



Alex's Lemonade Stand

"Fighting Childhood Cancer
One Cup at a Time"



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The day after Alexandra "Alex" Scott's 4th birthday, inspiration planted a lemon seed in her. That day, she was in the hospital receiving treatment for her cancer. She told her mother, "When I get out of the hospital, I want to have a lemonade stand." Her goal was to raise money for the doctors at "her hospital." She wanted to help find a cure, not only for her cancer but for all pediatric (childhood) cancers. Later that same year, Alex opened her first lemonade stand in her front yard. Her brother Patrick helped. That was in July 2000.

By the time Alex was 8 years old, she had raised more than \$1 million, one cup of lemonade at a time, to fight pediatric cancers. Sadly, Alex passed away later that same year.

Alex's very first lemonade stand





Twelve-year-old *Alexandria Scott*, of Catoosa, Oklahoma, first heard of *Alexandra Scott*, in 2004. Her grandmother saw the “lemonade girl’s” story on a television show. Alex (of Oklahoma) was surprised by all the things she had in common



with the other Alex.

In addition to their names and ages, they both liked Junie B. Jones books, soccer, and the color purple.

Oklahoma Alex was immediately inspired, and says, “I hope others are inspired as well.”

She had her first lemonade stand in 2004. “The response was amazing.”

Every year, Alex has a lemonade stand in Catoosa to benefit Alex’s Lemonade Stand Foundation. When asked what she wants to be when she grows up, Oklahoma Alex replied, “I want to be a pediatrician.”

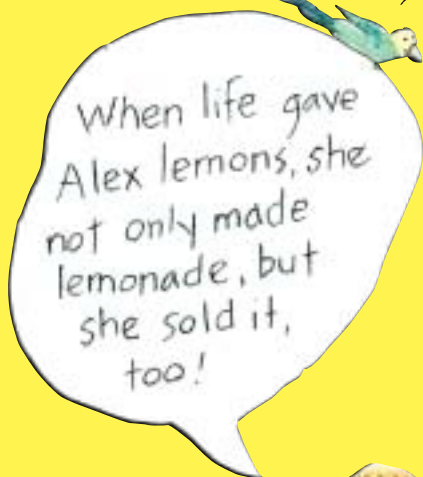


Lemonade Days in Minneapolis (above) and Atlanta (below)



Today, Alex’s family—parents, Jay and Liz, and brothers, Patrick, Eddie, and Joey—continue her mission. In her name, they began Alex’s Lemonade Stand Foundation. The foundation has raised more than \$10 million for research into cures for childhood cancers.

Every year in June, people across the country participate in Lemonade Days. This nationwide three-day event was born from Alex’s original front-yard stand. The lemonade sellers raise about \$1 million just in those three days—a great tribute to Alex’s dream. ✨



If you want to participate, check out www.alexslimonade.org/index.php to find out how.

