



Taylor in school, Fall 2003



Holiday Show, Winter 2004



Taylor Alexi Knowles
4.25.00 - 6.28.05
Sledding, Winter 2004



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Taylor's Field, Spring 2004

Taylor's Field Donor Bricks

Who is Taylor Knowles?

In March 2005, Taylor Alexis Knowles was diagnosed with an inoperable and incurable tumor on her brainstem. Her family, friends and the surrounding community were shocked by the horrific news. Taylor waged a courageous three-month battle but ultimately lost her life on June 28, 2005. Taylor's tumor slowly robbed her of her motor skills and over the course of those 3 months she lost the ability to walk, talk, eat and finally breathe. She died in her parents' arms. The amazing part of her story is that she never once complained about what was happening to her. The night before she died, Taylor's mother told her that she was going to chase her around the house the next day. Taylor gave her mother the "thumbs up" sign which meant "yes." Even in her final hours she never gave up and never lost her amazing spirit.

Family, friends and the community were extremely supportive of the Knowles family during Taylor's final months. Because of this support during their time of loss, the Knowles family decided to give back to the community by building a memorial at the entrance of the open field adjacent to her preschool (SYC) in West Hartford. The memorial will create an entranceway into the field. An archway will designate the field as "Taylor's Field at Beach Park."

"Taylor's Field at Beach Park" includes two gazebos, each large enough for a classroom to enjoy outdoor reading and/or arts and crafts - even if it's raining and a butterfly garden for the children to learn about and to take care of. It is also a memorial dedicated to a child, a student full of wonder and eagerness. Taylor taught us to live each and every moment with a smile on our face. We hope her message touches your life and puts a smile on yours.

Purchase a Brick

Help us to complete one of the final stages of this project by purchasing a brick. Donor bricks are currently for sale and will be used to create the walkway from the SYC parking lot towards a memorial boulder where it will then split off and connect to each of the two gazebos. Taylor's Field is expected to be completed in spring 2009.

Donor bricks are \$50 each and can be purchased online (see order form for details) or by check using the attached order form. For more information, contact Keith Knowles by e-mail: keith@knowles.name or by phone: 860.519.5158.

TAYLOR'S FIELD DONOR BRICK ORDER FORM

Donor bricks are \$50 each. Deadline: December 12, 2008.

ORDER ONLINE: <http://www.bricksrus.com/order/taylorsfield/index.htm>
Visa, MasterCard and checks accepted.

SUBMIT ORDER FORM: All order forms may be mailed to: **The Knowles Family, 18 Arundel Avenue, West Hartford, CT 06107** with a check made out to **St. Joseph College**.

For more information please contact Keith Knowles by email: keith@knowles.name or by phone: 860.519.5158.

Bricks are 4" x 8" and can accomodate up to 3 lines of text with 18 characters (including spaces) per line. Symbols are available. For a complete list visit <http://www.bricksrus.com/symbols/symbols.asp>

EXAMPLES:

FRIENDS FOREVER
MICHAEL MASON
MACKENZIE BRIANA

BRIAN & ALICE
BREWER
SYC 2005-2010

THE MARTIN FAMILY
FRIENDS OF TAYLOR
WE MISS YOU

IN MEMORY OF
TAYLOR KNOWLES
SYC ROOM 5 2008

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NAME: _____

COMPANY NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ FAX: _____

E-MAIL: _____

NUMBER OF BRICKS: _____

DONATION AMOUNT \$ _____

Please make checks out to St. Joseph College.

Thank you for your donation!