



Ellie

Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia

Ellie counts running around and playing outside as two of her favorite activities. In fact, it's not unusual to find her digging in the dirt while wearing a tutu. Two years ago, this spunky girl had to switch her tutu out for a hospital robe with her diagnosis of acute lymphoblastic leukemia.

While other kids explored outside, Ellie spent months in and out of the hospital. Her bone marrow couldn't produce the white blood cells necessary to fight off infections. Also facing tumor lysis syndrome, which caused her kidneys to fail, Ellie has undergone kidney dialysis and she continues to receive chemotherapy.

No stranger to her hospital's halls, Ellie knows all too well the challenges sick kids face. Her bright personality is nonetheless hard to resist, even for celebrities like Elmo and Super Grover, with whom she has appeared on the news. The spotlight just seems fitting for this camera-loving life force.