

Leah Orr

Children's Author & Philanthropist

Leah has resided in Weston since 2005 with her husband Wayne and her three children; Alyssa, age 11, Camryn, age 9, and Ashley, age 6.

Leah's youngest daughter, Ashley was born with Cystic Fibrosis, who has been her inspiration for writing children's books to raise money to find a cure for Cystic Fibrosis. "So far over the past seven years, the Orr Family has raised over four hundred thousand dollars. This money has been raised through book sales, corporate sponsorships, friends, family, and our annual Douglas Orr Plumbing 5k Walk Team for Cystic Fibrosis. Our family's goal is to raise one million dollars in total, however many years this may take.

Leah first book Kyle's First Crush was introduced in October 2006, followed by Kyle's First Playdate in October 2007 and her latest edition is Messy Tessy in October 2009.

Leah measures her success by the number of children she can inspire, help and influence. Through her books she hopes to inspire young writers to tell their stories. "The books raise money and awareness for Cystic Fibrosis to help CF kids fight this devastating disease. With the monies raised through the books, I hope a cure can be found.

Leah is also a cheerleading coach and hopes to teach young girls to be confident, and proud of themselves and their team." With hard work and strong spirit, you can accomplish anything."

Leah & her husband were honored as one of South Florida's Finest Couples in 2007, for their fundraising efforts for Cystic Fibrosis. And The Orr Family was a recipient of Oprah's Generosity in "The Big Give", in which she gave away life saving CF medicines, nebulizers, and equipment to local CF kids in South Florida.

Leah has also been recognized by ABC's Healthwatch, and since syndicated this segment worldwide. She has also recently been featured in; Forbes Magazine, Boston Globe, Boston Herald, Medical News Today and more.

Through her books, Leah hopes the stories she has written will be read for generations to come. "I hope one day when a cure is found for CF, my family, friends, and corporate partners will know they played a strong role in its execution." Cystic Fibrosis is a disease which affects about 70,000 children worldwide. Due to the great medicines available on the market today, many kids have the chance to live into their thirties and beyond. Leah adds; "Great News, but keep in mind that this disease continues to take the life of at least one child every day. God Bless Their Little Souls!"

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