

Allison Smith Foundation

In Memory of our Cherished Daughter and Sister, Allison
who taught us that all you really need in life-- is LOVE

Purpose:

To strengthen the love within families-- in particular, those who live day-to-day with the enlightening opportunities, insights, and challenges brought on by a childhood disability or disease.

Allison's message during her life was Love. To carry on her message, her family has established a foundation in her name to promote love within families.

Allison was a beautiful engaging child, who simply loved everyone she ever met. Allison passed away in October 1999 very unexpectedly due to complications from a rare neurological disease known as Rett Syndrome. She was eight years old. Throughout her life, Allison was faced with constant challenges and, through all the tough times, she never faltered in providing an immense amount of love for her parents, younger siblings, relatives, and all her friends. It was so easy to reciprocate that love, as it came so freely from her. What a beautiful gift for her to provide to us all... the gift of unconditional love!

The Allison Smith Foundation strives to bring families together in ways that allow their love to grow and their families to be strengthened. Among the Foundation projects is a once-a-month weekend "getaway" for a family raising a child with a disability at home, sponsored by Allison's Foundation in conjunction with Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites and the Baymont Inn & Suites. Twice a year, the Foundation sends \$50 "surprise" gifts to 10 families to support family-oriented activities and events.

Funds to keep Allison's Foundation growing come from donations and family-oriented fundraising events, especially bowling parties, Allison loved to bowl. The best thing about it: we did it as a family. And, you know what you call Allison when she bowls-- "A Bowling Alli!" We hope you will come to these events as a family, have some fun, reminisce, and enjoy the love in YOUR family.

The Foundation in Allison's name is administered by the Family Support & Resource Center, an organization providing support to Dane County families who are raising children with significant disabilities at home. Recipients of Foundation hotel getaways and funding are selected by staff at FSRC.

If you would like more information or to contribute, please mail your tax-deductible contributions to:

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c/o Family Support & Resource Center
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Thank you,

The Smith's (Teri, Greg, Sabrina, Lukas and Katie)