

## 2011-2012 WINNING KID



Congratulations to 14 year-old Emily duSaire! Emily was diagnosed with epilepsy after a seizure at age 3. She was put on medication and remained seizure-free until age 8, when she began having seizures again. Emily deals with seizures weekly, both Tonic Clonic and Complex Partial, and is currently on numerous medications to hopefully gain control.

Emily struggles in school due to the medications and effects of her seizures; she sees a tutor every day and on the weekends. Emily is determined to do well and move forward with her life, despite having seizures. Emily is a happy, positive, sweet girl who speaks both English and Spanish, plays piano and enjoys art and quilting. Emily lives in St. Louis Park with her parents, Martin and Kim, and her two younger siblings, sister Anna, 11, and brother Ryan, 6.

Emily kicks off her 2011-2012 term as Winning Kid with a free week at Camp Oz in June!

## ABOUT WINNING KIDS

Our Winning Kid program not only empowers youth, it also creates opportunities for leadership in the epilepsy community and helps spread awareness about seizures.

EFM's Winning Kid represents youth at events, gets involved with their school and community and works to raise seizure awareness. Winning Kids need to be able to share their experience with seizures openly and have the determination that their story will help other youth.

Winning Kids must be between ages 10 and 16. Here are some events featuring our Winning Kid:

- Annual Shining Star Event
- Annual Twins Event
- Annual Light up the Night Event
- Camp Oz
- Stroll for Epilepsy
- EFM nominates our Winning Kid to attend the national "Kids Speak Up!" program in Washington, D.C. to meet with representatives and advocate for epilepsy on Capitol Hill.

Winning Kids are selected every spring. Stay tuned for deadlines and details!