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...HONORING TEXAS CHILDREN WITH TOURETTE'S SYNDROME

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Thursday, January 28, 2016  
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## TOURETTE'S

I always stutter  
They look at me  
Something wrong they ask  
Words come out like a broken radio  
People laugh  
I feel embarrassed  
I want to dig myself a hole in earth's core  
Where no one can hear me or see me stutter  
Every time I talk I blush  
It's a battle that can be won  
My head is held high  
And I say hello anyway

*By: Alyssa Wisdom, age 16*

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Tourette's syndrome (TS) is a neurological disorder characterized by motor and vocal tics. Symptoms begin in childhood and cause those affected to make movements and noises they cannot control. While not life-threatening, the stigma, misunderstanding and misdiagnosis of the disorder CAN devastate a child's life educationally, emotionally and socially.

Many with T.S. also have associated conditions such as Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, Obsessive Compulsive Disorder, and/or learning issues. While it is believed to be genetic, the exact cause of the symptoms is still unknown. Studies indicate two to three percent of the population may have Tourette's syndrome, i.e., approximately 1 in every 100 school age boys and 1 in every 300-400 school age girls. In spite of its high incidence, TS continues to be greatly misunderstood.

The Tourette Syndrome Association of Texas is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that supports the medical, educational and social needs of Texas children and adults with T.S. Proceeds from this evening will benefit the over one-half million children and families in Houston and throughout Texas who are affected by TS. Without cost to families, the TSA of Texas provides medical assistance, a children's camping weekend, support groups, educational presentations, professional consulting, social events and scholarships. With your generous assistance, we can positively impact and truly improve the lives of our Texas families living with Tourette's syndrome.

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