

Sophie Kawejsza was a 3rd grader at Stonehedge Elementary School in Camillus. She was the youngest of three girls, but didn't let that stop her from doing what she wanted. She loved to read, cook, and show cows with her 4H group, "The Moo Crew". She played ice hockey, had a great sense of humor and loved to play with her friends. Sophie was 5 days short of her 8th birthday when she was diagnosed with a large brain tumor. After the tumor was removed, she traveled to Indiana to undergo Proton Beam Radiation. Upon completion, she returned to Golisano Children's Hospital at Upstate Medical Center where she received multiple rounds of chemotherapy. Unfortunately her tumor prevailed and Sophie passed away surrounded by her family on January 27th, 2012, two weeks shy of her 9th birthday.

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER  
**SOPHIE  
SKATE-A-THON**

**RAISING MONEY ONE LAP AT A TIME**



**Please join us every October  
for skating, raffles,  
magicians, face painters,  
food and lots of fun at  
Shove Park in Camillus!**

**Fun for all ages, skating encouraged  
but not required. Admission \$5,  
includes skate rental.**

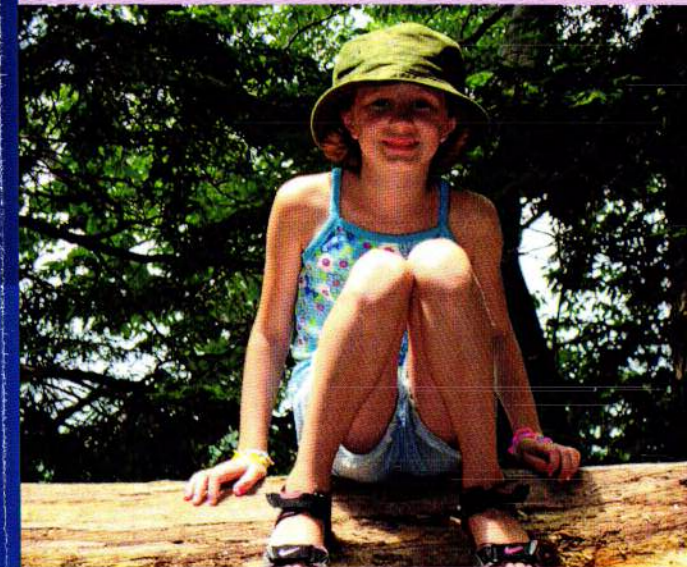


**Sophie's**  
GIVING TREE

**Your Family Under Our Tree**

Sophie's Giving Tree is a 501(c)3 charitable organization, created in memory of Sophie, to provide support for children and their families during a medical crisis here in Central New York.

**[www.sophiesgivingtree.org](http://www.sophiesgivingtree.org)**



## About Sophie's Giving Tree

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Sophie's Giving Tree was created to provide support (financial and/or material) for families during a medical crisis at Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital. Our hope is this support will allow families to be together during times that prove to be the most difficult and emotional.

In addition we will strive to:

- **Improve the health and welfare of children by donating to other not-for-profit organizations** that support pediatric medical research or serve the needs of children with serious medical conditions or diseases.
- **Promote the wellbeing of families with children who are patients at Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital** in Syracuse, NY by donating directly to such families or to other not-for-profit organizations with a similar purpose.

Sophie's parents, Jenée and Rob feel they were very lucky to have the support their friends and community provided to them in the 11 months that followed her diagnosis. They also realize there are many families who do not have the same support available. Sophie's Giving Tree was created in memory of Sophie, to help support families here in CNY during a medical crisis.

## What We Do

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**Create medical binders for families whose children have been diagnosed with a brain tumor.** These binders have information such as safe websites to visit, sample questions to ask their doctor, medical terminology, local restaurants and banks, sleeves to hold business cards and medical imaging CD's and suggestions of what families and friends can do to help. These binders also serve as a place to store all of their child's medical records.

**Provide gift cards for the cafeteria** to offer financially strapped families who have long days of outpatient chemo and need something to eat.

**Provide gas cards to assist families** with the cost of traveling to and from appointments or the hospital.

**Provide financial support for families** for items such as bill payment, groceries and travel assistance.

## Learn More

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**Website** [www.sophiesgivingtree.org](http://www.sophiesgivingtree.org)

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## Donation Opportunities

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As you know, financial support is extremely important to any charitable organization. Sophie's Giving Tree relies on donations to provide services to families in a medical crisis that are greatly needed. Although our annual event, the Sophie Skate-a-Thon attracts more attendees each year, we still depend on the added support of our friends in the community for donations. Donating to Sophie's Giving Tree is easy and tax deductible as we are a 501(c)3 public charity.

### Donation Options

- To make a secure donation by credit card online (via Paypal) visit [www.sophiesgivingtree.org](http://www.sophiesgivingtree.org)
- To pay by check please send your tax-deductible donation to:

Sophie's Giving Tree  
PO Box 116  
Warners, NY 13164

*Please make check payable to Sophie's Giving Tree*

We thank you in advance for being a part of Sophie's Giving Tree. With donations like yours we are able to help families during their time of hardship.

If you or someone you know needs our help, please contact us at [skate4sophie@gmail.com](mailto:skate4sophie@gmail.com) or 315-378-4260.