



*Glen's Gang Newsletter*  
*Fall 2007*  
*Happy thanksgiving!*



**Welcome new member Reagan Koch!**

Dear Friends:

I hope you had a great Thanksgiving Day. Do any of our friends in other countries celebrate Thanksgiving? What about Christmas, Hanukah, Kwanzaa, Ramadan, or Boxing Day? We would love to hear about your traditions.

We have 2 special friends who wrote for the newsletter Alana from New Jersey, and Isabel from Wisconsin. I know you will enjoy reading their articles.

I attended the VBF conference in California this month, and had a great time. Stephen Dale, who wrote an article for our newsletter, gave a speech and sang at the opening night ceremonies. He did a really great job.

Our friend Evan Ducker and his mom Donna are hosting the "Buddy Booby Read-Along" to promote awareness for the 2008 VBF International Day of Awareness. If you and your school would like to join the fun, have your parent, teacher, or principal register at the Buddy Booby website ([www.buddyboobysbirthmark.com](http://www.buddyboobysbirthmark.com)).

Look for a "special" holiday newsletter in December!

Your Friend,

*Glen*

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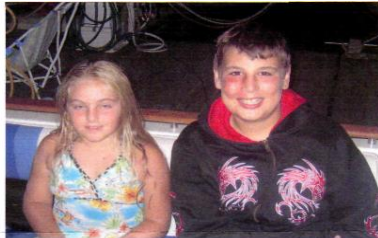
Dear Glen,

Hi. I hope you are doing well. This summer I had my third embolization on my birthmark. Everything went well. As usual, Dr. Rosen and Lenox Hill hospital took excellent care of me! Then Labor Day weekend, I had the pleasure of meeting Evan Ducker and his mom and dad! We took our boat to Kingston, NY, and they live there. So they came to meet us there. He and his family are so nice, and I am so lucky to have made such great friends through VBF and my birthmark!

Now I am in second grade. I really like my teacher and school. This year in dance I am taking lyrical and jazz classes. I really enjoy it.

Enclosed is a photo of me and my new friend Evan Ducker.

Happy Autumn!



Alana Dolcemascolo

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August 4, 2007 Dear Glen's Gang,

Hi. My name is Isabel. I'll be four years old in October. I live in Wisconsin. I was diagnosed with Sturge Weber Syndrome on June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2004. I was born with a port wine stain on the right side of my face. I will be attending HeadStart classes in the morning and Early Childhood in the afternoon this late summer, early fall. I love riding on the bus, and can't wait for school to start.

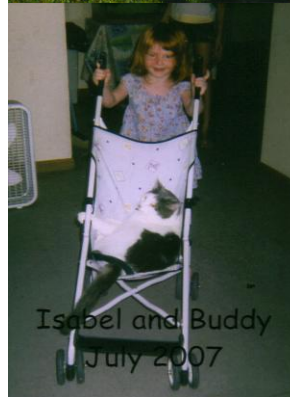
I have four sisters and one brother. Jennifer, 20, Kristina, 18, Ryan, 15, Marissa and Caitlyn, 12. I live with Marissa and Caitlyn and my mom, Lori. I love to ride my tricycle, as well as play with our cat, Buddy. I also love to go to the park and play with my sister's dog, Honda. I really enjoyed feeding Canadian geese and their goslings

that were here early spring til just a week ago, when they finally left.

I receive physical therapy as well as speech therapy. Though my speech is getting a lot better. I can say 6-9 word sentences. We see Dr. Nancy Kuntz at Mayo Clinic, in Rochester, MN for my Sturge Weber Syndrome, and will start up laser treatments again soon. I've had four of them already.

I hope that one day I can meet some of my friends from Glen's Gang.

Isabel



Here's a picture of Gabriella Gomillion with her friend's horse!