



## JACK LONDRIGAN WILL REPRESENT ILLINOIS AS PART OF A GROUP OF YOUNG MEDICAL CHAMPIONS

*Jack Londrigan will visit Capitol Hill to share his remarkable medical experience with Children's Miracle Network's program Champions presented by Walmart and Sam's Club*

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Springfield, IL — Children's Miracle Network and Walmart have named a St. John's Children's Hospital patient as the Champion for Illinois.

Jack Londrigan, age 13, from Springfield, IL was treated at St. John's Children's Hospital for Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever. Jack will join child ambassadors, known as Champions, from every state as part of the Children's Miracle Network program, *Champions presented by Walmart and Sam's Club*. The program brings attention to the important work being done at children's hospitals by honoring remarkable children like Jack who have triumphed despite severe medical challenges.

Jack and his fellow champions will travel for two separate weeks as a representative of the 17 million children treated at Children's Miracle Network hospitals each year throughout the United States. The Champions will first travel to Washington, D.C., in June where they will visit The White House and Capitol Hill to share their stories of medical victory, then to Orlando, Fla., in November for the Children's Miracle Network Celebration event at Walt Disney World Resort.

Since the partnership began in 1987, Children's Miracle Network and Walmart have worked together to help children by raising money for children's hospitals. This year Walmart and Sam's Club associates, customers and members are celebrating the contribution of more than \$500 million for children's hospitals during the relationship, with more than \$2 million benefiting St. John's Children's Hospital.

This is the second year Walmart and Sam's Club have sponsored the Champions program.

### **About Children's Miracle Network**

Children's Miracle Network is a non-profit organization dedicated to saving and improving the lives of children by raising funds for children's hospitals. Each year the 170 Children's Miracle Network hospitals provide the finest medical care, life-saving research and preventative education to help millions of kids overcome diseases and injuries of every kind. To learn more go to [ChildrensMiracleNetwork.org](http://ChildrensMiracleNetwork.org).

### **About Philanthropy at Walmart**

Walmart and the Walmart Foundation are proud to support the charitable causes that are important to customers and associates in their own neighborhoods. The Walmart Foundation funds initiatives focused on education, workforce development, economic opportunity, environmental sustainability, and health and wellness. From Feb. 1, 2009 through Jan. 31, 2010, Walmart and the Walmart Foundation gave more than \$512 million in cash and in-kind gifts globally, \$467 million of which was donated in the U.S. To learn more, visit [www.walmartfoundation.org](http://www.walmartfoundation.org).

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