

**JUNIOR AMBASSADOR ~ KARA, Age 15, Ohio**

"Kara was born with Neutropenia but was not diagnosed for several months. Prior to diagnosis she endured many illnesses. Once she received an accurate diagnosis and appropriate treatment, she became much more stable. Kara has spoken about her condition to several groups and is passionate about spreading awareness and raising money to work toward a cure for Neutropenia. Kara communicates to younger children and others her age with Neutropenia and hopes she can be a role model for others with Neutropenia."

In recognition of her passion for outreach to others with Neutropenia and her commitment to raising awareness and funds on behalf of the Neutropenia community, Kara has earned the title of one our Junior Ambassadors for 2019-2020....

Kara has created an annual event called Harvest A Cure where she and her family sell pumpkins, gourds, mums, corn stalks, decorative corn and wreaths.....some years her family actually harvests the pumpkins to sell! The proceeds from this annual sale benefit the Ella Jewell Foundation and the peer support program through the National Neutropenia Network. It is Kara's goal to raise awareness and funds for Neutropenia research to find a cure so that others do not have to endure the medical procedures and challenges she has faced.

In addition to Harvest A Cure, Kara maintains an ongoing communication with other kids who have Neutropenia. Through her attendance at previous National Neutropenia Network conferences as well as at other Neutropenia fundraising events, Kara has created special bonds with other kids that share a similar health story. It has been awe-inspiring to witness the support and admiration that the kids have for each other.

