Matthew and Lauren Hammond

Loie was originally diagnosed with Spastic Diplegia, a form of Cerebral Palsy in March of 2012. Over the next several months Loie showed signs of regression: difficulty standing, sitting, loss of balance and coordination. Matthew and Lauren were concerned.

Additional testing was conducted and on December 24, 2012, she was given the diagnosis of Late Infantile MLD, which they were told was associated with a shortened life span. The Hammonds spent the next 13 months researching MLD, working with specialists and therapists to provide Loie with the best possible care throughout her courageous battle with MLD. They spent time making every moment count and creating memories with their family. Loie lost her battle with MLD on January 27, 2014 at the age of 3 ½.

The Hammonds feel that to be a part of something so special, to be involved in establishing goals for early detection, education, treatment, and support of families is a way for Loie’s legacy to live on.

They are hopeful to establish groups of clinicians at Leukodystrophy Care Centers who are dedicated to the care of children and pushing the boundaries of research to provide a cure in the next decade.

The Hammonds reside in Downington, Pennsylvania.