



I Hate Cancer...

August 5, 2009 by [Chappelle Photography](#)

...was the theme of tonight's Make-A-Wish shoot. When I first met Brittany, she showed me her awesome new bracelet with the powerful message, which has special meaning for her as this last July she celebrated one full year of remission! Way to kick cancer's butt Brittany!! Tonight the Make-A-Wish Foundation held a celebratory dinner for Brittany, her family, and friends at the Olive Garden in Tacoma as tomorrow her wish to have braces will be fulfilled. I was honored to be invited by Make-A-Wish to go and capture some images for the family, and as always, it was an amazing experience! Brittany is such an awesome kid...beautiful, sweet, funny, and great taste in music!

What a rockstar...



Brittany

September 15, by *Lisa & Wendy*

Wendy and I first met Brittany and her family at Starbucks to introduce ourselves and learn about Brittany's Wish. I'll never forget meeting Brittany for the first time – she was so quiet, so shy, reserved; her bangs covered her eyes and she spoke very quietly, head down, being sure not to expose her smile.

Underneath, you could hear Brittany was alive with the usual teenage interests – Twilight, a love of reading, her iPod and Rock music; she likes to sing and is health conscientious! To top it off, she is super sweet and has a great sense of humor! Brittany decided...braces...that would be her Wish. I wondered to myself, what will this Wish really mean to Brittany?

Brittany has a large family – and they, like many of our Wish kids, have been through so much. The love and support of one another was apparent and admirable. For Brittany's Wish Celebration, Brittany chose to have a dinner celebration at the Olive Garden in Tacoma. We wanted to make Brittany's Wish celebration special for Brittany and a memory her entire family would enjoy keeping.

Then, an amazing thing happened – when Brittany arrived, we didn't even recognize her! Brittany had just returned from a trip to New York and already had emerged with a new confidence and sense of self. Here was this beautiful, outgoing, smiling young woman – ready for a new chapter in her life. Her hair was pulled back from her face, she smiled, she glowed!

Brittany's family, a close friend and the great ladies from Almond Orthodontics attended and we so enjoyed one another's company. The staff at the Olive Garden was terrific; they were thoughtful, attentive and we appreciated their participation in making Brittany's evening special! We were also fortunate to have photographer, Tiffany Chappelle, join us and she took some amazing photos (view at: <http://chappellephotography.wordpress.com/2009/08/05/i-hate-cancer/>, and see story left). The celebration was great – good conversation, laughter and a very excited Brittany – for the next day, the fantastic team at Almond Orthodontics fit Brittany with her new braces!

We were so honored to be a part of Brittany's Wish and look forward to seeing Brittany's before and after! Regardless, there has already been an amazing transformation – and a new, beautiful Brittany!

