

December 6, 2009
“Follow the Star”
Contest Winner
Congratulations, Claudia A.!

“I am writing about one of the most amazing women I have ever met. Her name is Claudia and she and her husband Ken have three children. I know that many people have many kids in their families, but this family is really quite extraordinary. Claudia has the most amazing positive attitude I have ever seen. Her two daughters have cystic fibrosis that has had them hospitalized every single year since I have known them.

Chelsey, who is incredible just in her very nature, has just started her freshman year of college. She has had many surgeries over the many years as a result of the CF. Her musical talent is amazing since she plays the guitar, sings, and writes all of her own music. Haley is the middle child that has cystic fibrosis, diabetes, severe autism and brain damage. She is a remarkable girl who has really come a long way in the past five years. She loves Barney, Sesame Street, and playing in the water. Colton is the youngest and the only boy. He is in 7th grade and thank God doesn't have the horrible disease that both of his sisters do.

He needs basketball like the air that he breathes. Claudia is constantly outside playing ball with him every night! It is incredible to me that with all of the sickness, bills, medical costs, Claudia never complains about any of it. She is so full of life and does everything that she can do to make her kids lives the best that they can be. Each and every day she gets up at the break of dawn and gets the big monster machines to give the girls the dire medicine that their bodies so desperately need many times a day. I could go on and on about how inspirational she is, but it would be a very long letter.

She is the perfect example of the star of Christmas for their family and I hope that you agree!”