

## We Believe Anything Is Possible Let's Show Them It Is.

**Like Rocky, backed into a corner. How much more can we take!**

Just the other morning, after a warm bath, Shanley was screaming in pain, "It hurts, it hurts Mom!! My feet, they really hurt on the bottom. I can't walk! Mom, make it better."

**Because of Shay's diabetes the nerves in her body are affected and irritated by something called "Diabetic Neuropathy."**

At such a young age this doesn't happen very often. But, when it does. It's like a punch in the face from a prized fighter. It hurts!!

It hurts - really bad!!

**It's because of diabetic symptoms like this Sarah and I will do anything to manage Shay's blood sugars.** One of the keys to managing her blood sugars is her insulin pump. In 2018 we purchased a new insulin pump from Medtronic.



**Minimed 670G**



This pump has been nothing short of a miracle in technological advancement. With built in A.I. (artificial intelligence) the pump is able to track patterns in Shay's blood sugar levels and adjust her insulin settings on the fly.

It's like an angel on Rocky's shoulder... giving Rocky a way of knowing which punches Apollo Creed will be throwing based on the punches he threw in round 1. Now Rocky can almost predict the future... Based on the past.

**Because of Shay's new pump her A1C has gone down drastically.** Her A1C percentage is a measure of how much sugar is attached to her blood's hemoglobin protein. **Shay's Doctor was so impressed,** "You have been doing great letting the pump do its job and look what has happened in only 3 months with your new pump."

**Problem is... Her pump cost = \$8,000 retail** (not including supplies needed to use the pump). Many diabetics, fighting for their life, can't afford the best technology available for regulating their blood sugars.

That's when Diabetic Neuropathy, like Apollo Creed, comes in and destroys you.

**Just like Shay and everyone of our friends with diabetes. They are in a fight for their life.**

**That's why we, Team Sugar Shay, must not let them down. They need people like us.** People like Paulie, Rock's trainer, in their corner rooting them on. Believing in them. Knowing together Anything Is Possible.

After two years of striving for and failing to hit our audacious goal of raising \$20,000 for Team Sugar Shay in 2016 & 2017...

### **WE ARE BACK FOR ANOTHER ROUND!!!**

Reaching our goal is like being a heavy weight fighter.

Like the great Rocky, backed into a corner, taking punches from Apollo Creed. Team Sugar Shay won't give up on reaching our ultimate goal of raising \$20,000 in our fight to find a cure for Type 1 Diabetes.

Why... set a goal so high when you don't have any major sponsors?

Why... set a goal to raise so much money when you have not been able to do it for the last two years?

Why not just drop the goal to \$15,000?

That is one hell of a lot of money to raise anyway. You should be proud!

**We are proud! DAMN PROUD!!**

But, Diabetic Neuropathy & the cost for diabetic healthcare... Don't care.

They will never stop attacking our loved ones.

Until we find a cure.

We are so thankful for everyone on our team. Over the last 4 years our team has grown strong. Raising over \$56,000. We have so many families who have supported us each and every year. We have so many families who have reached out to support our family in the daily fight. It's because of you we have been able to accomplish so much.



**It's because of you, Shanley feels like having type 1 diabetes doesn't make her different. It makes her special.**

The question shouldn't be WHY?

The real question should be HOW.

How can we come together and reach our goal. Like Rocky, life has always been a fight. Starting in the slums with nothing. Going to the gym everyday with a dream he could be the champ. A dream his life could only get better if he never stopped fighting.

Like Rocky, I never want my little girls Shanley & Ireland to ever stop fighting. I never want them to quit on anything they set their minds to... Ever.

**Every minute, every hour, every day, every month and every year Shanley, our family and so many families like us are fighting Type 1 Diabetes. A disease that never sleeps, never gets tired and never quits.**

Like Apollo Creed, Type 1 Diabetes, wants nothing more than to take Shay's belt and destroy Shay's confidence. We can never, ever, let that happen.

**You see, it has nothing to do with money. It has everything to do with training our children.**

**As a parent, like Rocky's trainer "Paulie." I believe we, as parents, are on this earth for one reason and one reason only. To guide our next generation, so they can be better than the last.**

**To inspire our children, to do things they never thought possible. Just like when we taught them to crawl, to walk, to run, to ride a bike and to believe in themselves.**

**Like Paulie, Rock's trainer, says in this clip below, "When I leave you, you'll not only know how to fight. You'll be able to take care of yourself outside the ring."**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RC6sMFbL288> (start at 1 minute mark)

Just like Paulie gives Rocky "His favorite thing on earth." We do the same by living our life as a guiding light for our children. Showing them the best things in life come from hard work. Showing them even the strongest people in their world "Dad & Mom" don't always win.

**Hopefully, one day Team Sugar Shay will show them... If you never quit. Your dreams will come true.**

For Team Sugar Shay, that dream is raising \$20,000 in our fight to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. In our fight to show the world **#AnythingIsPossible**

Last year we fell short of our \$20,000 goal by \$1,590. Sooooo Close!!

But, like I tell my kids. In the real world "Sooo Close" means you have more work to do. Means you have a problem that needs a solution. Find the solution and you will reach your goal.

**Become great at solving big problems and you will win the game of life.**

We can't keep our kids protected, inside our practice ring, forever. There always comes a day when they leave our ring and enter the real world. It's a harsh world out there. You and I know this. It's a world where attitude is everything and winners win because they never quit on themselves and they believe anything is possible.

I believe, if we can instill these values in our children by showing them what is possible; they will win in the game of life. They will make decisions that best serve their purpose in life. While all along protecting them from adversaries, like Apollo Creed, on the other side who will do everything in their power to distract, deter, and destroy their dreams.

**We at Team Sugar Shay need people like you in our corner. Cheering us on and supporting us any way you can.**

Whether it's giving money, time or support.

I say to you. Do you believe anything is possible?

Do you believe we can reach our goal together?

Do you believe?

We do.



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One Person Can Make A Difference - With The Help Of Others

**February 23rd is our deadline to make an IMPACT.**

## Your Support Will Never Be Forgotten