

Jamie Haapalainen

It's 2016. Oh how time flies! It has been 11 years since our daughter, Jamie, was Rebecca Run's 2005 honouree alongside Abby Loebach. Jamie's life was cut short to a mere 4 months 25 days in 2004 because of SMA. This year Jamie would have turned 13 in September – a teenager!! Not a day has gone by in the past 12 years where we don't think of her daily. What would she look like? Who would she have become? What would her hobbies be? Would she have been artistic, athletic or both?

In 2006 we were blessed with another daughter, Lindsay. Today Lindsay is a thriving 10 year old who is one of the most beautiful, smart and thoughtful people I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. She asks about her sister and often looks through her baby photos. Lindsay used to be sad about not having a sibling but now is quite content and enjoys the perks of being an only child.

Janne and I both made career changes since 2005. We both had aspirations of becoming paramedics, and that came to fruition. We lived through a few years of school, financially lean times, and a year living apart while Janne worked up north in Moosonee. Now we are both happily employed as Paramedics with the County of Simcoe, where we live and play. In 2015 we had the opportunity to travel overseas, seeing places like Denmark, Sweden, Estonia, Russia, Finland, Iceland and France. Life is good.

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