

ST. JUDE BENEFIT MEET

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# Press Release

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## **SLOAN SHARES SILVER MEDAL MOMENT WITH ST JUDE PATIENT**

PEORIA, IL, JANUARY 17, 2009: Bridget Sloan shared a silver medal moment with St. Jude patient, 6 yr old Catie Nester at the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Jude Benefit Meet held January 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009 in Peoria, IL. Sloan was on hand throughout the event, along with Tumbling National Team Member, Kalon Ludvigson, to greet participants and sign autographs. They both took time out their schedules on Saturday to meet with Catie, an aspiring young gymnast who was recently diagnosed with leukemia and is now receiving care and treatment at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memphis, TN. "She (Bridget) came over, sat down next to us and put her silver Olympic medal around Catie's neck." explained Catie's mom, Tina. "Catie got an instant smile! We had such a great day!"

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**About the St. Jude Benefit Meet**

The St. Jude Benefit Meet is an annual event organized by a local volunteer organizing committee with support from local USAG gymnastics and tumbling clubs. One hundred percent of the profit raised from this event is donated to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. To date, the event has raised over \$750,000. For more information about this event, visit the event website at [www.stjudemeet.org](http://www.stjudemeet.org).

**About St. Jude**

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is internationally recognized for its pioneering work in finding cures and saving children with cancer and other catastrophic diseases. St. Jude is the first and only pediatric cancer center to be designated as a Comprehensive Cancer Center by the National Cancer Institute. Founded by late entertainer Danny Thomas and based in Memphis, Tennessee, St. Jude freely shares its discoveries with scientific and medical communities around the world. St. Jude is the only pediatric cancer research center where families never pay for treatment not covered by insurance. No child is ever denied treatment because of the family's inability to pay. St. Jude is financially supported by ALSAC, its fundraising organization. For more information, please visit [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org).

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