenville, South Carolina

My name is Tyler. I was diagnosed with TS when I was 3 years old. All through my life I have had struggles with TS, if it was being made fun of or just the annoyance of having it. But there have been really good things that it has brought to me. It made me a great basketball player. It gives me full concentration when I am on the court. I have been in basketball tournaments with my team. TS has made me a stronger person growing up, and just a better person. I plan to be a writer. I have written this poem inspired by my baby nephew.



What Does He Think

He woke up from the light of a new day,
excited to see new adventures.

His wide blue eyes staring into space,
Makes you wonder, what does he think.

Someone picks him up from his little crib, it's time for him
to go out to see the world

You walk him around but you still wonder, what does he think.
Could he be thinking of pretty colors soaring into his eyes,
or the unique patterns of the sky and the grass.

But you still wonder, what does he think.

You take him outside to stop the crying,
it turns to a laugh, then a smile.

But you still wonder, what does he think.

Maybe it is the breeze gently touching his skin,
or the soft whistle of the birds

But you still wonder, what does he think.

You take him inside because he is getting tired, he cries,
yawns, then gently goes to sleep.

It makes you wonder, what does he think.



Eva Catherine (17 years old)
Millbrook, Alabama

Hi! My name is Eva Catherine and I am in the 12th grade. I have had TS since I was in the 3rd grade. It was very hard to live with something I had no idea about and was only 10 years old. It was hard on me and still is. It was hard for me to go to school and to have friends, and yes, people would look at me funny. But yet I

could stand up in front of people and not be afraid to tell them that I have a disorder, but it does not have me. A lot of people don't know what it is and that just makes it harder in life, but everyone has to realize that they are not

alone. I have grown up since I was 10 years old and I have seen a lot of things. I have sat and watched people, and I also have learned a lot. I have learned that not everyone has to sit back and do nothing about having Tourette's. We all can come together and teach the world about why and how Tourette's affects us. That is why I love this newsletter, because it lets me know that I am not the only one out there who has Tourette's and that I'm not by myself fighting this battle.

This is my last year to write for the newsletter because I am about to turn 18. But all I really wanted to do is maybe reach someone with my words and let them know that they are not the only one out there. It may seem that way and people might get mad at you about your tics, but keep it up because the battles that we do fight in life make us stronger when we get older. I hope to see some more of those letters come in from kids. Just because I will be turning 18, doesn't mean that I won't read them anymore. I would like to see more kids writing. It's nice when kids write things about their TS that I can relate to and know how they feel. You never know how many people you will touch until you get out that piece of paper and write. Well thank you TSA for letting me take my time and type this up, I hope it reaches a lot of hearts. You never know what you can do, until you try.



Marques (12 years old)
Flushing, New York

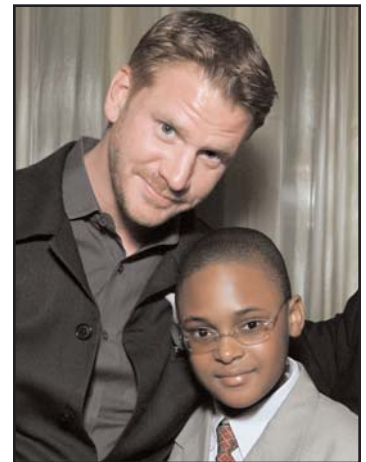
I was invited to the TSA Champion of Children Award Dinner held in California in February. It seems like yesterday that I boarded the plane to the ever so popular Beverly Hills.

I was excited and nervous because I was going to give a speech about Tourette Syndrome.

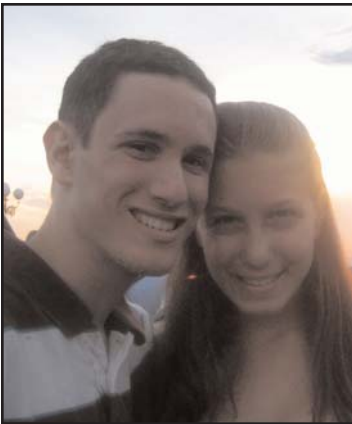
I was so nervous that my tics intensified but thank goodness a new friend who I met named Jaxon, came to the rescue. He also has TS and was diagnosed at the same age as me. He taught me a relaxing technique by placing a warm cloth over my face. Magically, I calmed down and was able to give the speech.

I also met an actor named Dash Mihok from "The Day After Tomorrow" and "I Am Legend." How awesome was that? He too has TS but doesn't let it stop him from acting. I will always keep the photo I have of him along with his autograph. He even promised to keep in touch. How awesome is having an actor as a friend who understands you completely?

My experience at the TSA Champion of Children Award Dinner in Beverly Hills, simply put ... AWESOME!



