



September 2020

Dear Prospective Supporter,

You are invited to attend the 9th Annual Rylie's Angels A-T Golf Tournament (www.atcp.org/RahallGolf) in association with the A-T Children's Project, which will be held at Dove Canyon Country Club on Monday, November 9, 2020. We are so grateful for the 240 participants who attended last year's tournament and to the sponsors, donors and volunteers who made the tournament possible.

Nine years ago, Rylie Rahall, a sweet, eleven-year old angel was diagnosed with ataxia- telangiectasia or A-T, a rare genetic disease. A-T combines the worst symptoms of muscular dystrophy, cerebral palsy, cystic fibrosis, immune deficiencies, and cancer. A-T usually attacks in early childhood and is degenerative, affecting the immune system, nervous system, and brain; and children with A-T are predisposed to fatal cancers, like leukemia and lymphoma. Children with A-T usually rely on wheelchairs for mobility by age 10 and often do not survive their teens. We are racing against time to save our precious Rylie, and we need your help. Rylie received her new set of wheels (power wheelchair) over a year ago. She affectionately named it "Quickie" and it has dramatically improved her ability to lead a more independent life.

Because A-T is a multi-system disease, scientists believe that A-T research will help more prevalent diseases such as Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, AIDS, and cancer. The A-T Children's Project will utilize a significant portion of the funds raised from the tournament toward continuing the gene therapy approach called "antisense oligonucleotide" or "ASO" therapy, which was approved by the FDA in December 2019 to be used in a child with A-T. This approach has been tested in a lab and has shown that it produces the functional ATM protein that is missing within the cells of children with A-T! In January 2020, for the first time ever, a two year-old A-T child received the ASO therapy! Physicians and researchers will continue to analyze whether the child is producing the functional ATM protein that is missing within her cells. This treatment will pave the way for other gene therapy approaches – to be used in other A-T children, including Rylie, with the goal of identifying a CURE designed to treat ALL A-T children. This is the miracle, we as parents, have been hoping and praying for since Rylie's diagnosis over nine years ago. We have wanted nothing more than to give our daughter the chance to live a long, full life, not one that could be cut dramatically short because of faulty genes.

Please join our family as one of Rylie's Angels and give this child and other children with A-T a chance to live a longer, better life. Whether you participate as a golfer, sponsor the tournament, donate a product for the virtual silent auction, test your luck in the helicopter ball drop, or send a donation, your generosity will help find a cure for A-T. The A-T Children's Project is a 501c3 nonprofit organization and the tax ID number is 65-0427215.

With Gratitude,

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For questions about the tournament, please call or email Tim Rahall at 408.896.6220 or
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