

Henry is doing well with his pump. He still doesn't like getting the infusion set changed. He refers to it as getting stabbed with a needle. He has had a few tough times but we are learning still. One thing is that sometimes we need to change the sets more often than others. We are lucky to get a full 3 days out of it.

Henry at 6 years old has just started to test himself. He is very proud but still needs a little help. He is also doing some functions on the pump (with supervision). These are the first steps to him taking control of his management. After almost 4 years it seems odd to let him have this control. I am pleased that he is taking on the responsibility, but saddened that at age 6 he is already taking on a bit of that diabetes burden.

A friend recently told me that with all kids you give them "backpacks" and as they get older those get bigger and as parents we try to keep them small by carrying that burden ourselves. I can't help but think that kids with diabetes carry a larger backpack than kids their same age. We all have our burdens and we parents always wish we could carry it for them, but for healthy adults we must teach them how to carry it themselves and let them. Of course she said it much better than I.

As most of you know we will not be doing our big benefit concert this year. There are many reasons. I have gotten several different kinds of responses about the Non event letter I emailed out. It was not intended to sound mad or negative. I wrote it with the intent of being humorous and to let everyone know we are still here. Just because we aren't doing our concert doesn't mean we aren't working towards a cure still. If we do get a call from The Jonas Brothers we WILL find a venue to play in!

If you are in a band that performs out and would like to host a Rock Against Diabetes night let me know. We would love to come out and listen to some music, raise awareness about diabetes and maybe raise some money for the JDRF too.

The JDRF Walk at Oaks Park was a lot of fun and the weather was fantastic. We did the rides and even tried Roller Skating. I do not suggest any parent to do this with four small children! It was crowded, hot, and the kids were just overwhelmed. George being the oldest did the best, but still needed a hand or wall to hold him up. When you have four kids it is hard to be everywhere...thank goodness for family!

You can still make donations to the Walk team until December 1st. Please support this wonderful cause and help George meet his \$1001. goal!

JDRF Walk to Cure Diabetes

<http://walk.jdrf.org/walker.cfm?id=87051126>

Thank you again for all your support!

The Kilman Family

Jennifer, Tom, George, Henry, Kate, and Ellen