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ONE IN A MILLION DIAGNOSIS TURNS 15YO INTO A GIVING MACHINE!

San Diego, CA: Kaila Mellos, age 15 is a one-in-a-million kid in more ways than one. In 2009, she was diagnosed with Chronic Recurrent Multifocal Osteomyelitis (CRMO), a painful auto-inflammatory bone disease. This diagnosis is rare - 1 in a million. After seeing there was little support for CRMO and the kids effected, Mellos took



action and created Kaila's Komfort, which recently became a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. *"Most of us with CRMO never meet another person with this disease, so it can be lonely,"* said Mellos. *"Other kids don't understand what we are going through because one minute we can be perfectly fine; the next we can barely walk (or can't walk at all) because of pain. I didn't want other kids to feel the way I did when I was diagnosed - lonely and afraid. So, I decided to start sending fun care packages filled with items that would help relieve pain, provide a distraction, help make treatment easier and less painful, and also let them know they are part of a larger community of awesome kids!"* Kaila's Komfort has sent care packages to 161 kids with CRMO since she started in 2015.

In June, Mellos joined the Daisy Button Believes Club, a privately funded site that encourages kids to "dream big" with charitable projects in their community. Mellos was chosen as the fourth \$1000 grant recipient. *"I'm honored to be a grant recipient. The Daisy Button Community has lots of kids doing amazing work, and they motivate me to do more,"* she said. Mellos plans to use her grant money to create sustainable long-term fundraising opportunities and purchase supplies for her charity.

DaisyButtonBelieves.com was founded by children's author Tracey Serebin. She was inspired to create the site after working with schools in New Jersey. *"I realized there was no central location that kids could learn from each other, find the resources they needed to take their ideas to the next level, and get feedback from other kids who had succeeded in a big way. I also wanted to expose them to adult role models that have created successful platforms and used their money and position for good."* Serebin said.



The site combines direct access to successful kid CEO's and start up experts with \$1000 grants and the much needed social aspect this generation thrives on. Past winners include Sally Campbell (13) founder of Sallybrating with a Cause, raising money for Cancer patients, Brooke Thomas (11) founder of The Thomas Promise Foundation, filling backpacks for hungry kids in her community, Violet Humble (8), founder of VOLT, feeding the homeless. Read more about these kids and many more in the Daisy Button

Clubhouse making a huge difference in the world: <http://daisybuttonbelieves.com/grantwinners/>

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