



## **6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL GUARDIAN ANGEL WALK**

### **WALKING FOR OUR WARRIOR - TORI DONNELLY**

On May 31, 2017, the Staff and Students of St. Alphonsus School will participate in the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Guardian Angel Walk. This walk was created to assist with the medical expenses of a member of the St. Alphonsus School Community. This year, the school is walking to support 7th grader Tori Donnelly and her family. On May 1, 2017, Tori was diagnosed with a brain tumor.

Tori's mom, Dr. Mary Donnelly details the medical events that made us decide to choose Tori as the member of our school community to support through the Guardian Angel Walk.

"On May 1, 2017, life as we knew it would never be the same. Symptoms that seemed to indicate Classic migraine took a sharp turn for the worst, and because of the astute clinical sense of very talented physicians, Victoria was diagnosed with a 6x6x6cm brain tumor in her posterior fossa. Yup. A tennis ball in the back of her head. I still wonder how she could shoot the soccer ball or hit a 40 mile an hour fast pitch softball with that in the way, but she could. And because she could, she would. Within 4 days, Tori had 3 surgeries. 2 to manage the hydrocephalus and one 9-hour procedure to remove the tumor. The Pediatric neuro oncologist arrived 3 days later with the final pathology report. A grade I polycytic astrocytoma. No need for chemo or radiation. A lesion that will be monitored closely for the years to come.

10 days later I write this watching Tori relearn (quite quickly) how to walk, how to brush her teeth and trust her body once again. I watch her pray and rediscover how strong and beautiful her body really is. I watch her face the fear that only 2 days ago left her debilitated. Tori always gives 110% effort no matter what the task, because that is who she is. Victoria is an inspiration to all of us. She is our Rock. She is our Warrior. She is our Wonder Woman."



## It's Time for the 6th Annual St. Alphonsus School Guardian Angel Walk!

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Potential Sponsor,

I am participating in the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Alphonsus Guardian Angel Walk. I will be walking around the Village of Greendale with my classmates of St. Alphonsus School on Wednesday, May 31, 2017. All proceeds will help pay medical expenses for Tori Donnelly, one of our 7th grade classmates. You may sponsor me with any amount that you are willing to contribute.

Make checks payable to *St. Alphonsus School with Guardian Angel Walk* in the "For" line. Contributions are tax-deductible.

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**Participants:** Please bring this form and your donations to your homeroom on or before the day of the Guardian Angel Walk, Wednesday, May 31, 2017.