

Young Jessica June was a bright eyed, outgoing, energetic, and strong willed little girl. Her dream was to become an actress, so her parents enrolled her in the summer camp program at FLCT. She was cast in the musical **Annie** which was performed at Parker Playhouse. Every day, Jessica rushed home to rehearse her lines and practice the songs.



Her mother remembers her reading through lines and singing "The Sun Will Come Out Tomorrow" over and over. When performance day came, Jessica stepped onto the stage with a smile that went from ear to ear. Her parents were overjoyed as they watched her sing and dance her heart out. Jessica was very happy.

On Monday, September 29, 2003 Jessica came home like any other normal day in second grade, but she was complaining of cold symptoms. She was taken to her pediatrician twice during that week and on Sunday, October 5, her mother took her to the hospital because the doctor thought she had Mononucleosis. That same day, Jessica was diagnosed with Acute Myelogenous Leukemia (M5), an aggressive blood cancer. That evening, Jessica suffered a brain hemorrhage, became unconscious and never woke up. Precious Jessica remained unconscious for 4 days until the dreadful disease took her life on October 9, 2003. Jessica lived her short 7 years with intensity as if she knew that it was all the time she had. She was always excited to try new experiences and took advantage of each opportunity offered to her. Every day was a happy day lived to the fullest.



The students and staff at FLCT fondly remember Jessica's contagious smile and bubbly personality, but most of all she is remembered for her passion for theatre. Jessica June's FLCT "Rising Star" Scholarship Fund will keep Jessica's legacy alive and will ensure that all children have access to classes, summer camp programming and productions. The fund will enable families to apply for full and partial merit based scholarships. Additionally, it will give FLCT the ability to provide free and discounted tickets to all of its productions.

Please join us and support Jessica's dream and legacy. Help us to keep her star shining on forever!

The magic of theatre begins with you!

Fort Lauderdale Children's Theatre has remained deeply committed to making sure that no child misses out on the amazing and inspiring world of theatre. Over the past 20 years, FLCT has awarded nearly \$500,000 in scholarships and we need your help now more than ever.

While there are signs of an economic recovery, certainly many families remain adversely affected by the unprecedented downturn in the economy. In the 2006/2007 school year, FLCT awarded \$9,500 in scholarships giving students the opportunity to participate in classes, summer camps and productions. This past season, that number increased to \$55,000 and the need continues to grow. This extraordinary expansion of financial assistance has required FLCT to make its scholarship program one of our highest priorities.

Theatre teaches children life skills, stimulates and develops the imagination, strengthens problem-solving and critical-thinking skills and nurtures important values. The benefits of involving children in theatre are limitless and every child should have the opportunity to be a part of it! Thanks to Jessica June's "Rising Star" Scholarship Fund, it is possible for any child to discover the magical world of theatre!



Click A Button & Make A Difference!

It's easy! Just visit
www.firstgiving.com/flctstar

Then click the
Orange Donate Button
on the right side of the page.

All donations are secure
and sent directly to
Fort Lauderdale
Children's Theatre.

Direct questions to Tracy Roloff
at (954) 763-6901
or trloff@flctstar.org



www.FLCT.org