

My life as the brother of Rebecca Taylor

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Hi, my name is Alexander Taylor I am the brother of Rebecca Taylor. You are probably thinking Rebecca Taylor, who's she? Rebecca Taylor is the best sister ever and a 7-year hospital patient. It is hard to be a brother of a 7-year hospital patient. She goes in and out of the hospital with my mom, and my dad is at work so it's me and my brother most of the 7 years with a babysitter of course.

But it is really hard to be without your mom or sister for 7 years. I am not saying I don't like my life, in fact, I wouldn't trade it for anything. My mom is an author and my dad is a banker. We have had to stay at friends' houses. I once had to stay at my friend's house for 2 weeks.

Rebecca has pancreatitis, pancreatitis is a disease where your pancreas isn't working properly. Rebecca got this at the age of 7 years old. Seven is too young to be going through extreme pain! She is one of less than 30 people who have gone through her disease at her age! Rebecca had 5 organs removed and the doctors call her the 'walking miracle.' Doctors say it is not possible to be missing a pancreas like what Rebecca is missing. Rebecca

went through a transplant at the age of 12. She missed all of 6th grade to get it! She was in Minnesota for almost a year with my mom. I was in 1st grade and I missed a lot of school going back and forth to Minnesota.

Sad. Would you be sad if your sister was in the hospital 24-7?

Scared. Because I am scared and don't know if she is going to make it through the procedure.

Lonely. Because I am missing my mom and my sister.

Most of all: Mad. Furious because I don't know why this is happening to me, to us?

Sure my brother or sister might have different opinions but these are *my* feelings.

Rebecca had a contest and it was called 'Laws of Life' and hers was positivity. Positivity for a person who was in the hospital for 7 years. She won 1st place in state and her story was about how she always looked on the bright side while living in the hospital.

I read her paper and I cried.

A lot of kids need to hear this message. It changed my perspective on things a lot of things. Like when you don't get the toy you want and you cry? Or, why am I not staying positive at home but my sister is staying positive in a hospital?

In a lot of ways she is a walking miracle not just because she has 5 organs removed but because she changes people's lives and I am proud to call Rebecca my sister.

This book is not fiction this book is *my* life. Rebecca is doing well and okay at the moment. We had a 1 year transplant party in 2015. Rebecca is 15 and still alive with 5 organs removed.

In my opinion, as her brother, she is truly a walking miracle.