

the AMAZING lemonade girl



 **FIRST
STAGE**
TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH THEATER

ALEX'S STORY



Alexandra "Alex" Scott, an eight year old girl, appears. She tells us that she is sick, but that there is much more to her than her illness. Just then, five people climb from the other side of a wall in the distance. They say that she is welcome to come to the other side and play with them sometime, but not until she "leaves her story" on this side of the wall. When asked about her illness, Alex tells them that she has a form of cancer called

Neuroblastoma. She explains that as a baby, she was born with both healthy and unhealthy cells on the length of her spine. The unhealthy cells, or cancer cells make her sick. She assures them that she is not contagious and cannot pass her Neuroblastoma onto them.

Alex begins to share her life story, directing the others as they act out other important people in her life such as her family, her doctor, and Theresa: a friend that she meets during **chemotherapy**. For months, she asks her parents to let her run a lemonade stand so that she can raise money for children like her. On her very first day, Alex raises \$2,000 for childhood cancer research. Year after year, as Alex's cancer becomes incurable, she operates her lemonade stand, and sets a personal goal of \$1 million dollars. Alex believes this goal can be reached if everyone has lemonade stands together. Lemonade stands all over the country donate their earnings to Alex's cause, and she achieves her dream.

As Alex climbs to the other side of the wall, ready to pass on, we learn that Alex's Lemonade Stand has raised over 200 million dollars for all forms of cancer research to this day. Each year, during Alex's Lemonade Days, people across the world buy and sell lemonade to support Alex's mission of curing childhood cancer, one cup at a time.

***LISTEN TO A STORYTELLING OF ALEX'S STORY,
ALEX AND THE AMAZING LEMONADE STAND.***



GLOSSARY

Alex was diagnosed with a type of cancer called **neuroblastoma** just before she turned one-years-old. Below is a list of words you will hear throughout Alex's story that may be new to you.

CANCER

Cancer is a disease that happens when the body makes cells that are sick. These cells can grow very quickly. Cancer can spread to different parts of the body.

CELLS

Your body is made up of billions of teeny tiny pieces called cells. These are the smallest piece of you. All these pieces together make you who you are.

CHEMOTHERAPY

Special medicines to treat cancer.

CT SCAN *(also called a CAT SCAN)*

An X-ray machine that looks like a spaceship and takes many pictures all around your belly and chest. A test that helps doctors find cancer in the body.

METASTASIZED

When the cancerous tumor spreads from one part of the body to another part.

MRI

A special scanner that uses a powerful magnet to take very detailed pictures of the brain and spine. MRIs can be very loud, but they don't hurt.

NEUROBLASTOMA

A kind of cancer that mostly affects young children.

ONCOLOGIST

A doctor who treats patients with cancer. Oncologists who treat kids with cancer are called pediatric oncologists.

PEDIATRIC ONCOLOGY NURSE

A person specially trained to give care to children with cancer.

RADIATION THERAPY

A type of cancer treatment that uses a beam of energy from a machine to kill cancer cells.

REMISSION

When cancer symptoms go away completely.

SIDE EFFECTS

The body sometimes reacts to medicine or other treatments. In cancer treatment, some of these may include feeling very tired or losing your hair.

STEM CELL TRANSPLANT

A treatment that uses your body's own stem cells to help make you stronger. This involves taking the person's healthy stem cells and putting them back into their own bloodstream. This is done through an intravenous (IV) line. It's similar to having a blood transfusion. When the stem cells get inside the person's body, they start making healthy new blood, bone marrow, and immune system cells.

TUMOR

Cancer cells growing together in a mass or lump inside your body.

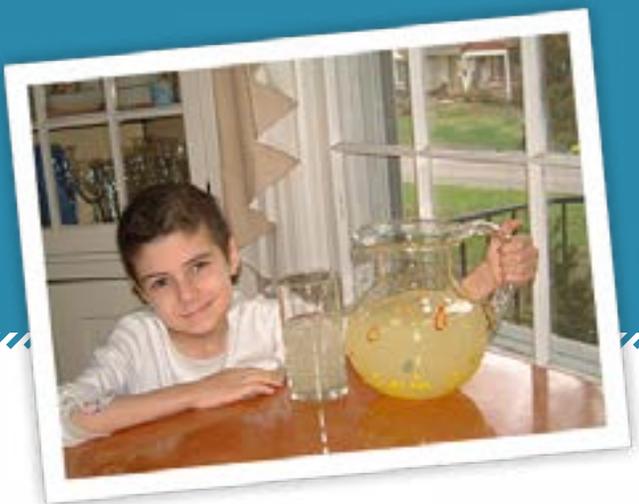
X-RAY MACHINE

A machine used to take special pictures of the bones inside of your body.



