

## Medal for Meritorious Conduct – Example Citation 1

Jill was 4 years old when she was diagnosed with leukaemia in December 1992. She responded well to chemotherapy and the illness was brought under control for two years with first line treatment. In January 1995, the leukaemia returned and Jill had to undergo further treatment. Again the initial response to this was good, but eighteen months later, whilst still receiving treatment, there was a third recurrence. After yet again bringing the illness under control, she underwent a bone marrow transplant in December 1997. Although this was successful, the leukaemia returned 6 months later. Unfortunately, due to the rejection of all treatment, Jill is now terminally ill.

Jill joined the Movement as a Cub Scout aged eight and enjoyed attending and participating in all Scouting activities as and when treatment allowed. She was a determined Cub with a good sense of humour. She was invested into Scouts when she turned eleven and still refused to let the illness stand in the way of success as she completed many activity badges. Jill was also a sixer and took the responsibilities of this role very seriously.

Jill has shown great courage and fortitude during many years of painful hospital treatment and her cheerful and positive determination despite this is an example to all others in Scouting.

## Medal for Meritorious Conduct – Example Citation 2

Nicola was a passenger in a car along with her eldest brother and younger cousin. All three were sitting on the back seat and Nicola was sitting in the middle, with her brother on her left and cousin on the right. They were all wearing seat belts, although Nicola's was a lap strap.

The car, which was being driven by Nicola's aunt, was involved in a head-on collision with another car.

Both drivers lost their lives, while all three young people were seriously injured. Nicola's brother received fractures to his arm, elbow and wrist and to his leg. Their three year old cousin had a broken neck and Nicola received horrific internal and spinal injuries.

In the days and weeks that followed the accident, the Intensive Care Unit said how Nicola had shown great determination to fight for her life and this undoubtedly saw her through this very critical time.

Nicola was discharged from hospital some months later and although she knew that she would spend the rest of her life in a wheel chair, she was not daunted by the prospect and couldn't wait to get back to her friends at school and Cubs.

Her headteacher states that she has returned to school and is playing a full and active role in school life.

The Cub Scouts gave a very warm welcome to Nicola when she attended the District Camp recently. She has also resumed her duties in the Scout Band, where she plays her instrument from her wheelchair.

Nicola is a very brave and courageous young lady who is determined to live life to the full despite her disability.