

## **Amanda needs our help...**

Dear Friends, 4-H Members, Alumni,

I come to you asking for help and support for a 4-H Alumni Amanda Allen, daughter of Gary and Lisa Allen.

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If you were members of Johnson County 4-H about, fifteen years ago you knew Amanda and her family. They were very active not only participating but volunteering to make our 4-H program great. You could not find better role models than Amanda and her siblings. Many Johnson County fairs found them showing dogs, exhibiting clothing construction, showing amazing food exhibits not to forget Amanda dominated the crochet and knitting projects. Amanda took home many purple ribbons and trophies, all while being humble, gracious, and kind.

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From the age of 10 Amanda has been fighting a hard battle with diabetes. 2017 brought dialysis, to Amanda's fight because her kidneys were shutting down. In 2018 a tumor was found on Amanda's heart that had to be removed. August 15, 2018, Amanda received a kidney and pancreas transplant which eventually failed. Amanda has continued being sick which has led to Adult-Onset Still's disease. Followed by Epstein bar Syndrome which was a result from her transplants.

Amanda continued to be sick, in the hospital more than out. On October 29, 2021 after many tests and hospital stays Amanda had both her legs amputated. Amanda has been put through more pain and heartache than most of us have in a lifetime. She is only 29 years old.

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I know a 4-H community that is caring, kind and willing to do what it takes to reach out and make a difference. I know a 4-H community with hearts that ache for Amanda. I know we can do this TOGETHER!

## **Amanda needs our help...**

Amanda needs a wheelchair van to get her around to dialysis, to have some sort of freedom to help her get back to living.

On Saturday **January 29, 2022**, a taco dinner/auction fundraiser will take place in the large 4-H building on the Johnson County fairgrounds. I'm asking 4-H clubs to help one of our own by putting together baskets with a theme (dog, horse, K-State, gardening, etc.) for our auction. We have started collecting auction items. Please help us secure auction items, any help we can get, will help make this a successful fundraiser. We ask to have baskets and items turned in by January 25, 2022. Please save the date, come and help support Amanda. Questions? feel free to contact me at [Kingflock@aol.com](mailto:Kingflock@aol.com).

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I know we as a 4-H family we can make a difference.

Sincerely, Denise King