Brian Anderson here for the Daily Chronicle. Alexandra Scott, whom I first met when she was just four years old, wanted to raise money to find cures for all kids with cancer. Her spirit and determination inspired others, and when she passed away at the age of 8, she had raised over \$1 million! An astonishing feat. No less astonishing, her parents established a charity in her name, and today Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation is one of the leading funders of childhood cancer research in the United States. And Canada! Funding nearly 1,000 research projects, at 135 institutions, and raising more than 200 MILLION DOLLARS!

THE AMAZING LEMONADE GIRL



HOW KIDS ARE HELPING

JOIN THE EFFORTS OF THE ALEX'S LEMONADE STAND FOUNDATION

Would you like to raise money for childhood cancer research, just like Alex did? There are lots of different things you can do! Here are some ideas that kids have used to raise money to help fight childhood cancer:

YOU CAN HOLD YOUR OWN LEMONADE STAND!

Lemonade Days are Saturday, June 6 - Sunday, June 14, 2020.

[SIGN UP HERE](#)

- Pick a location and a date (or dates) between June 6th through June 14th. Register your stand or event at the website listed above. There is no cost to register. You can also host a stand or event any time of year!

SPREAD THE WORD

- Share your Lemonade Days event with family, friends, and your neighborhood by email, social media and good old-fashioned word of mouth!

HOLD YOUR STAND

- Have a great time with your friends and family at your event! Send donations to Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation as soon as possible. Thank you!

YOU CAN COLLECT SPARE CHANGE!

Change Childhood Cancer

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- Every penny (and nickel, dime and quarter) counts! It's a simple way for students everywhere to learn that their actions make a difference. By collecting spare change, students can contribute to finding better treatments and cures for childhood cancer. Register a class, school or school group to participate, and Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation will send you materials.

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CELEBRATE YOUR BIRTHDAY BY GIVING BACK!

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- Supporters of all ages can use your special day to help fight childhood cancer! Events can be hosted virtually or in real life, and Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation will be there to help every step of the way.
- Registering an event will give you an online event page that you can share with family and friends to accept donations instead of gifts. You'll also receive a special birthday pack from the Foundation for the person celebrating.

GET CRAFTY!

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- Are you crafty, or do you have crafty friends? Use your talents to help raise funds and awareness for childhood cancer by hosting a craft fair to benefit Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation. Get your friends, family, and fellow craft lovers involved. You can even include a few lemon themed crafts or have a "lemony" crafting area for kids.

DEALING WITH GRIEF

LIGHTING A LANTERN

MATERIALS:

Clear empty jars, one per student

Strips of yellow or orange paper cut the same height as the jars

Glue or tape

Red or orange tissue paper

1. Get a jar and enough strips of paper to cover their jar with – you do not need to use every strip. Think about a loss you have experienced – perhaps the loss of a family member or pet, or even a loss of a special friend who moved away, or a house you have moved from.
2. On each strip of paper, write something special about that person, animal or place you have lost – things you did together, special moments you shared with each other, something you would like them to know, etc. You can use as many or as few strips as you'd like.
3. Next, glue or tape the strips vertically around the jar. Then, take a few squares of red and orange tissue paper. Twist the tissue paper into the shape of a flame and secure it to the inside bottom of the jar.
4. This lantern can serve as a glowing reminder of the loss you may have experienced, that our fond memories will live forever and they will continue to be a shining light in your life.

KIDS CAN CHANGE THE WORLD!

Alex Scott and her incredible legacy continue to support childhood cancer research through Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation. Alex was determined to raise money for cancer research, so doctors could help other kids just like her feel better and get well sooner.

Here are some other kids doing great things in their communities:

10 Children Making a Difference in Their Communities, by Kate Oczypok. Jun 28, 2019. Good Kids. <https://goodkidproject.com/10-children-making-a-difference-in-their-communities/>

ISABELLA RIVERA, AGE 11 – “KIDS FOR ANIMALS”

Isabella grew up much of her life in Puerto Rico, where she witnessed thousands of stray cats and dogs on the streets every day. She founded “Kids for Animals” to help educate people about animal welfare. “Kids for Animals” has worked to collect thousands of pounds of pet food, and Isabella even reached out to the governor of Puerto Rico, to help encourage him to sign an executive order for a spay and neuter campaign in the country.

ELLA CASANO, AGE 12, TEDDY BEAR IV BAG INVENTOR

Ella has a rare disease that requires her to have stays in the hospital. She realized the IV bags can make kids feel very anxious and scared. So Ella designed the “Medi Teddy,” a stuffed animal that hides the IV bag. Ella hoped to raise \$5,000 to create 500 Medi Teddys, but she was able to raise over \$20,000, and make many more Medi Teddys for kids in need.

