

6 Year Old Type 1 Diabetic Girl - Gracie Sevilla - Seeks to Raise Funds for a Diabetic Alert Service Dog

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Team Gracie Sevilla

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Los Angeles, Feb 19, 2020 (Issuewire.com) - Public Donations Sought to Raise Funds for a Diabetic Alert Service Dog for 6-year-Old Type 1 Diabetic Girl - Gracie Sevilla

In March 2018, our 4-year-old daughter, **Gracie Sevilla** (now 6), was diagnosed with **Type 1 Diabetes**, an incurable, intense, auto-immune disease that inflicts mostly children in their grade school years; a disease whose cause is unknown and is not due to diet or family history, but rather genetic markers and environmental triggers which cause the Pancreas to no longer produce life-saving Insulin (a hormone in the body) necessary for blood glucose production and functioning - both high and low levels of blood glucose cause diabetic ketoacidosis which leads to diabetic coma, swelling in the brain

and then, death.

Our campaign goal for her is a Diabetes Alert Service Dog; a specially trained service animal that has the ability to quickly detect changes in her blood that could be life-threatening. The dog then alerts the person with Diabetes and those around her, allowing time for treatment of both highs and lows.

We don't currently have a dog and it makes perfect sense for our family pet to be specially trained to alert us of Gracie's life-threatening highs and lows.

You can read about Gracie, Type 1 Diabetes, and how it has impacted our family in a recent article on her by [Insulin Nation](#) and also a more recent feature story in [Inland Empire Sports & News](#) .

Kendall Simmons, an all-time Pittsburgh Steelers great, recently tweeted out to Gracie as being an inspiration to all with Type 1 Diabetes.

Gracie was also featured with her Ohio State Buckeyes Under Armour Flag Football League on Channel 2 & 9 news - Los Angeles - for not only being the youngest in the league, the only girl for that matter, but also the only Type 1 Diabetic in the league; wearing her Dexcom G6 under her shorts and on her thigh as she played.

[You can read about her here](#) .

Type 1 Diabetes, not to be confused with adult-onset Type 2 Diabetes, requires moment by moment, day to day treatment and left untreated, can be immediately fatal. Persons with Type 1 Diabetes require Insulin injections after every meal; especially those which contain carbohydrates, as well as finger pricks to check blood glucose levels. Continuous Glucose Monitoring Devices (CGM's) lessen the need for finger pricks.

Gracie receives multiple injections of Insulin daily after every meal and snack and one night time dose of a different type of Insulin (Lantus) which is long-acting; periodic finger pricks and now wears a Dexcom G6 continuous glucose monitoring system that has a filament-like catheter that inserts under the skin; continuously testing glucose levels and that which transmits a reading to our phones every 5 minutes and sounds alarms alerting us of dangerous highs and lows so that we may treat her high and low symptoms with Insulin or carbohydrate fluids or foods.

The Dexcom g6 is an absolute blessing for us and a literal life-saver. Gracie's mother, Melodie, fought with her Pediatrician and our insurance company to get the "non-essential" medical device which even with insurance, is extremely expensive (each sensor cost several hundred dollars and needs to be switched out every 10 days or sooner and the transmitter or "brain" is 3 times as expensive and also last a relatively short period of time). These components often fail well before their expiration and long waits and troubleshooting sessions with tech support; fights with the pharmacies and insurance companies, much less the Pediatrician, are common.

DIABETIC ALERT DOG: Although the continuous glucose monitoring device (Dexcom G6) is essential to us (can't imagine not having it after having had it), man-made technology fails and there is something much more reliable and would be such an amazing blessing to the entire family, especially little Gracie, who loves animals.

We don't currently have a dog and a well-trained Diabetic Alert Dog makes all the sense in the world.

Properly trained, certified Diabetic Alert Dogs can alert of a life-threatening, impending high or low blood glucose level as much as 15 minutes sooner than a medical device and even a finger prick. God has designed these dogs with such an amazing keen sense of smell; instinct and loyalty for its owners that the dog will wake up or otherwise alert a sleeping parent or child to let them know that the blood glucose levels are rising dangerously fast or dropping dangerously low; such a loveable and reliable medical alert system to help strengthen what we already have and provide for just a little bit of peace of mind in the midst of what is a constant stressor and source of great anxiety.

Gracie's dad is a great provider for his family but in considering this newly learned option (Diabetic Alert Dog); factoring in our family's gifts and talents and our no choice other than to accept this disease and meet it head-on, we've decided to take this route to help raise not only funds to purchase a specially trained dog from a reputable and certified Diabetic Alert Dog organization, but also to raise awareness about this horrible disease; something we are committed to doing for the rest of our lives.

Diabetes Alert Service Dogs from reputable, certified, licensed trainers **cost in the tens of thousands of dollars** and most insurance companies do not cover the costs of diabetic alert dogs or service dogs in general, because their effectiveness has not yet been proven in scientific studies. Therefore, for the reasons stated above and for this reason, we invite you to join little Gracie in our **"Grace for the Cure"** fundraiser for a Diabetic Alert Dog for Gracie and to raise T1D (Type 1 Diabetes) awareness.

We believe that God can instantly heal Gracie and all who suffer and pray earnestly that He will. However, we know that in this life we shall suffer and take the good with the bad, praising Him unceasingly and remaining steadfast in our faith in Him. In the meantime, and in the midst of this fiery trial, He has been ever faithful and has blessed us in so many ways. It is our prayer that all who suffer and deal daily with this terrible disease will receive healing soon and that God will bless us all with a cure, and continue to fill us with His grace and mercy.

Until there is a cure for Type 1 Diabetes, there is Gracie, and if God wills, she shall have her furry companion soon enough while raising awareness, as we've learned so many no nothing, very little or are very misinformed about a very serious and life-threatening disease.

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Gracie with her mom (Melodie) and older brother Luke, walking for a Diabetes Cure at the JDRF One Walk event at Anaheim Stadium this year.

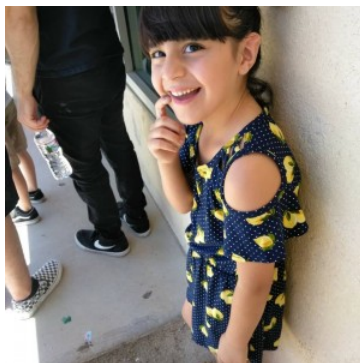
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