

# The Krissi Holman Family Resource Library and Children's Collection

The Krissi Holman Family Resource Library and Children's Collection is named in honor of Krissi Holman. Krissi was a 2004 graduate of Highland Park High School. The library is the fulfillment of her dream – for Children's Medical Center Dallas to have a place where patients and families can gather and feel comforted.

Krissi was a patient at Children's Medical Center Dallas for over five years. She always felt at home with the warm environment that Children's Health<sup>SM</sup> provided. She also had wonderful friends who would visit her constantly throughout her hospital stays. However, Krissi understood that a hospital visit could be overwhelming and sometimes confusing. She envisioned a cheerful and inviting place at the hospital where children and their families could have access to books that would entertain and comfort them.

In 2004, with a sparkle in her eyes and a can-do attitude, Krissi shared her dream of a library with her family and close friends. Her parents, Susan and Leon, as well as her older sisters, Danni and Katy, never were surprised by her enthusiasm for the project. "Krissi was sometimes referred to as 'mayor' of our block. She was always a leader. She always showed others kindness and compassion," explains Susan Holman.

Krissi's dream was realized by the creation of the library. Children's Health already was developing a family resource library where parents could access resources to research more information about their child's diagnosis and treatment options. Additional space and a special collection of children's books were added to the library through the charitable contributions of Krissi's family and friends.

Whether she was feeding the homeless or ministering to fellow teens through Bible study, Krissi always had an innate way of knowing exactly what people needed and how to best deliver it to them. Her vision for the Krissi Holman Family Resource Library and Children's Collection is Krissi's gift to the patients and families of Children's Medical Center Dallas. In the library, children can relax in comfortable seats and escape into books like *Love You Forever* or *The Runaway Bunny*. Parents can find research tools to learn valuable information and gain understanding. For everyone, the library is here to offer you encouragement and hope.

