

To The Shooting Community,

I have been working at MVA for eight years now and have dealt with many of you on the phone at one time or another. While I have always known that the majority of shooters are good people, I never knew the true depth of that goodness until recently.

As many of you now know, my daughter, Lucy Rose Waldeisen, was diagnosed with neuroblastoma earlier this year. When we found out, my wife and I were devastated. The first few days after diagnosis, we felt an overwhelming sense of being alone with our grief. But then something happened. Suddenly people were coming out of the woodwork to help us. Family, friends and even complete strangers were stepping up to help us financially and with logistics. People are taking care of our house while we're out of town, keeping our pets, even mowing our lawn. As our treatment plan progressed, the help was very much needed and appreciated.

Even with all the assistance, there was another surprise for us. My boss, Jim Gier, and the wonderful people at Shiloh put together the rifle and sight package including donations from Steve Brooks, Mike Venturino, and Harold Forcum for the raffle to benefit my daughter. Along with ads in this magazine, many people put a lot of effort into promoting the raffle to sell as many tickets as possible. And you, the shooters, really stepped forward to help. I've heard many stories of people saying, "I don't even care about the gun, I just want to help Lucy," as they bought several tickets. This coming from so many people, even ones we have never met, has meant so much to our family. Thanks to all the help, Lucy has progressed through the chemotherapy stage of her treatment and we are soon headed to New York City to finish. There will be many medical and traveling bills to be paid and the money raised by the benefits and this raffle will help immensely.

So, on behalf of my family and especially Lucy Rose, I extend a most heartfelt thank you to all who participated in the raffle. I look forward to being in this business for a long time and continuing to deal with such excellent people. It truly is an honor to be a part of this extended family.

Very Sincerely,

Lars, Hillary, Lily, and Lucy Rose Waldeisen