Naya Galyn Summy
May 27, 2003 - November 5, 2014

"You have to look at the upside of things," she says. "You have to find things to do to keep you enjoying every day, things that just make you happy." -- Naya Galyn Summy (at age 11)

Naya Galyn Summy was born on May 27, 2003 in San Francisco, California. She passed away from brain cancer on November 5, 2014 at age 11. She was a sixth-grade student at the Agnes Irwin School.

Naya was a courageous, sweet, intelligent and funny 11-year old daughter with a brilliant energy that rubbed off on anyone who knew her. She was an outstanding student, great friend and active young lady. Outside of school she swam, skied, rode her horse, played softball and basketball, and enjoyed arts and crafts.

Naya was diagnosed with high-risk medulloblastoma (brain cancer) when she was nine. She endured brain surgery, radiation and chemotherapy, only to relapse one year after her diagnosis. A cure didn't exist for Naya. In less than two years, her disease overtook her body and her brightness and smile left our world.

She strove to enjoy every day in a manner that was full of grace, love, happiness and laughter, and her determination to enjoy life didn't change even as she fought to overcome cancer. During her treatment, she lived life to its fullest, continued her schoolwork, rode her horse, made blankets and became a determined voice and fundraiser for childhood cancer research.

While alive, Naya raised nearly $500,000 for pediatric cancer research and cures. Naya was named Outstanding Youth Philanthropist by the AFP in Greater Philadelphia, and was the top fundraiser in 2013 and 2014 for The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia's Parkway Run.

Her love for life continues to inspire thousands every day through her spirit and now No More Kids with Cancer.