

Kathy Hurley

Our family has traveled across the United States in support of my husband's twenty-one year military career. As our children grew older, they set out on their own—separation became our way of life. The years passed and the family grew larger, the separations became harder and more heartbreaking as grandchildren joined the family. My husband has now retired from military service and we are the proud grandparents of eleven grandchildren. However, with hundreds of miles between us, one grandchild sticks out as special and deserving of this scholarship, eleven-year-old Sarina. Sarina and her family live in the worst poverty ridden home I have seen in any part of this country we have ever lived. Her and her parents live with her handicapped grandparents in a trailer, which is falling apart her clothes are too small and out-dated. In spite of this, Sarina is a well behaved, forthright, and well adjusted child. She is such a lively, loving girl who works hard in school striving for a better future. I feel this scholarship would pave the path for a successful road ahead for her. This could be her beginning, her realization that dreams do come true, and her achievement to become a veterinarian. At this point, I can only imagine her college graduation day, her new life, and her new journey as a successful veterinarian. I believe Sarina embodies the spirit of those who created this scholarship and with this gesture a life can forever be changed. Sarina Adderly DVM