Me with actor Dash Mihok



***Me with my brother,
Zachary***

Alexandra (17 years old)
New Rochelle, New York

Talking for Tourette's

My name is Alexandra, and my brother, Zachary, was diagnosed with Tourette Syndrome when he was a child. There is not much I can do to make Zach's life any easier, for I cannot cure him of TS and I can't control how people in public react to him. However, at the beginning of this year, my junior year at New Rochelle

High School, I started a Tourette Syndrome Awareness Club to spread awareness in my school, and use the club to help organize events and fundraisers for the national Tourette Syndrome Association (TSA).

On April 8, New Rochelle High School welcomed Ms. Sue Conners to speak on behalf of the TSA and all kids who have been unfortunate enough to be born with TS. TSA kindly helped arrange for Sue's trip to my school. Ms. Conners is a retired French teacher who now dedicates all of her time to raising awareness of Tourette Syndrome, speaking nationally and internationally for this cause.

Ms. Conners herself has been diagnosed with TS, which every one would have noticed if they saw her speak. Clacking her teeth and jerking her neck, Sue's tics did not prevent her from having an impact on those she spoke to. She spoke for three periods to approximately 200 kids, all of whom were respectful and sympathetic to her condition. The students who attended the assembly with their science and health classes proved to be very much ignorant of the disorder. However, by the end of the assembly, the students were showering Ms. Conners with an abundance of questions about her life and about other people who have had experiences with TS.

The real test of the effectiveness of Ms. Conners' visit was through the sale of TSA wristbands. These turquoise rubber wristbands serve no other purpose other than to spread awareness to those who see them and raise money through sales. After these TS Awareness assemblies, students who are members of the TS Awareness Club were able to sell hundreds of bracelets in just a few days. Thanks to Sue Conners, the students of New Rochelle High School were enlightened about a cause worth fighting for. Now, my club is collaborating with a mentoring club at my school called Ignite, to organize an all girls' football event. This tournament will have an entry fee for all players, and we will sell food and shirts at the event to help raise more money for TSA.

Although I cannot cure my brother of TS, I am doing my best to spread awareness about the disorder to make life easier for him and all kids who have it. Hopefully, all of these efforts will see successful results.



J.C. (15 years old)
Lorton, Virginia



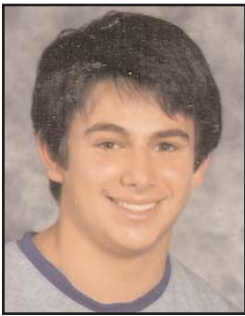
***That's me on the left, my Mom in the
middle, and my brother, Jordan, on the right***

My Brother Jordan

If you're not from my family, you don't know my brother.
His habits and hobbies really are like no other.
Like all other brothers he does give me stress,
But the very big difference is he has Tourette's.
You can't know my brother, his actions surreal
You can't know his problems, they make strong men kneel.
His problems so many no time to mend or heal.
These problems so unique you can't possibly feel.
You think you may know him from movies and shows,
But you can't know my brother because I barely know
His feelings, his thoughts, his pain like no other.
Only one truly knows him and that is my mother.
She comforts and loves him with infinite might.
Her strength overwhelming through this never-ending fight.
You can't see his problems you don't have the sight,
You have not the power to make his wrongs right.
His problems so cryptic his pain oh so deep,
I think he has run out of tears with which to weep.
You can't know my brother his talent so stunning,
He maintains his wit and strengthens his cunning.
What he lacks in knowledge he replaces with art,
It is clear his illustrations do come from the heart.
You don't know my brother, but here's a good start,
You can't know my brother, but this poem is a part
of my feelings for him that come from my heart.

Did You Know?

**You can read this issue (and all past issues of *That Darn Tic*) on the TSA website by going to this link:
http://www.tsa-usa.org/Publications/ChildrensNewsletter/that_darn_tic.html**



Zach (16 years old)
San Ramon, California

Life is Math

I walk in a world of Cartesian planes,
filled with two-dimensional linear personalities
and cyclical, circular, repeating decimal days.
I am told that there are infinite solutions
to where I can go in life,
yet my sine curve brings me up and down
just barely asymptomatic to pushing my limits.

The ones around me follow elliptical orbitals
around the polar points of popularity.
And I am greater than or equal to one, while less than another.
Life is full of inequalities, as well as loss.
Friends move off, away from each other,
to multiply their assets exponentially
and expand into the distance in a hyperbolic manner
leaving their friends behind.
I follow a positive slope upward into a grand lifestyle,
while other variables cause others to follow
a negative path or find a midpoint.
The people of powers line in a domain of their own
and the others are spread over a range of lesser grandeur.
Until finally the endpoint. The rectangular prism of what comes after is
lowered into the irregular polygonic granules of soil,
and all is again equal.
Stop. Life is math.

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All submissions will be edited for length, grammar and content. Drawings, photos and cartoons reproduce best when they are black and white on white paper. Submissions for the next issue are due by September 1, 2008.

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