



### About Doernbecher Freestyle

Nike and Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) Doernbecher Children's Hospital are proud to celebrate the 11th year of the Doernbecher Freestyle program, a collaboration that has empowered 64 young patients through design and raised nearly \$8 million for the hospital to help expand pioneering research, support clinical care, purchase state-of-the-art equipment, recruit new experts and help cover the cost of care for families most in need.

Working with Nike's top creative talent, the patient-designers use their shoes to express powerful personal messages about their lives and their hopes for the future. Freestyle designers are nominated each year by physicians and staff at Doernbecher. In the spring the young designers travel to the Nike campus where they meet their design mentors, brainstorm ideas and begin sketching their designs. It's a collaboration, but with the patients at the center of the design process — deciding the colors, materials and details for each shoe to reflect their individual personalities and life experiences.

The 2014 Doernbecher Freestyle Collection includes both apparel and footwear. The limited-edition Doernbecher Freestyle XI collection can be purchased at Nike retail locations and online at [www.nike.com](http://www.nike.com) beginning Sunday, Nov 23. All proceeds benefit OHSU Doernbecher Children's Hospital.

The shoe and apparel designs were revealed for the first time at a fundraising event Nov. 7, 2014. The event is a much-anticipated opportunity for bidders to purchase these highly collectible shoes at auction before they hit the retail market, all while supporting the cause of children's health.

The program was conceived in 2004 by Michael Doherty, Nike's Creative Director for Global Brand Presentations and a member of the Doernbecher Foundation Board of Directors. The idea was first pitched by Doherty's teenage son: Why not ask Nike to create a custom shoe honoring Doernbecher's brave young patients? It wasn't long before the idea evolved into the program we know today — an empowering opportunity for courageous kids to express themselves while experiencing the joy of helping other kids.

### The Impact of Doernbecher Freestyle

Every dollar raised by Doernbecher Freestyle goes where it can do the most good, whether that's developing new clinical services, funding innovative research programs, or testing new treatments for serious childhood diseases. Freestyle has helped OHSU Doernbecher Children's Hospital cure kids with cancer, mend broken hearts and bones, stop seizures, save the tiniest babies, and train the next generation of pediatric specialists.

**Age:** 15

**Diagnosis:** Cystic fibrosis

**Hometown:** Clackamas, Oregon

**Favorite Athlete:** Peyton Manning

**Nike Shoe:** Nike Air Max Thea (\$95.00)

**Nike Apparel:** Addie Tech Fleece Hoody (\$90), Nike Addie RPM Backpack (\$110)

**Footwear Designer:** Kyle Schenone

**Footwear Developer:** Amy Yang

**Apparel Designer:** Jennifer Crepez

**Apparel Developer:** Gina Reynales

As first-time parents, Addie's mother and father weren't sure what was normal, but they instinctively knew something was not right with their newborn. She could not stop coughing. Months went by with no improvement and no answers. Finally, at age 1, Addie was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis, a serious lung disease with no cure. But with knowledge came hope and a treatment plan that promised to extend her life. Management of the disease requires intensive daily medical regimes and processes that to many might seem overwhelming. But Addie and her parents believe perspective is everything, and life is what you make it.

Addie wakes at 6:30 a.m. to take enzymes, antibiotics, steroids, vitamins and reflux medicine. After breakfast, comes a one-hour nebulizer treatment to clear her lungs. At school she takes more pills and blows into a tube that forces her to cough. Once back home, she does another round with the nebulizer. Then more pills at dinner. And another nebulizer before bed. She periodically sleeps with a feeding tube to maintain proper nutrition. Despite all this, her illness does not define her.

Addie is an excellent student and a creative soul. She is an accomplished violinist in a performing youth orchestra. She taught herself to play piano. She draws and writes poetry. She loves to ride her long board down to the local hangout with her friends. She dreams of going to Italy someday. At 15, she is on the cusp of becoming a young adult and proud of her recently acquired driver's permit. She is beginning to think about things like college and life beyond her parents' house. In other words, aside from being a patient, she is a thriving, curious, creative "girl-soon-to-be-young woman."

OHSU Doernbecher has treated her as an infant, a toddler, a new student and a pre-teen. Now as a teen, her doctors and other caregivers are slowly preparing her for life as an adult cystic fibrosis patient. Once she turns 21, she will transition out of OHSU Doernbecher's care to adult care. OHSU Doernbecher encourages patients and families to make every moment count and live life to its fullest. Kids need to be kids. Addie emits a radiant energy, and whenever she feels blue, her creativity buoys her spirit and provides an outlet for her emotions. She fills her days with "YES" and may already be wiser than most of us. When she enters adult health care, she will be ready. She is already living an amazing life.



