

TAYLOR BRADLEY

FOUR DIAMONDS CHILD

PENN STATE IFC/PANHELLENIC DANCE MARATHON

Taylor Bradley is eighteen years old and has been in remission for almost seven years. On January 7, 2003, at age nine, Bradley was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia. She was treated at Hershey Medical Center and was immediately introduced to The Four Diamonds Fund. The Fund provided her not only emotional support, but financial support by covering all medical costs when her insurance no longer covered the expenses.

Bradley soon became a part of the Adopt-A-Family program, where a student organization adopts a Four Diamonds Family and provides them with emotional support and a strong bond with the Penn State Dance Marathon, or THON, community. She was adopted by the Greek organizations Zeta Pi Alpha and Zeta Psi. She described the experience saying, "I remember it was the best thing I could possibly imagine."

Bradley attended THON for the first time in 2004, when the dance marathon was held in the Recreation Building on campus. She recalled the weekend fondly, saying, "I was still on treatment so I was always tired and always hungry, but I remember I didn't even care, I just wanted to stay and hang out with the students that were there for me."

Bradley knew that she wanted to dance in THON someday, and now has the chance for this dream to come true. She is currently a freshman at Penn State University and has already joined Ohana, an organization solely dedicated to fundraising for THON. Bradley said, "Up until now I have just been a THON child, but this year I am ready to stand on the other side and give back to what made me so happy when I was sick."

If you would like to speak with Taylor Bradley about her experience, please contact Kirsten Quisenberry, THON 2012 Overall Public Relations Chairperson at public.relations@thon.org or Maggie Neese, THON 2012 Public Relations Captain at maggieneese@gmail.com for more information.