



★ Meet Evangeline

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As 3-year-old Evangeline peeked into her new Disney princess-themed bedroom, she shook her sparkly wand at the camera then went straight to the Princess Tiana doll adorning her bed. Evangeline – affectionately known as Eva to those who love her – was named after the wishing star featured in Disney’s *The Princess and the Frog*. The fact that Tiana has long been one of Eva’s favorite princesses is pure coincidence.

Eva’s life hasn’t always played out like the fairytales she loves so much. She was just over a year old when the pediatrician noticed bruising on her legs. Blood work was ordered and her diagnosis was confirmed: leukemia. Eva was immediately admitted to the hospital to begin treatment, leaving her parents scrambling to learn as much as they could about the disorder while finding ways to keep a smile on their little girl’s face.

Those smiles kept showing up as Eva watched her favorite Disney heroines on the TV in her hospital room. She dressed in their clothes and embodied their strength. They represented joy and hope during anxious times. The princesses quickly became central characters in Eva’s life as she returned home to continue her treatment. Two years later, they are still by her side.

“It’s Disney princesses all day long,” Eva’s mom, Alyssa revealed with a smile. “She’s got the dresses, she loves the movies, she sings all the songs.”

The relationship that Eva has formed with her fictional friends was even more important as the pandemic made it difficult for the family to leave their home. Eva’s fragile condition as she endured chemo treatments made her particularly susceptible to getting sick.

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“It has been tough to be able to go out and do things,” Alyssa admitted. “Our home and Eva’s room are such big parts of who she is because we’ve spent so much time here. Having a spot of her own that has all the things she loves is so special for us and so special for her.”

The charismatic toddler examined each thoughtful touch added to her room – from the handmade canopy and art pieces to the dress closet and princess tea set. As soon as she understood that she was eligible to receive a life-changing wish, Eva imagined her room filled with Disney’s leading ladies. Thanks to Make-A-Wish® and a generous community of volunteers coming together, that wish came true.

A natural entertainer, Eva proceeded to pour tea for each of the guests attending her reveal, including her princess friends. She made sure to clink glasses after each delivery, a toast to her new room and the final day of her at-home chemo treatment. A fresh start.

“We are just so very grateful for Make-A-Wish making this happen,” Eva’s dad, Gregory, said. “She is such a strong girl, so resilient. She’s got so much fight and courage. She inspires us every day to not take the little things for granted.”

Snuggled between her parents, Eva adjusted her crown with a tiny, manicured finger. A simple gesture that perfectly represents her resilient spirit.

“Can I go play now?” she asked, empowered to create her own happily ever after.



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