**Age:** 8

**Diagnosis:** Kidney disease

**Hometown:** Portland, Oregon

**Favorite Athlete:** Vernon Davis #85

**Nike Shoe:** Air Max Penny LE (\$145 adult, \$120 youth)

**Nike Apparel:** Alejandro Tee\* (\$18), Dunk Short V2 (\$25), QT Nike Alejandro True Cap (\$30)

**Footwear Designer:** Marc Dolce

**Footwear Developer:** David Garcia

**Apparel Designer:** Abby Swancutt

**Apparel Developer:** Kimberly Reneau

Alejandro Munoz was born with kidneys that have never worked well and eventually will fail. He spent his first 12 days in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. Trips to OHSU Doernbecher have become a frequent part of his life. He now takes five different medicines and gets a shot every Monday. He has his blood drawn every three to four weeks. That means he has been stuck with needles more than 100 times in his life. His blood tests show that his kidney function is always just a little too good to qualify for a kidney transplant, but not good enough to put their worries to rest.

So he and his family wait. And they wait.

In the meantime, Alejandro is a typically feisty and active 8-year-old boy.

Last September he broke his arm when he fell off the top bunk while playing tag. He likes to play Power Rangers with his sister and brother. He loves the San Francisco 49ers and had dreamed of a career in the NFL until his doctor had to tell him that playing tackle football was not in his long-term future. That was a hard blow; nobody wants to dash the dreams of an 8-year-old. But as the years pass and he matures, Alejandro's awareness of his illness and how it affects his life evolves. His doctors and his parents work together to help him navigate the realities of his illness.

No matter what, Alejandro is a good sport, and youth is his superpower ... it protects his spirit. At his second-to-last basketball game last season, he made seven baskets! Then at his last game he missed every shot. With a wave of his hand and a laugh he says, "The basket hated me," and then goes on to talk about his beloved 49ers and what he will be for Halloween.

He is now an avid flag football player, because while he might not be able to tackle on the gridiron, he will tackle whatever life throws at him.

*\*Only available in youth sizes*



**Age:** 10

**Diagnosis:** Guillain Barre Syndrome

**Hometown:** West Linn, Oregon

**Favorite Athlete:** Myers Leonard

**Nike Shoe:** Air Jordan Retro 8 (\$180 adult, \$125 youth)

**Nike Apparel:** Jordan CL Doernbecher Tee (\$40), Jordan Doernbecher Cap (\$35)

**Footwear Designer:** Chad Little

**Footwear Developer:** Paul Lattin

**Apparel Designer:** Precious Hannah Nike

**Apparel Developer:** Doug Barclay



Caden Lampert started feeling sick at a basketball practice in December 2013. That was on a Wednesday. On Thursday he came home from school nauseous and unable to hold anything down. They thought it was the flu ... but by Friday he could barely walk or open his eyes. Keeping him hydrated was impossible and he was getting worse. By Saturday his body was shutting down, and it took a doctor's quick thinking to save his life. In the OHSU Doernbecher Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, Caden was diagnosed with Guillain-Barré syndrome, a life-threatening autoimmune disease where the body's immune system begins to attack the body itself.

Caden stayed in the hospital for two months, regaining his strength and relearning how to walk, feed himself, write, bathe and just about everything else.

If that wasn't stressful enough, his parents were already making weekly trips to Doernbecher for their middle son Ryland's second round of chemo.

Today Caden is recovering like a champ and he barely even remembers his weeks in the hospital. But the family is faced with a constant dilemma: rest is key to his full recovery, and rest is the last thing he wants to do. He likes to rumble and play all day long. As he races up and down the stairs in his leg braces, shooting rubber bands with utter precision, his mom reminds him to take it easy and slow down. She does her best to divert his constant quest for action and speed with things that won't drain his energy ... like taking a welding class and learning to play guitar.

Outgoing and interested in everything around him, he dreams of becoming a dirt bike champion. Or an engineer. Or even a rock star. Heck, maybe all three.

He is one of those kids everyone wants to be around. Just ask any of his six best buddies. Or his teachers. Or his coaches. Or his doctors. Or his parents. Or his brothers.