ELLA TRYON, THEN AGE 6, “HELP ME COLOR A RAINBOW”

When Ella Tyron was 6 years old, she was in the hospital. She wanted to color in her hospital bed, but the hospital did not have any crayons for her to use. Ella created “Help Me Color a Rainbow,” a nonprofit organization that helps donate boxes of crayons to hospitals across the country.

SIDNEY KEYS III, AGE 11, “BOOKS N BROS”

Sidney always loved to read, but he could never find books about kids like him. He started a book club called “Books n Bros,” for boys ages 8-12 living in the St. Louis area. This book club features African American literature, and also supports reading and literacy development in kids.

GIVING BACK TO OUR COMMUNITIES

When we give back to others, we demonstrate compassion for others while making a positive impact on our community. There are so many ways for families to give back - through donations, volunteering, and even small acts of kindness. And when we show generosity to others, we also grow young leaders who understand their actions have the power to make change.

Here are some ideas for your family to start volunteering in your community:

*Taken from: 12 Ways Kids Can Give Back without Leaving the House, by Leah R. Singer.
2019/01/20. Red Tricycle. <https://redtri.com/volunteer-opportunities-for-kids/>*

MAKE HANDMADE GIFTS FOR A CHARITY TO SELL

Your whole family will enjoy making sweet DIY gifts to donate to charity - this can be anything from soaps, cookies, bracelets, or spring bouquets!

HOST A GIVE-BACK PLAY DATE

Invite friends over for a play date or barbeque, and ask each guest bring something that can be donated to a local food pantry or non-profit. After the fun play date, your family can all help drop off the items.

GATHER THE OLD TOYS AND DONATE THEM TO AN ORGANIZATION

Teach your kids about the power of giving by sorting through toys that are no longer played with and clothes that have been grown out of, and making a pile for charity. Gently used toys and books may be donated to hospitals, daycares, or churches, as well as police and fire departments.

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HOST A BAKE SALE TO END CHILD HUNGER.

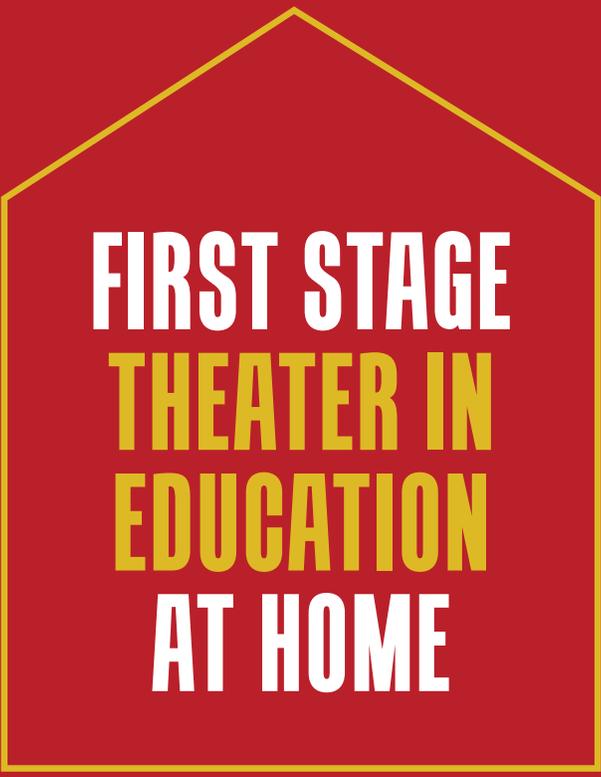
The organization No Kid Hungry is committed to making sure kids never go hungry. Their national fundraising initiative, Bake Sale to End Child Hunger, invites schools and organizations to hold a bake sale in your community, and donate the proceeds back to No Kid Hungry. Go online and fill out the Start a Bake Sale to enter the dates, locations and times. They even have bake sale flyers, handouts and donation request letters to download right on the website.

WRITE A LETTER TO THE TROOPS.

Community service can get artsy and help young kids practice their writing! Men and women serving overseas in the armed forces are so appreciative for letters thanking them for their courage and strength from folks back home. Organizations like A Million Thanks will help you by telling you where to send the notes, provide drop-off locations, and even have suggestions about what to write about, if needed.

MAKE A COMFY BLANKET.

Linus from the Peanuts comic isn't the only person who knows the value a comfy blanket can bring. Project Linus understands too, and they make it their mission to provide homemade security blankets to kids in hospitals, shelters or wherever they need a bit of comfort in their lives. You and your family can become "blanketeers" by creating a handmade blanket or afghan for a kid in need.



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