

United in Health

Did You Know?

The risk of developing Type 1 Diabetes is higher than virtually all other severe chronic diseases of childhood.



The Lincoln JDRF office brought me together with a support network of peers who go through the same things that I do every day to stay alive. This made growing up with diabetes a little less difficult because I was able to meet so many other kids who knew what I was feeling and understood things that no one else could. I have made lifelong friends through JDRF.

As a Youth Ambassador for JDRF, I was also able to go to Washington D.C. for Children's Congress as the Nebraska Representative. This opportunity gave me the chance to see how JDRF works tirelessly for me and everyone else impacted by type 1 diabetes all around the world. It was amazing to see people with such high influence fight to make my everyday become as close to normal as possible. I also had the chance to tell our local senators why they should continue to support funding for research to find a cure for diabetes.

Many people just like me could say JDRF has been their backbone from the very beginning of this battle, I say they have been much more than that to me. I know each day countless numbers of people wake up and go to work to fight for a better life for me. That feeling is not something you can understand unless you experience it first hand and that's why JDRF is the reason I have hope for a cure. Because of them I believe someday I won't need to poke my finger anymore or wear an insulin pump.

- Megan