You get the idea.

Hanging in his room listening to tunes, or racing cars on his Wii, where speed is allowed, he is a natural born fun-maker. He can wiggle his ears. He is a self-taught magician. He wants to build a dredge to find gold, but the fact is, he finds gold everywhere he goes.

**Age:** 8

**Diagnosis:** Brain tumor

**Hometown:** Wilsonville, Oregon

**Favorite Athlete:** Tiger Woods

**Nike Shoe:** Stefan Janoski Max (\$115)

**Nike Apparel:** Chase AW77 FZ Hoody (\$110), QT Nike Chase True Cap (\$30)

**Footwear Designer:** Hirotaka Usui

**Footwear Developer:** Tamara Peters

**Apparel Designer:** Skye McNeill

**Apparel Developer:** Emily Johnson

His parents say it was like time stopped; everything was surreal. When Chase had his 4-year-old well check in November 2010, everything was fine. But by Christmas, he was teetering over and bumping into things, as if he had vertigo. In January he complained his head hurt. Time to visit the pediatrician. The pediatrician sent Chase to Doernbecher to “rule out anything major.” Mom intuitively packed an overnight bag, afraid of what they would learn.



When the technician completed the MRI scans, the doctor had not yet arrived. He sent them home, saying the doctor would be in touch with results. But 10 minutes later, driving down the hill, their cell phone rang. It was Nathan Selden, M.D., Doernbecher’s chief of pediatric neurosurgery. They needed to turn around immediately. Back up the hill they went, hearts pounding. Dr. Selden, was leaving for the day as they were gathering their belongings to check Chase back into the hospital. When he saw Chase and his parents, he introduced himself. He did a quick eye/brain check, dangling his car keys, then and there in the parking lot. In they went.

It turned out to be one benign, but fast-growing and dangerous, tumor. Chase’s brain was swelling; he needed surgery. That was on Jan. 11. The operation occurred Jan. 14. They went home on Jan. 17. Seven days that felt like eternity. Time they will never forget. Time when a life was in jeopardy. Time when expertise and skill, coupled with intuition and action, made all the difference. Time that changed their entire outlook. They learned that time is a gift. They learned not to sweat the small stuff.

Chase’s mind works with lightning speed. A TAG student with a spatial awareness and intellectual capacity beyond his years, when he thinks about his world, he thinks in 3D. He builds replicas of everything using Legos, tape, and ribbon. He draws maps of their house as well as all the routes to his favorite places: The golf course at Langdon Farms. His street where sparks fly from his scooter. The Nike employee store. And even the route to Doernbecher, where he got to ride in a top-secret elevator last time he went for a routine MRI.

He thinks MRIs are actually pretty cool ... he found out they work with a magnet stronger than the Earth’s magnetic field. He was so fascinated, he built an MRI ... from Legos. He thinks he wants to be a neurosurgeon. Or maybe an engineer. Or an architect. In the meantime, this 8-year-old is going to do what 8-year-olds do. Grow up. Learn lots. Love his favorite stuffed animal, Dino. And have as much fun as possible. And he will do it all in his Stefan Janoskis ... until he outgrows them.

**Age:** 15

**Diagnosis:** Acute myeloid leukemia

**Hometown:** Tigard, Oregon

**Favorite Athlete:** Ted Ligtey, Russell Wilson

**Nike Shoe:** Nike Free 5.0 (\$105 adult, \$90 youth)

**Nike Apparel:** Tim's AW77 Hoody (\$85), Elite Basketball Crew Socks (\$14)

**Footwear Designer:** Ken Link

**Footwear Developer:** Lori Adsitt

**Apparel Designer:** Julia Meschter

**Apparel Developer:** Tara Steward



Tim Haarmann had just spent a week in Washington, D.C., with his eighth-grade class. Then he flew back across the country to a baseball tournament where he played five straight games. He was exhausted, but that was to be expected. That seemed normal. What wasn't expected or normal was a massive bruise that lasted 10 weeks after he was hit by a pitch. And instead of rebounding with rest, Tim was becoming increasingly fatigued and weak. Then came severe nose bleeds that sometimes lasted 30 minutes. He developed a fever.

