

## COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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# ENJOY A SHORT STACK FOR A TALL CAUSE

## *Applebee's Pancake Breakfast/Marrow Drive to Benefit Sick Child*



**Shirley, NY** – Nora Getchell is six years old. She loves kindergarten, and has a talent for ribbon dancing. She also has a very rare autoimmune disease called “Severe Aplastic Anemia”—a disease of the bone marrow with no known cause. Nora needs a bone marrow transplant in order to cure herself of the rare disorder. That’s why on Saturday, January 28, 2012 Applebee’s of Shirley will be hosting a pancake breakfast from 8-10am to benefit Nora and help her search for a bone marrow match.

Her marrow is no longer making blood (red, white and platelet cells) and her T cells are attacking her normal cells in her bone marrow. The disease requires constant transfusions and leaves her susceptible to contracting diseases more easily.

The breakfast will give attendees the opportunity to join the bone marrow registry to determine if they are a match for Nora. The cost is ten dollars per person and all that is required is a simple cheek swab. The meal includes: Pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs and beverage of your choice.

“I am urging all of our residents to attend this wonderful event in the hopes that one of our neighbors can save Nora’s life,” stated Legislator Kate Browning. “For those that do not want to join the bone marrow registry, you can still come in for breakfast and support the Getchell’s. All proceeds go to Nora’s fund.”

The Applebee’s of Shirley is located at 855 Montauk Highway. To purchase tickets you can contact Cheryl Inguinta at 561-901-8462 or go to [www.wanttickets.com](http://www.wanttickets.com) and search “Nora Getchell”. Come out and enjoy a great meal for a great cause.

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