

My Inspiration

I actually have many inspiring people in my life, but I would have to say Nick Heuchan would be one of the most inspiring. This 11 year old boy is a blind child at our school. He has Juvenile Battens Disease. This disease will cause children to go blind, suffer mental and physical disabilities and seizures, become bedridden and eventually die. Although we don't have class together, I still make time to see him. He is inspiring to me because he taught me to be grateful for what I have. He did this by simply being himself and enjoying life. Knowing what you have and making the most of it. Sometimes when he is in good moods he is nice to be around and you *want* to help him. When he is in a nasty mood, he is very hard to be around and communicate with. Everyone has their good and bad days, but he really can't help his bad days, it is part of his disease. Nick reminds me that I *can* control myself. Another thing that inspires me is Nick's perseverance through life. With Battens Disease comes thinking troubles. So no matter if he studies his best he won't get very much out of it, but it isn't his fault. That is one thing that helps me keep up with school. Nick continues to try his best. No matter what, he perseveres! Another inspirational thing about Nick is he inspires me to raise awareness of his terminal disease. He helps me understand why people have fund raisers for important causes. Also, through Nick's fund raisers I have met his role models, such as Jay Blake the race car driver of Follow A Dream. He lost his sight in a racing accident. He is still very involved with his team but is unable to drive anymore. Jay and Nick have a lot in common. Nick hopes to be exactly like him. Nick also races. I drove his dragster for a short time. Capital Raceway had a special two seated car made for Nick. If it weren't for Nick I would of never had the opportunity to experience many things. I will always admire Nick for his perseverance through life. I hope in the years to come, as Nick's disease progresses, I can be there for him and his family and help in any way they need.