The pediatrician immediately sent him to OHSU Doernbecher, where he was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia, or AML, a particularly devastating form of blood cancer. Tim got sicker before he got better. The first 10 days were the worst ... they had not yet identified which anti-nausea drugs would work best for him, so he threw up a lot. By his second and third chemo treatments, he only threw up a few times. He would endure 10 days of chemo, then 20 days of recovery ... all while staying full time in the hospital. Mom stayed with him during the weekdays. Dad came for the weekends. His sister came once a week for a family dinner. For about six months this was the drill.

In the hospital, he read the entire collection of Sherlock Holmes stories. He got really good at Settlers of Catan, his favorite board game. There were highs and lows. He got to eat whatever he wanted ... chocolate milkshakes were probably the best part of the whole experience. The worst lows were losing other kids he had gotten to know on "10 South," his floor at OHSU Doernbecher. But while he lost people, he never lost hope. After each month's stay, he got to go home for a few days, where his doctors encouraged him to get out and do things, and most of all have fun. Live life. So he did. He hung out with his friends, went to football games, and tried to get back to normal life as much as he could.

He wasn't afraid. He was just upset and disappointed to miss the beginning of ninth grade at Jesuit High School. He had planned to join the ski team; that plan was put on hold for at least a year. But he is a born competitor, and he took it all in stride. Literally. When he figured out 24 laps around the hospital unit equaled a mile, he made it a goal to walk a mile each day. He ended up walking 53 miles, more than two marathons. He used to say he wished he had unlimited endurance. A cancer diagnosis and six months of grueling chemotherapy made him realize he could conquer anything. He completed a marathon in more ways than one. He has discovered a love for running, and a strength within himself that will carry him through his life ahead. As he flies along the wooded trails near his house, he feels alive and strong and free.

**Age:** 14

**Diagnosis:** Atrial septal defect and type 1 diabetes

**Hometown:** Turner, Oregon

**Favorite Athlete:** Misty May-Treanor and Kerri Walsh Jennings

**Nike Shoe:** Nike Free 5.0 (\$105 adult, \$90 youth)

**Nike Apparel:** Nike Leg-A-See Running Tights (\$45), Nike Windrunner Jacket (\$45)

**Footwear Designer:** Nathan Vanhook

**Footwear Developer:** Anne Linde

**Apparel Designer:** Tate Newburgh

**Apparel Developer:** Adrienne Kraft

Missy Miller is one of 10 siblings. When she was 5 years old, her big sister, Laurie, died from a brainstem tumor. That sister happened to be one of the first Doernbecher Freestyle designers. The Miller family faced a new and unexpected health crisis the summer of 2013 when Missy experienced strong heart palpitations while away at camp. The palpitations went away, but kept coming back, so her parents took her to the doctor in September. A blood test revealed that she had type I diabetes. The doctor also sent her for an echocardiogram, but the results were unclear. So they went to OHSU Doernbecher where Laurie had been treated and where they had great confidence in the doctors and staff. OHSU Doernbecher did another echocardiogram and then an MRI to confirm what they saw. She had an atrial septal defect, or a hole in the heart.



Suddenly, she was dealing with much more than a typical eighth-grader would expect. Not only was she juggling school, sports, friends and family, she was also adjusting to a strict new diet and having to find time to squeeze in open-heart surgery. She chose to do it over Christmas break so it wouldn't interfere with her other activities. Because living is the whole point.

Missy's life is full. Her favorite colors are pink, purple, gray and...sparkles. How much do we love that she made "sparkles" a color? Missy sparkles, in more ways than one. Like a diamond in the rough, waiting to be discovered, she dreams of a career on the stage. She has played volleyball and basketball, and loves to dance. Diabetes and a hole in her heart couldn't slow her down. Her family and friends sustain her. And her Nike Frees will carry her anywhere she wants to go. With uncanny poise and grace, she does what has to be done.

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### About OHSU Doernbecher Children's Hospital

[OHSU Doernbecher Children's Hospital](#) ranks among the nation's top children's hospitals, according to U.S. News & World Report 2014-15 Best Children's Hospitals, and is one of only 22 NIH- designated Child Health Research Centers in the country. Nationally recognized physicians and nurses at OHSU Doernbecher provide a full range of pediatric care to tens of thousands of children each year from Oregon, Southwest Washington and around the nation in a patient- and family-centered environment. Hospital clinicians travel throughout Oregon and Southwest Washington, providing specialty care to more than 3,000 children at more than 200 outreach clinics in 15 locations, and through OHSU Doernbecher's state-of-the-art telemedicine network, neonatal and pediatric critical care specialists provide consultations to community hospitals statewide.